

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 Henry Copley:

William Copley was born in March 1820 in Wayne County and was a farmer by trade. Copley represented Wayne County at the Second Wheeling Convention and later served two terms as state senator from 1863 until 1864. (West Virginia. Legislature. Senate.) In his old age he lived with his brother in Boyd County, Kentucky until his death in 1901. He was buried on his brother Sylvester's property on Chadwick's Creek, Catlettsburg, Kentucky. (Horne)

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