

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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JAMES W. HOGE, of Putnam County (now in West Virginia), was born in Augusta County on April 30, 1830, and was the son of the Rev. P. C Hoge and Sally Kerr Hoge. He grew up near Scottsville in Albemarle County, and had an academy education. He became a lawyer and settled in Putnam County. In 1856 he became commonwealth's attorney there. In 1857 he married Sarah C. Wright and had eight children by her. Hoge represented Putnam County in the State Convention, and voted against secession both on April 4 and on April 17. He nonetheless supported the Confederacy and served during the war as a colonel of militia. In 1865 he became prosecuting attorney of Fayette County, and in 1867, he was appointed to the Seventh Judicial Circuit and served as a circuit judge until 1872. he died in August, 1882.

SOURCES: *PMWV*, p. 45-46; William S. Laidley, *History of Charleston and Kanawha County* (Chicago, 1911), p. 109; John P. Hale, *History of the Great Kanawha Valley* (Madison, Wis., 1891), pp. 299-300