

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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ALLEN C. HAMMOND, of Berkeley county (now in West Virginia), was born in Frederick, Maryland. He was a physician and settled in Berkeley County sometime before 1833. Dr. Hammond was a member of the Virginia House of Delegates from 1849 to 1851. As delegate from Berkeley County in the State Convention, he voted against secession both on April 4 and on April 17, but he later changed his vote from "nay" to "aye."

SOURCES: Sketch of Capt. Frederick Hammond in Bassett French Papers; *RGA*, p. 383