ON THIS DAY IN WEST VIRGINIA HISTORY

JANUARY 25

Francis Pierpont, who served as Governor of the Reorganized Government of Virginia and is known as the "Father of West Virginia," was born in Monongalia County on January 25, 1814.

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Investigate the Document: (Pierpont-Samuels Collection, Pierpont to Samuels, June 16, 1863)
1. Why do you think this document was written?

2. According to the date listed on the letter, had West Virginia yet to become the thirty-fifth state into the Union?

3. From what city did Francis Pierpont pen this letter? What was the significance of this city at the time it was written?

Think Critically: Construct a timeline of West Virginia statehood, beginning with the delegates in Richmond vote to submit a secession bill to the people through June 20, 1863. What differences did western Virginia and eastern Virginia have that made the split, inevitable? What role did the Restored Government of Virginia serve? Were they pro-Union or pro-Secession? What role did Francis Pierpont fulfill during the statehood movement?
Dr. Rev. R. V. C. Samuels
Aug. 14th P.

I have an order to B. S. 

The 1st and 5th Regiments of the 21st Brigade, W. Va. and the 131st Reg. of the same Brigade at Moundsville w. Marshall Co. Will march from day to day the organization and arrival of the several regiments at the appointed rendezvous.

G. H. Pendleton
Governor
Wheeling June 16th 1863