

ON THIS DAY IN WEST VIRGINIA HISTORY JANUARY 6



On January 6, 1921, Anderson "Devil Anse" Hatfield died of pneumonia in Logan County.

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Investigate the Document: (Aretas Brooks Fleming (1839-1923) Papers, Ar1729)

1. When was this document written? What is the document pertaining to?
2. List (2) things written by the author of this letter you found interesting.
3. What job title did J.B Wilkinson possess?
4. Based on the letter, where do you think the Hatfield-McCoy-Feud took place?

Think Critically: Why do you think the Hatfield-McCoy Feud story has transcended time? Why did the feud gain national attention in the late 1800s? What role did "Devil Anse" Hatfield have in the Feud?

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Logan C. H., W. Va., Oct. 3rd 1891

His Excellency
A. B. Fleming,
Charleston, W. Va.

Dear Sir:- Will you be so kind as to inform me, if you consistently can, whether there has been any effort made, recently, by the Kentucky authorities to obtain rewards or requisitions for any of the Hatfields?

There are several detectives here, that is in the vicinity of the Hatfields, claiming, as I understand that, requisitions have been applied for, recently, for these parties.

They are behaving very nicely now, and have sent me word that they will surrender to the authorities here, at any and all times, whenever demanded, without any

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assistance, for any thing with
which they may be charged
here- I have ascertained upon
inquiry, that the charge re-
cently made against them
here has ^{been} greatly exaggerated by
their enemies- However, I shall be
able to have a fair investigation
of the charge, at Court.

I would like to know as to
any Kentucky movements for them,
if any, which I will treat as
strictly confidential, and will
furnish you any information
I can, whenever called on by you-

Yours Very Truly

J. B. Wilkinson
Pros. Atty.