

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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Thomas H. Logan was born on February 14, 1828 in Washington County, Pennsylvania. He is the son of John Logan, a descendant of the original settlers in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania and Elizabeth Blackmore, and Englishwoman who came to Maryland during colonial times. Educated at Washington College in 1846 and later studied at the Medicine University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia in 1850. He continued his education in medicine in 1851 by moving to Wheeling, later becoming a druggist. In 1852, married Eliza N. List, Daughter of John List a well know cashier of the Northwestern Bank of Virginia in Wheeling. There were three children from this marriage: Emma, Eliza, Sophia. He was a member of the 2nd Wheeling Convention and after the creation of West Virginia, was elected as a delegate to the 1st Legislature. In 1878, Governor Boreman appointed him regent of West Virginia University and served as the President of the Board of Regents. His last public office was as a member of the Wheeling city council and as a member of the Board of Public Works. Although, Thomas H. Logan served in public office, he had distaste for it. He died at his home in Wheeling on October 1, 1888. During his life, he is known as a member of the Free Masons, was the first grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge and Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch chapter of West Virginia. At his death, he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, where he served 23 years Sunday School Superintendant, 30

years in the Choir, and in 1872 was a Lay Delegate to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church

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