

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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Joseph Gist

Joseph C. Gist (March 26, 1820-November 22, 1892), delegate from Brooke County, was a large farmer and was engaged in the breeding and sale of fine sheep all his life. He was a Republican, and served one term in the West Virginia Legislature; was in the Senate in 1861, at the time of the war, one term. He was also talked of for governor of his State, but for some reason he decided not to run, although his friends assured him he would win. On August 10, 1848, J.C. Gist married Elizabeth Culver, of Jefferson, Pennsylvania, born February 12, 1826. Joseph Gist's uncle, Christopher Gist, was a member of General George Washington's staff in the Revolutionary war.

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