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Henry Newman:

Born in Virginia or possibly Kentucky on February 24, 1824, Henry Newman represented Wirt County at the Second Wheeling Convention. Subsequent to his service at Wheeling, Newman accepted a commission as captain in the Union army commanding Company I, 15th West Virginia Infantry from 1861 until 1865. After the war, Newman returned to farming and lived out his life in Wirt County. Newman died in 1912 and was buried in Beauchamp Cemetery in Elizabeth, Wirt County. His epitaph reads in part "unconditional Union man."

"Beauchamp Cemetery, Wirt County, West Virginia". 2010. 11/25 2010.