

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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FRANKLIN P. TURNER, of Jackson County (now in West Virginia), was born about 1827 in Maryland and was a lawyer. He was delegate from Jackson and Roane counties in the State Convention, and he voted for secession on April 4 and again on April 17. During the war he served as a captain in the Confederate army.

Sources: Census population schedules for Jackson County, 1860; William H. Bishop, History of Roane County, West Virginia (Spencer, W. Va., 1927), p.112