

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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Cyrus Hall (Pleasants and Ritchie)

CYRUS HALL, of Ritchie County (now in West Virginia), was born in Harrison County (now in West Virginia) about 1826 and was the son of William Hall and Mary Lowther Hall. He became a lawyer and practiced in Woodsfield, Ohio, and later in Harrisville, Ritchie County. He married Amelia Scott and had five children by her. He was commonwealth's attorney of Ritchie County from 1851 to 1861. He represented Pleasants and Ritchie counties in the Convention. He voted against secession on April 4, but he voted for secession on April 17. He was judge of Wood County from 1837 to 1877. He later moved to Charleston, and died there on January 19, 1908.

Sources: Minnie K. Lowther, *History of Ritchie County* (Wheeling, 1911), pp. 114, 431; W.G. Tetrick (ed.), *Census Returns of Doddridge, Ritchie and Gilmer Counties....1850* (Clarksburg, 1933), p. 111; William S. Laidley, *History of Charleston and Kanawha County* (Chicago, 1911), p. 703.