

Hatfield's and McCoy's What is Fact and What is Fiction?

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Randy Hatfield's Genealogy

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- Randy Hatfield—son of Joe Wheeler Hatfield
- Joe Wheeler Hatfield—son of Jordan Hatfield
- Jordan Hatfield—son of Thomas Hatfield
- Thomas Hatfield—son of Thomas Henderson Hatfield
- Thomas Henderson Hatfield—son of Joseph Hatfield, who was a brother of Valentine Hatfield. This Valentine Hatfield was the father of “Devil Anse” Hatfield

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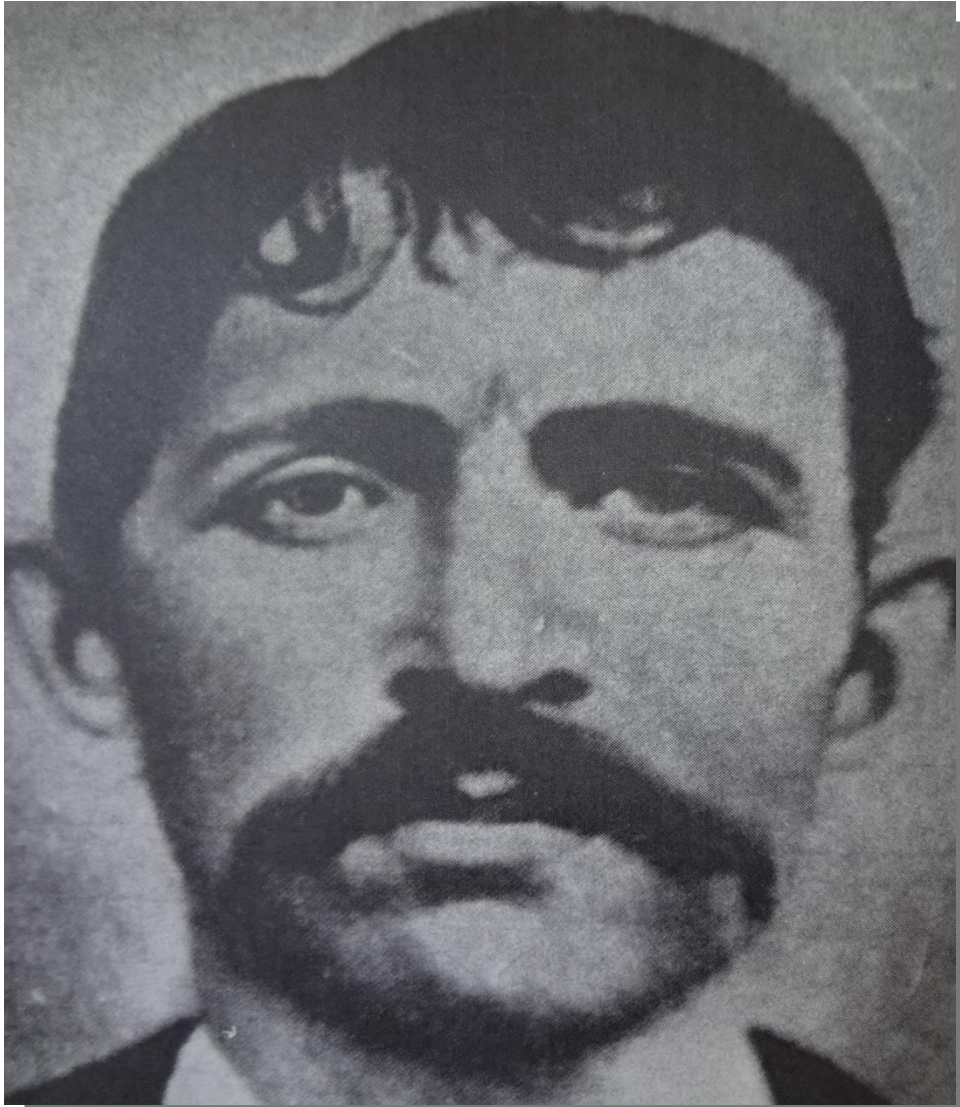
- Joseph Hatfield—son of Ephraim “Eaf of All” Hatfield. Ephraim was the first Hatfield to settle in this area, thus, earning him the nickname “Eaf of All” since Hatfields in eastern Kentucky can be traced back to Eaf’s family line.
- Ephraim Hatfield—son of Joseph Hatfield.
- Joseph Hatfield—son of George Goff Hatfield, Sr.

January 7, 1865

Asa Harmon McCoy is Shot

- Asa, Randolph “Randel” McCoy’s brother and a Union sympathizer is shot. This occurs near the end of the Civil War.
- His body is found near a cave and his death is attributed to a Confederate guerrilla unit led by “Devil Anse” Hatfield or Anse’ Uncle Jim Vance. (Reportedly “Devil Anse” was in bed with a high fever at the time.)

Asa Harmon McCoy

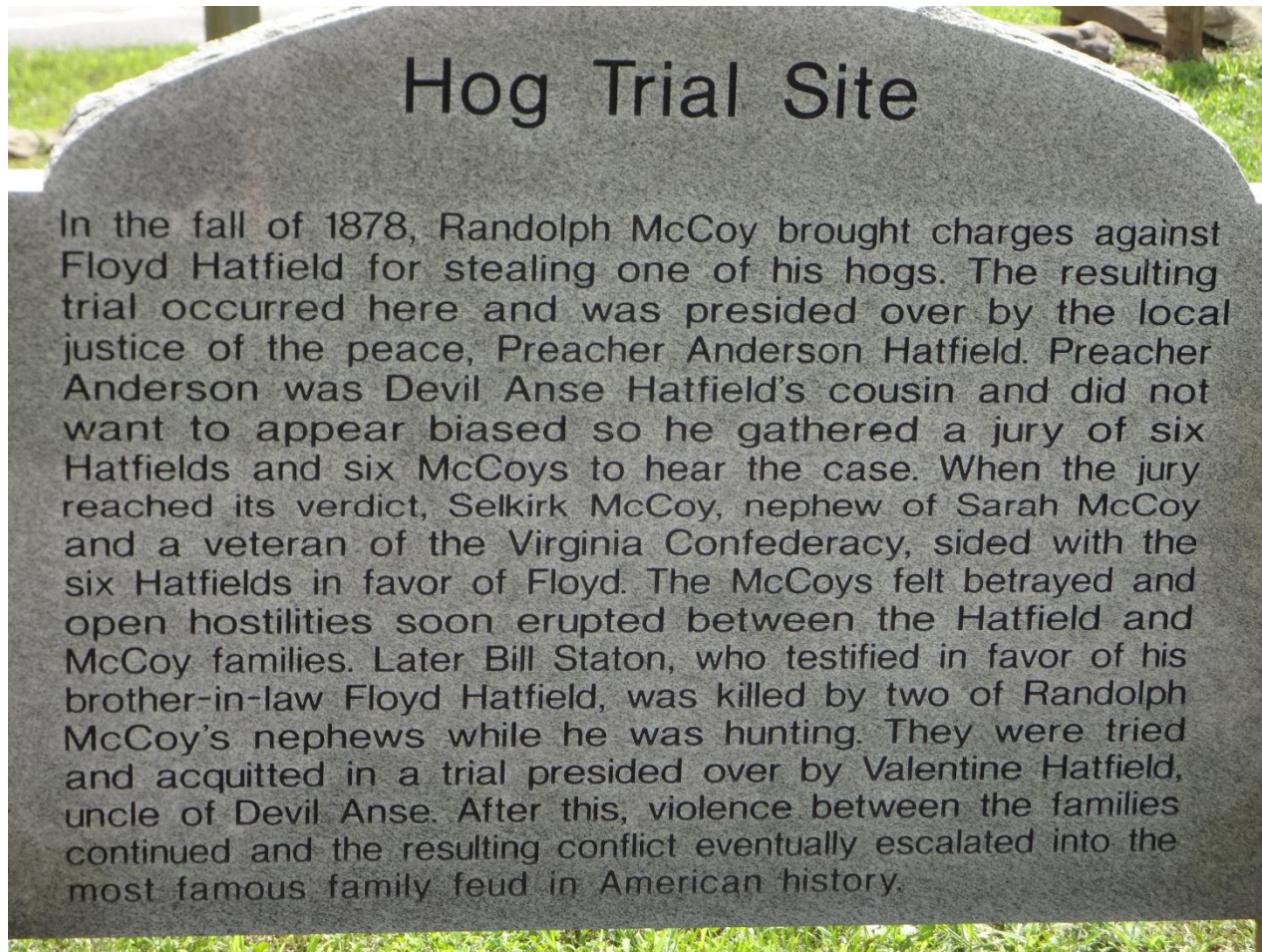


Fall of 1878, Three Years Later

Stolen Hogs

- Ranel McCoy accuses Floyd Hatfield, cousin of Devil Anse, of stealing his hogs and files a complaint.
- Floyd Hatfield is acquitted by a jury of six Hatfields and six McCoyes in the Kentucky trial.
- The trial was presided over by Anderson Hatfield, Devil Anse's uncle. The trial occurred at Anderson Hatfield's house in Pike County.

Monument in Front of Anderson Hatfield's Property



Recreation of Anderson Hatfield's Homeplace at Blackberry Creek



1879, One year later

Death of Bill Staton, a Witness

- Sam and Paris McCoy, still angry over the outcome of the trial, fight with one of the witnesses, Bill Staton.
- Staton dies in the fight.
- Warrants are issued for the arrest of Sam and Paris McCoy.
- They are tried in West Virginia with Devil Anse's own brother serving as judge, and acquitted on grounds of self-defense.

1880, One Year Later

Johnse and Roseanna's Romance

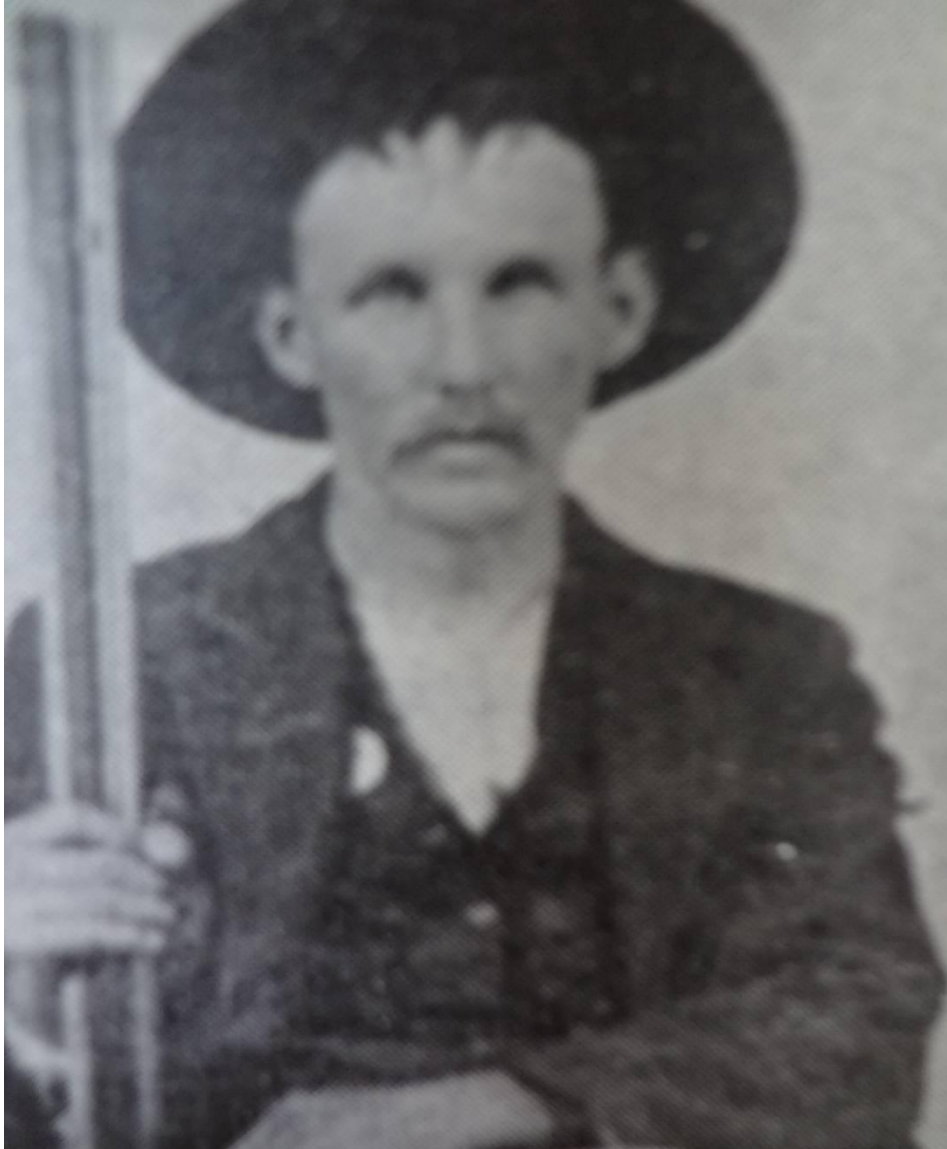
- Johnse (Johnson) Hatfield and Roseanna McCoy meet and fall in love.
- She moves in with the Hatfields, but Devil Anse refuses permission for Johnse to marry her.
- Pregnant and unwelcome at home, Roseanna goes to live with her aunt and learns of her brothers' plan to ambush Johnse.
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Johnse and Roseanna's Romance, cont.

- She races on horseback to warn the Hatfields.
- Her baby dies of measles.
- There are four theories about the baby's death, including one where she miscarries while riding the horse to the Hatfield home, but the baby actually lived eight months and is buried at the McCoy Cemetery in Pike County.
- Johnse marries one of Roseanna's cousins.

Johnse Hatfield



Roseanna McCoy



Grave of Roseanna McCoy at Dils Cemetery in Pikeville, Kentucky



Randall McCoy and His Wife's Graves at Dils Cemetery in Pikeville, Kentucky



August 7, 1882, Two Years Later Election Day

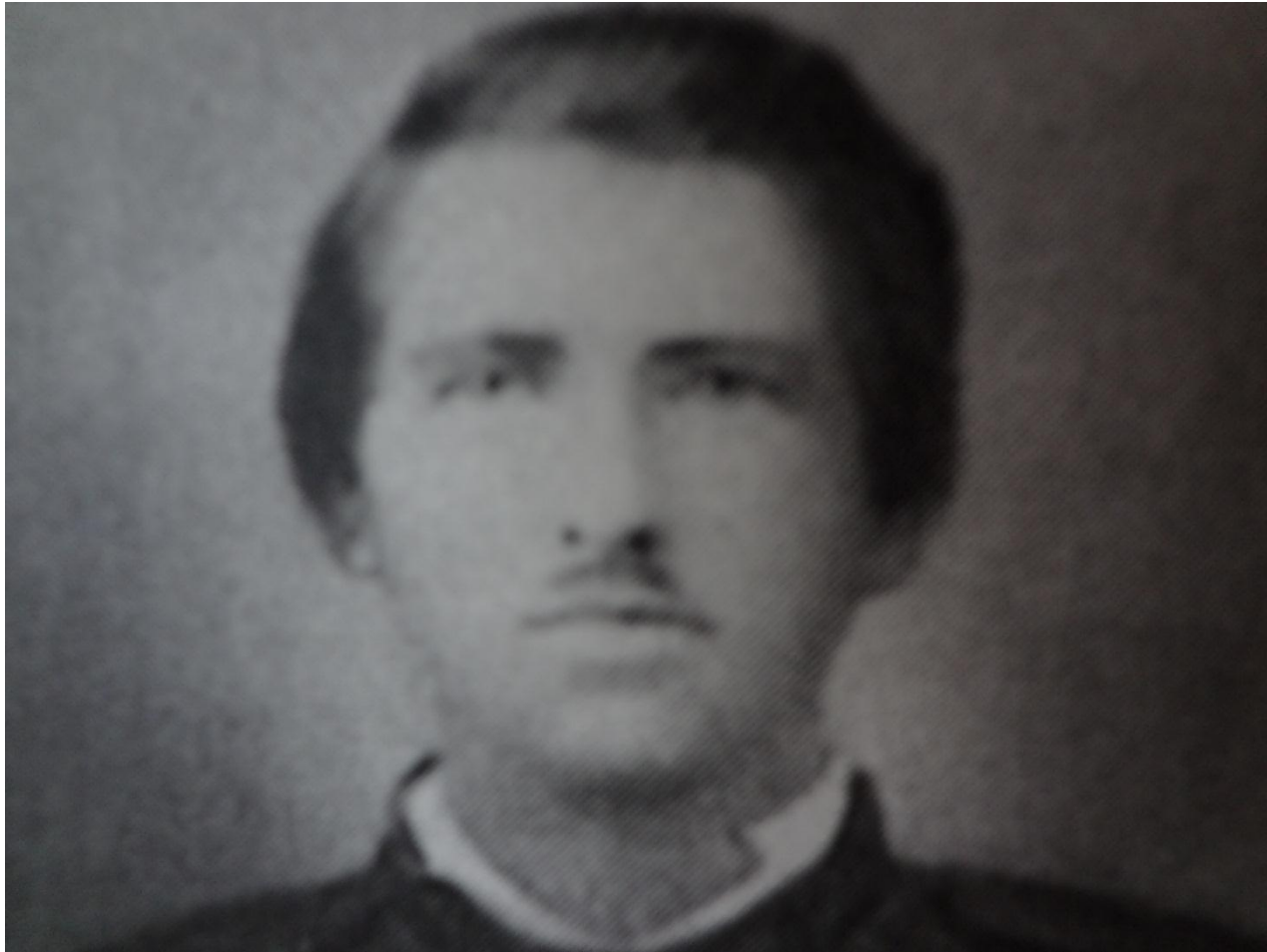
- Tolbert McCoy, son of Ranel, fights with Devil Anse's brother, Ellison.
- Tolbert, Pharmer, and Randolph, Jr. stab Ellison 27 times. Then Pharmer McCoy shoots Hatfield in the back.
- Warrants are issued for all three and the McCoy's are arrested in Kentucky.
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August 7, 1882

Election Day, cont.

- Devil Anse forms his own posse and overtakes them, forcing them to an abandoned Mate Creek schoolhouse across the Tug River, near Waterwan, West Virginia.
- They await the outcome of Ellison's wounds.

Ellison Hatfield



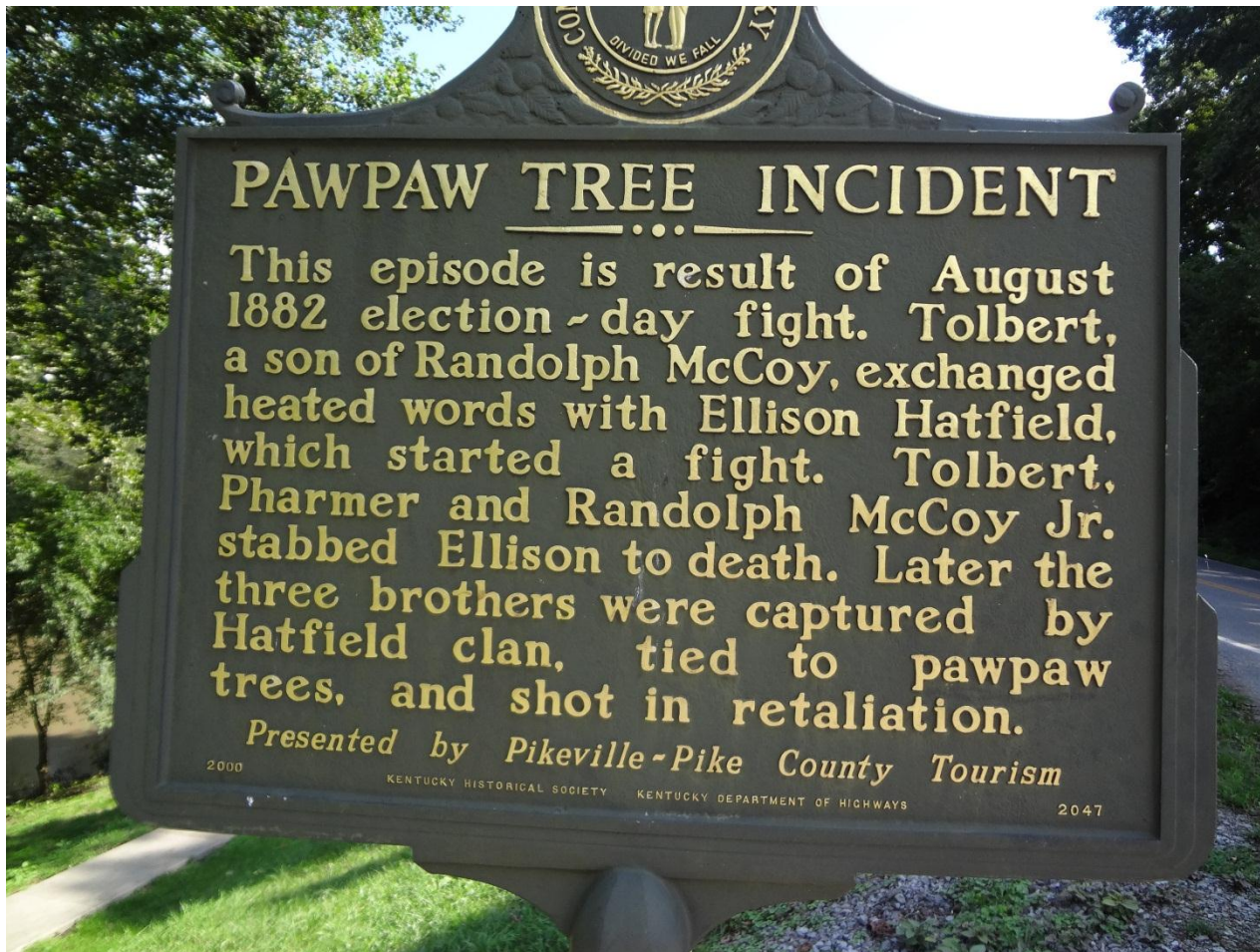
August 9, 1882, Two Days Later

Pawpaw Incident

- Ellison Hatfield dies.
- In retaliation, the McCoys are taken back across the Tug River to the Kentucky side, near the mouth of Blackberry Creek.
- They were tied to a Pawpaw bush and executed. Some manuscripts just list it as “trees”.
- Ellison is buried at the Ellison Hatfield Cemetery.



Plaque Next to Road Where Shooting Occurred



September 18, 1882, A Month Later Indictments

- Kentucky Court issues indictments for Devil Anse and twenty supporters.
- No action taken for five years.

1887, Five Years Later

Perry Cline Enlisted

- Ranel McCoy pursues the case, persuading Perry Cline to influence the governor of Kentucky to reactivate the indictments against the Hatfields for killing the McCoy brothers and begin extradition proceedings.
- Frank Phillips is appointed deputy and later dismissed, but illegally continues raids against the Hatfields.

Frank Phillips



January 1888, One Year Later

McCoy Homestead Burned

- West Virginia offers rewards for the McCoy “invaders”.
- Hatfields plan revenge, although Devil Anse is not directly involved.
- They burn the McCoy home, beat Ranel’s wife, Aunt Sally, and kill two adult children.
- They are buried at the McCoy Cemetery.
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January 1888

McCoy Homestead Burned, cont.

- Frank Phillips' posse pursues the Hatfield supporters and West Virginia's Logan County Court forms a posse to stop the raids of the Kentucky posse.

January 8, 1888

Jim Vance Killed

- An article on the raid appears in the Louisville Courier-Journal.
- Frank Phillips kills Jim Vance, Devil Anse's uncle, the same day.

January 9-19, 1888

Hatfield Supporters Captured

- Frank Phillips conducts raids, capturing nine Hatfield supporters.
- Valentine Hatfield surrenders, but Devil Anse eludes capture.

January 19, 1888

Battle of Grapevine Creek

- A battle rages near Grapevine Creek between the two posses, resulting in the death of one of the West Virginia deputy sheriffs.

September 1889, Over a Year Later Conviction and Hanging

- Hatfield supporters are tried in Pike County, Kentucky and convicted of murder.
- Eight are sentenced to life.
- Ellison Mounts—the only one to sign a confession—is convicted of murdering Alifair McCoy and is hung February 18, 1890.

The Real Story vs. The Press

- The version of the feud that appeared in the national papers was that “Devil Anse” Hatfield kidnapped three McCoy boys for no reason and executed them.
- Then he went to the home of Randolph McCoy, burned it, killing two of his children and brutally beating his wife.
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The Real Story vs. The Press, cont.

- In reality, Cap Hatfield and Jim Vance were the principles on the scene, not Anse.
- “Yellow Journalism” ran rampant during this time with various stories being told, so it is difficult to distinguish between some of the facts and some of the fiction.

No one may ever know all the
reasons for the

Hatfield and McCoy Feud.

However, the plaque that stands
on Chloe Creek Road beside where
the path leads to where Randal
McCoy, his wife, and daughter are
buried, may best sum it up...



HATFIELD-McCOY FEUD

The feud resulted, in part, from Civil War conflicts, romantic entanglements, family-oriented discord, property and election disputes, mixed with mountain pride. Violence surrounding clan leaders Anderson Hatfield and Randolph McCoy eventually involved governors of Kentucky and West Virginia. Deaths and time brought an end to the feud. See over.

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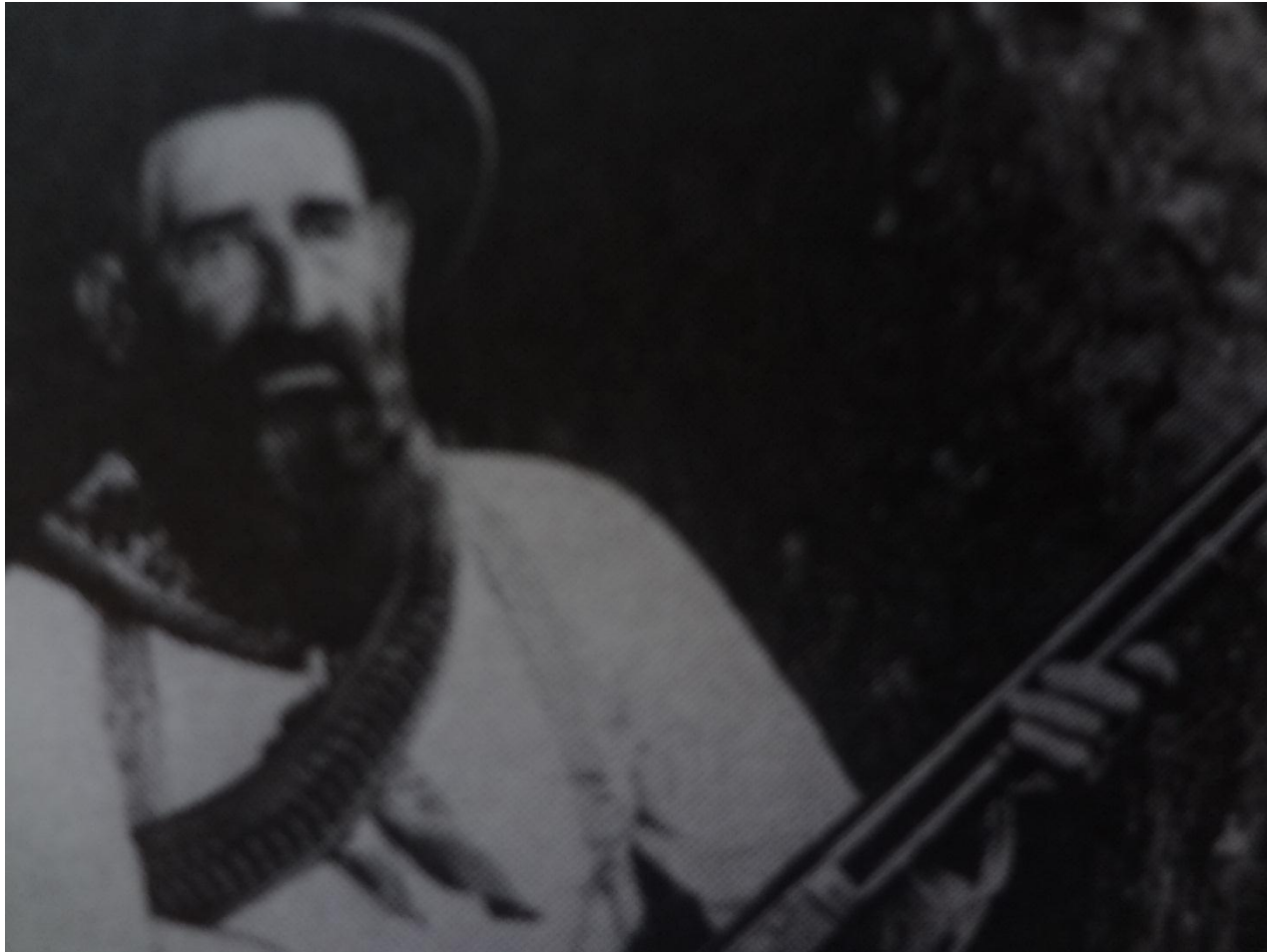
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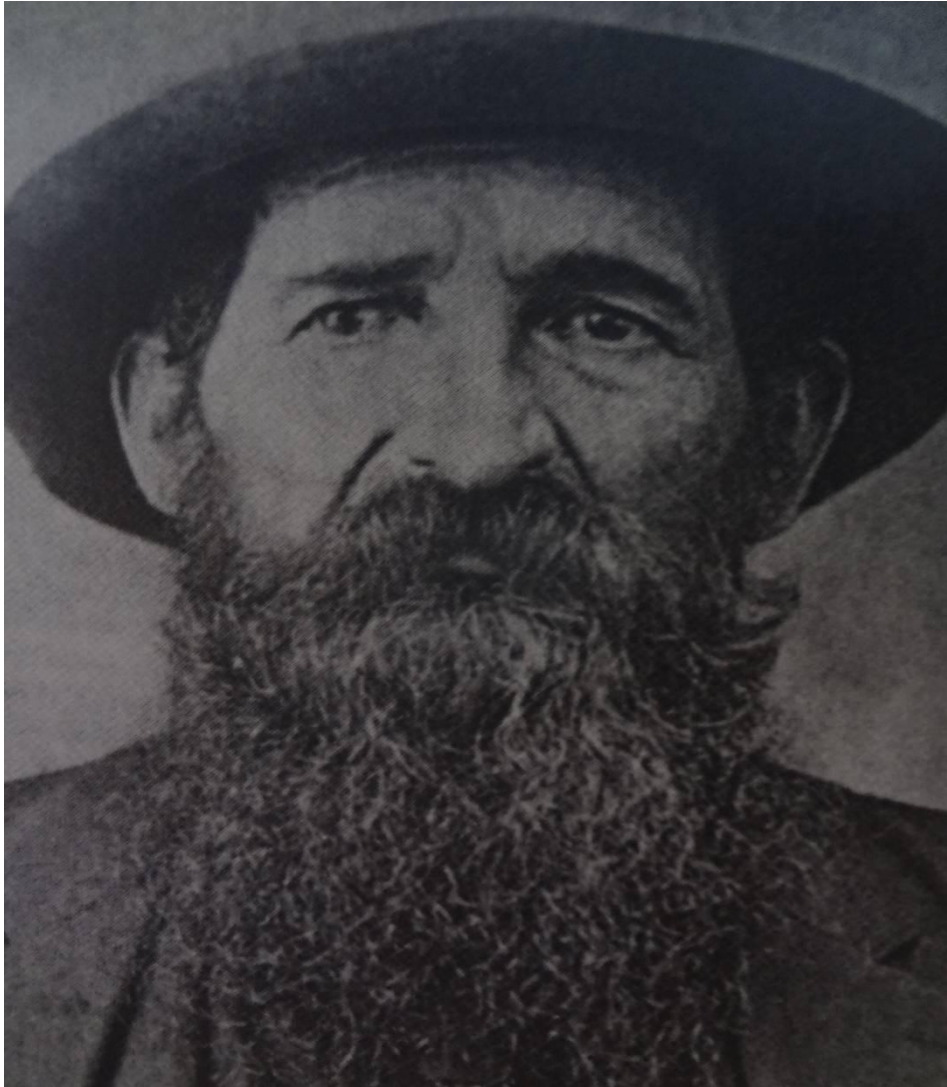
Devil Anse Hatfield and His Pet Bears



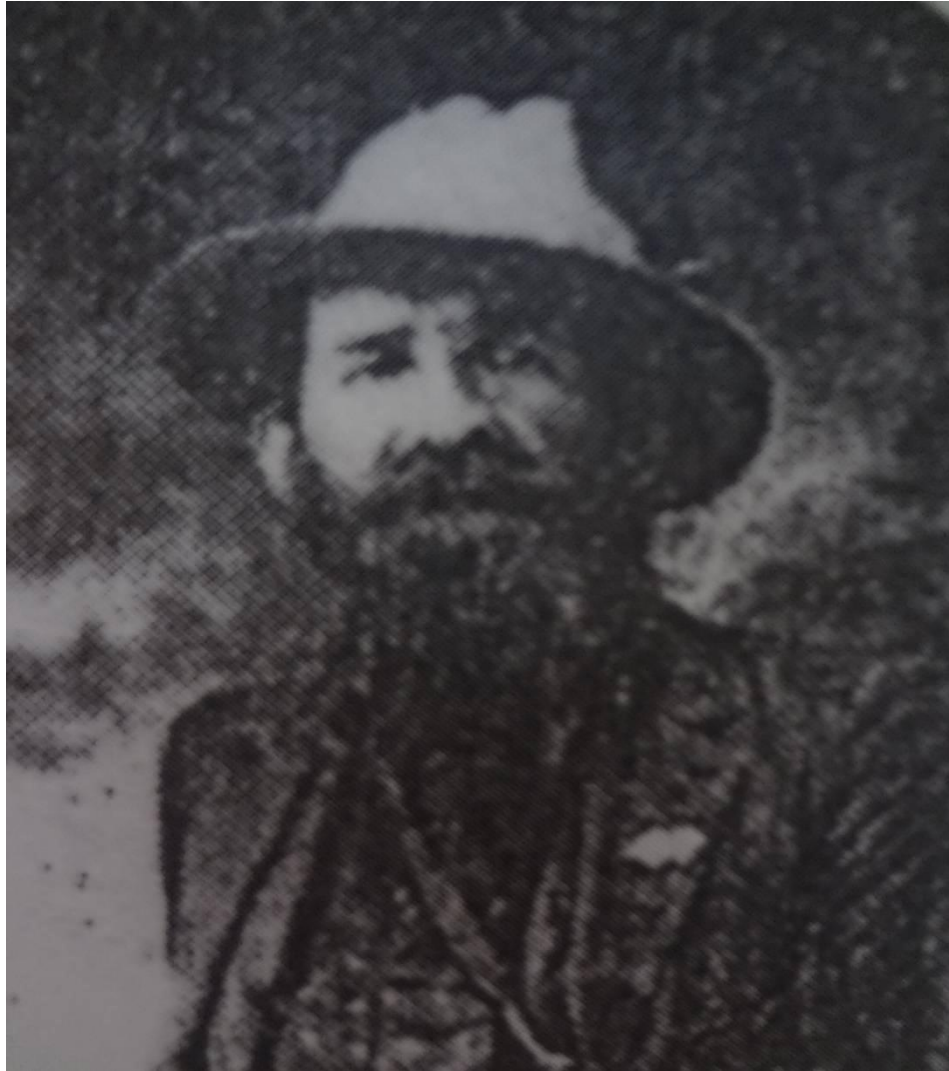
This Photo is Believed to Be a Publicity Shot to Promote a Silent Film



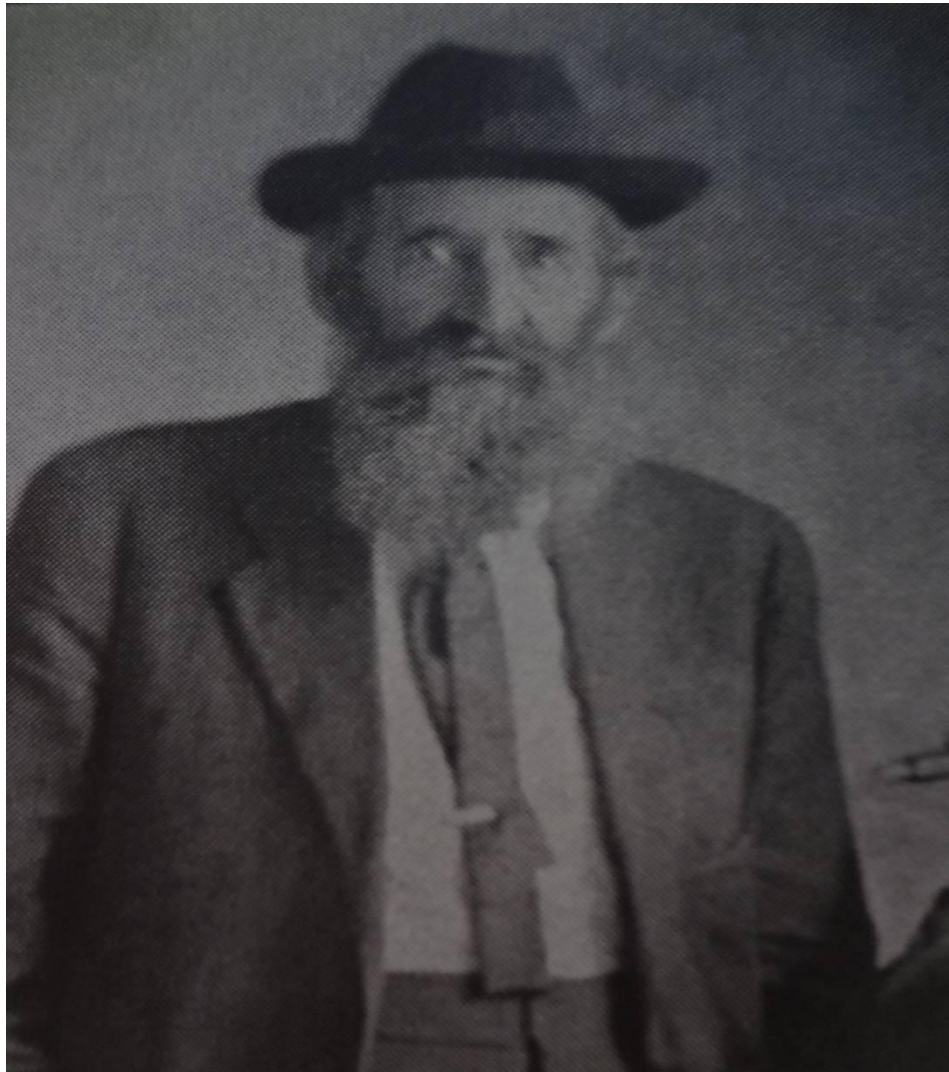
Devil Anse was a Member of the Logan Wildcats and a Civil War Veteran



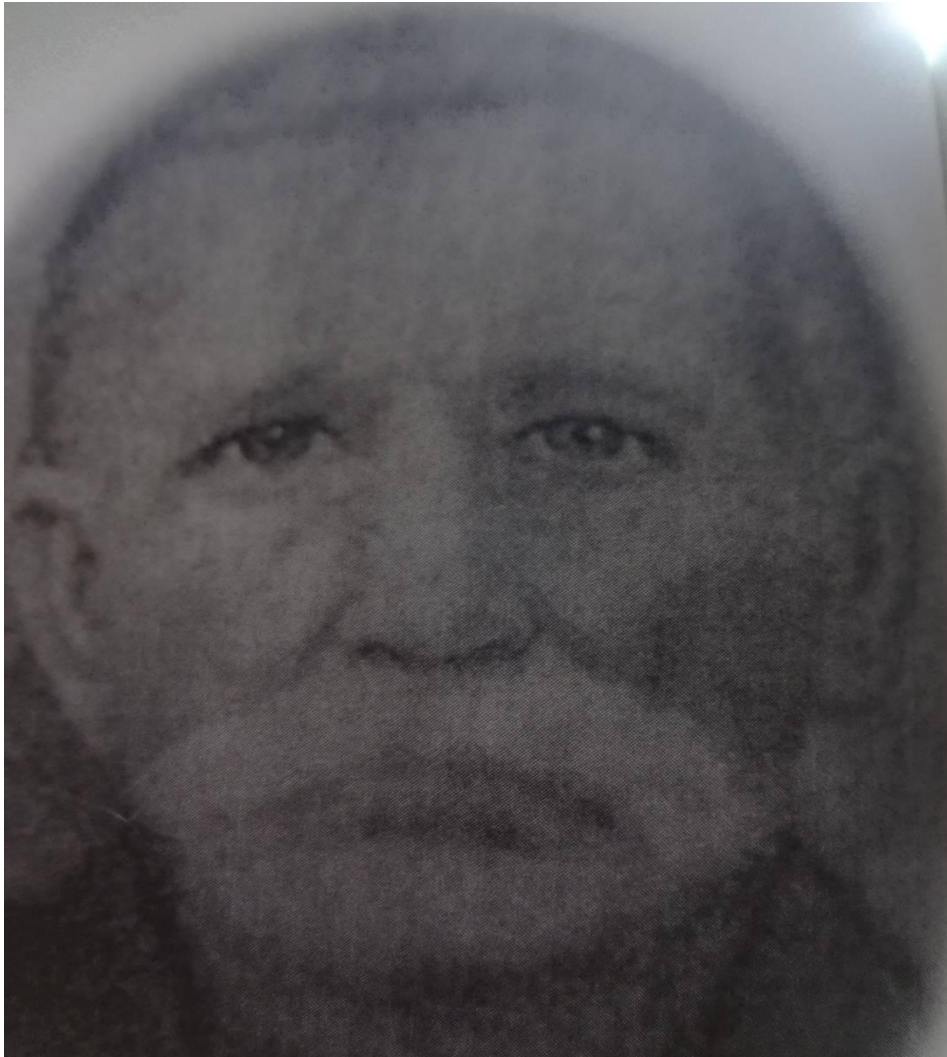
This Photo was Taken Years After the
Feud had Ceased



Devil Anse was a Successful Businessman in His Later Years



Randal McCoy Described Devil Anse as
“Six feet of devil and 180 pounds of
Hell.”



William Anderson “Devil Anse” Hatfield



Nancy Vance Hatfield, Devil Anse's Mother, Child unknown



Devil Anse and Louvicy Hatfield Lived a Peaceful Existence Later in Life



Devil Anse's Family Gathered at the Hatfield Homeplace for His Funeral



Hundreds of Friends and Family at Devil Anse's Funeral



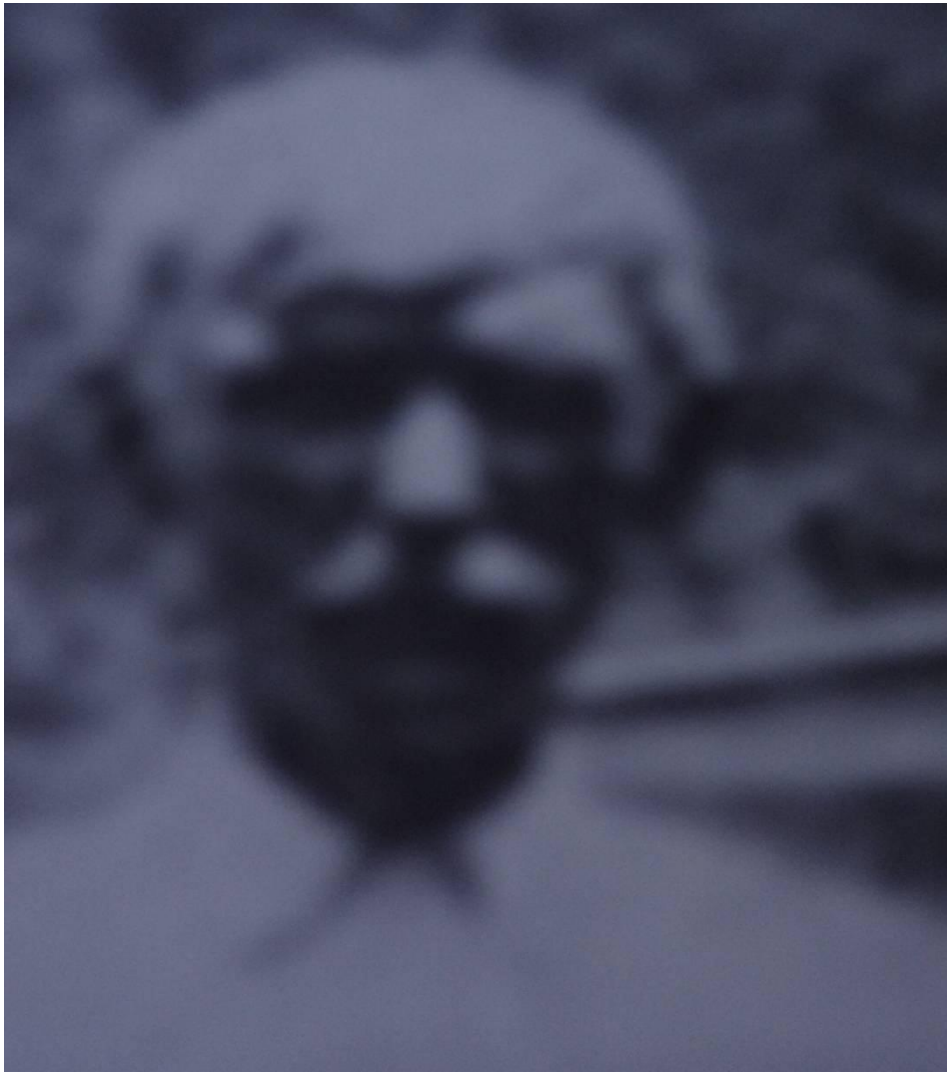
Devil Anse's Baptism at Main Island Creek, Near His Home at Sarah Ann, WV



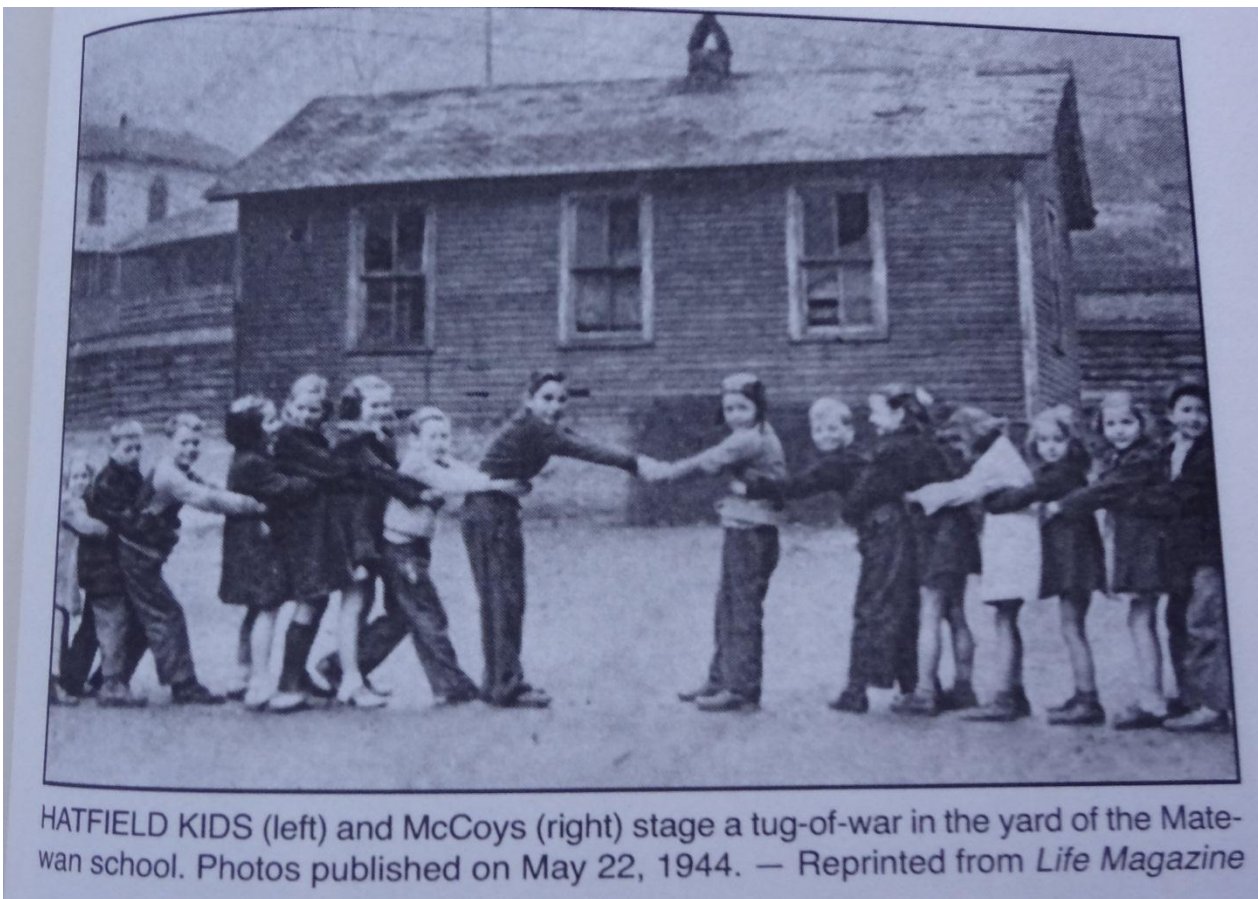
A Rare Photograph of Ran'l McCoy, Who Died on March 28, 1914



Randolph McCoy was Born on
October 30, 1825



Later the Hatfield/McCoy Feud has Become Known as a Time for People to Gather in Pike County, Kentucky, Each Year



Areas Such as Matewan have Riding Trails and Self-Guided Tours



Tour Buses Advertise the Hatfield/McCoy Feud Sites in the Area



Hatfield/McCoy Tour Bus in Pike County, Kentucky



Landmarks have Signs Inviting People to Visit



Sources have Stated That the McCoy
Family Graveyard is Closed to the
Public



Now the Names are Associated Together in Various Other Ways



Randy standing at Devil Anse's grave at Sarah Ann in Logan County, WV.

