

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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ANDREW F. RITCHIE, from Marion County, owned real estate in the Western District of Marion County, valued at twenty-five hundred dollars, according to the 1850 census of that county. Additional information obtained from that record lists the following: Andrew, forty, tanner, from Pennsylvania; Livorna, thirty-nine, from Virginia; John S., fourteen, from Virginia; Virginia S., twelve, from Virginia; Cordelia E., ten, from Virginia; Louisa J., eight, from Virginia; Drusilla G., six, from Virginia; Samuel H., four, from Virginia; David S., two, from Virginia and Nancy McGill, eighteen, from Virginia.

Source: Marion County: 1850 Census.