

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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John Michael:

Born about 1817 in Virginia, John Michael represented Hardy County at the Second Wheeling Convention, probably of his own accord, as there is no record of his having been popularly elected. (Moore, 213) Michael was the brother-in-law of fellow Hardy County resident and Constitutional Convention delegate Abijah Dolly. Michael's other public service included roles as justice of the peace and state delegate from Hardy County in the first and third West Virginia legislatures. (MacMaster)

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