

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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Henry H. Withers was married to Dorcas D. Lawrence Withers and over the course of their marriage had nine children together: Herbert, John, Emma are some of their names. During his younger years he took advantage of the opportunities that were available in the common schools. During the Secession Crisis, he was selected as a delegate from Gilmer County to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wheeling Convention. Furthermore, during the Civil War, he was a Major in the Tenth West Virginia Volunteer Infantry; as a commanding officer his abilities were deemed to be efficient and his men thought of him well. After the war, he settled into Lewis County, where he purchased some land for farming and was elected a Sheriff. At his death, Henry H. Withers was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and was associated with the Masons.

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