

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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Carskadon, James

James Carskadon (May 30, 1819-March 17, 1876), delegate from Hampshire County, was born in Shutz Mills, Virginia. He was a farmer by occupation and in 1860 he was elected to the State Senate of Virginia from Hampshire County, where he made his home. A Unionist, he was a member of the 1861 Wheeling Convention that restored the State Government. He afterwards served in the West Virginia Senate from 1863 to 1864 and from 1867 to 1868, being active in the discharge of every Legislative duty.

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