

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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### **George McCandless Porter**

George McCandless Porter (May 29, 1835 – 1864), delegate from Hancock, served as a Virginia state legislator from Brooke and Hancock Counties before statehood. He was first elected in May of 1857 and took his seat that December. That term, he served on the Committee for Schools and Colleges. He served as delegate to the Virginia Secession Convention in 1861 and served as Captain to a militia unit, "The Panhandle Greys" from 1861-1862. His burial site is unknown.

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