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ON THIS DAY IN WEST VIRGINIA HISTORY OCTOBER 25



The first governor of West Virginia, Arthur I. Boreman, was re-elected to office on October 25, 1866.

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Investigate the Document: (Ar1769, Secretary of State's Office. Election return records, 1861-1866)

- 1. Who did YOUR county vote for in the 1866 gubernatorial election? If your county did not exist, choose a county from which yours was formed. (e.g. Mingo County was formed from parts of Logan County.)
- 2. What was the final tally of the 1866 gubernatorial election?
 - o Arthur I. Boreman____
 - o Benjamin H. Smith_____

<u>Think Critically:</u> According to the 1866 Election results, Benjamin H. Smith defeated Arthur Boreman in 8 different counties. What do a vast majority of the counties that voted for Smith have in common? Did you find it surprising that Boreman was defeated in Ohio County, where he was influential in the statehood movement?



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Barbour,	693.	699	Mineral,	341	240
Berkeley,	807	256	Monongalia,	926	549
Boone,	164	97	Monroe,	121	18
Braxton.	186	182	Morgan,	314	/
Brooke,	483	437	McDowell,	82	
Cabell,	305	165	Nicholas,	118	67
Calhoun,	95	109	Ohio,	2081	2224
Clay,	70	. 79	Pendleton,	224	62
Doddridge,	518	425	Pleasants,	272	258
Fayette,	206	68	Pocahontas,	152	28
Gilmer,	165	158	Preston,	1400	534
Grant,	3/5	25	Putnam,	314	264
Greenbrier,	126	202	Raleigh,	186	53
Hancock,	425	326	Randolph,	207	290
Hampshire,	102	391	Ritchie,	576	317
Hardy.	24	238	Roane,	360	210
Harrison,	1235	981	Taylor,	796	619
Jackson,	593	468	Tyler,	615	453
Jefferson,	292	215	Tucker,	48	138
Kanawha,	1011	534	Upshur,	716	243
Lewis,	266	182	Wayne,	224	163
Logan,	39	23.	Webster,	23	20
Marion,	1039	720	Wetzel,	356	408
Marshall,	1330	666	Wirt,	300	184
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Mason,	1200	874	Wyoming,	101	818
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