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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Henry H. Masters, of Pendleton County (now in West Virginia), was born about 1815. He was a lawyer and lived at Franklin. He represented the county in the State Convention and voted against secession on April 4 and again on April 17. He became judge of Pendleton County in 1879, and died in 1892.