

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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**John L. Smith**

Possible dates: May 10, 1831 to February 19, 1911, based on a death certificate issued in Upshur County. Smith represented Upshur County at the Second Wheeling Convention and was by trade a sadler. (Cutright, Maxwell and Brooks, 408)

Cutright, William Bernard, Hu Maxwell, and Earle Amos Brooks. *The History of Upshur County, West Virginia, from Its Earliest Exploration and Settlement to the Present Time*. Buckhannon?: W. Va., 1907. Print.