

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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Johnson Orrick, of Morgan County (now in West Virginia), was born about 1833 and was a farmer. As delegate from Morgan County, he voted against secession on April 4, but he voted for it on April 17.

Source: Census population schedules for Morgan County, 1860.