

Biographies of West Virginia statehood leaders were prepared by Marshall University Humanities Program graduate students enrolled in Dr. Billy Joe Peyton's Fall 2010 "Historical Studies" class at Marshall's South Charleston campus.

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HIRAM HAYMOND was born in 1806 to William and Cynthia (Carroll) Haymond in Palatine, Monongalia County, which is now Marion County [West] Virginia. His parents formerly resided in Rockville, Maryland. He married Margaret Wilson of Harrison County, [West] Virginia. He became a delegate to the regular session of the Convention. By the time the Civil War broke out he was a farmer and merchant at Palatine where he acquired a large debt. When the regular session adjourned in 1862, he abandoned his property and moved to Champaign Illinois. The debtors were able to recoup some of their losses through judgments against his property.

As a nationalist, he believed that the states should the same relationship with the Federal Government that the counties have with the states. He died in 1864 in Champaign, Illinois.

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