

Biographies of West Virginia statehood leaders were prepared by Marshall University Humanities Program graduate students enrolled in Dr. Billy Joe Peyton's Fall 2010 "Historical Studies" class at Marshall's South Charleston campus.

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James A. Williamson:

James A. Williamson was born about 1822 in Virginia and was trained as a physician. Williamson was the third doctor to practice in Elizabeth, county seat of Wirt County. (Cochran) After Virginia seceded from the union, Williamson was sent to represent Wirt County at the Second Wheeling Convention; this seems to have been his only entry into public service. After the Civil War, Williamson moved his practice to Parkersburg where he died in 1908. (Kreidler)

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