

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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William Wirt Brumfield:

William W. Brumfield was born in Wayne County on May 12, 1828. He represented Wayne County at both the Second Wheeling Convention and the Constitutional Convention. Brumfield was the only delegate to vote against a slavery compromise under consideration. Brumfield served as justice of the peace for Wayne County and also as a judge. His 1866 bid for election to the state legislature failed, as did an earlier run for county sheriff. Brumfield died on July 8, 1902. (West Virginia. et al.)

West Virginia., et al. *Debates and Proceedings of the First Constitutional Convention of West Virginia*. 1 vols. Huntington,: W. Va., Gentry brothers, 1939. Print.