

Biographies of western delegates who attended the 1861 Virginia Secession Convention were transcribed by undergraduate students enrolled in Dr. Billy Joe Peyton's Fall 2010 "Introduction to Public History" class at West Virginia State University.

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Caleb Boggess, of Lewis County (now in West Virginia), was born April 29, 1822 in Harrison County (now in West Virginia). He was a graduate of the Virginia Military Institute and became a lawyer. Lewis first practiced at Weston in Lewis County. He married Eliza A. Camden in 1848. He was elected to the Convention from Lewis County as a Unionist, and he voted against secession on both April 4 and April 17. After the Convention adjourned, he moved to Clarksburg.

After the war, Boggess became counsel for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. He died at Clarksburg on April 14, 1889.

Sources: *PMWV*, pp. 751-752 (picture, 750); *VMI, Reg.*, p. 10.