

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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Chester Hubbard, son of Dana and Asenath Dorman Hubbard, was born on November 25, 1814 in Hamden, Connecticut. In March of 1819, he moved to Pittsburg with his parents. Once in Pittsburg, he assisted his father in brick making and in the lumber businesses. In 1836, he entered into Wesleyan University, at Middletown and graduated in 1840. After his graduation, he was in the lumber business in Wheeling until 1853; when he was elected as President of the Bank of Wheeling, where he stayed until 1865. In 1852, he represented his county in the Virginia Legislature, and was re-elected in 1853. He was a delegate to the Virginia Secession Convention, where he voted against secession. After which, he became a member of the 2nd Wheeling Convention, that formed the Re-organized Government of Virginia. Once the new state was created in 1863, he was elected as a West Virginia Senator. He attended the Baltimore Convention in 1864 as a delegate to nominate Lincoln and Johnson. In 1865, he held the position of President of Board of Trustee for the Wheeling Female College and during the years of 1865-1869 was in the House of Representatives in 39th and 40th Congresses. In 1871, Hubbard was the Secretary of the Wheeling Iron and Nails Company and in the following year was a Lay Delegate to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. From 1874 to 1880 he held the positions of President of Pittsburg, Wheeling, and Kentucky Railroad Company and German Bank of Wheeling. In 1880, he was at the Republican Conference in Chicago to nominate

Garfield and Arthur. At some point prior to 1860, Hubbard married his wife Sarah and they had five children: William, Daniel, Chester, Julia, Ann.

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