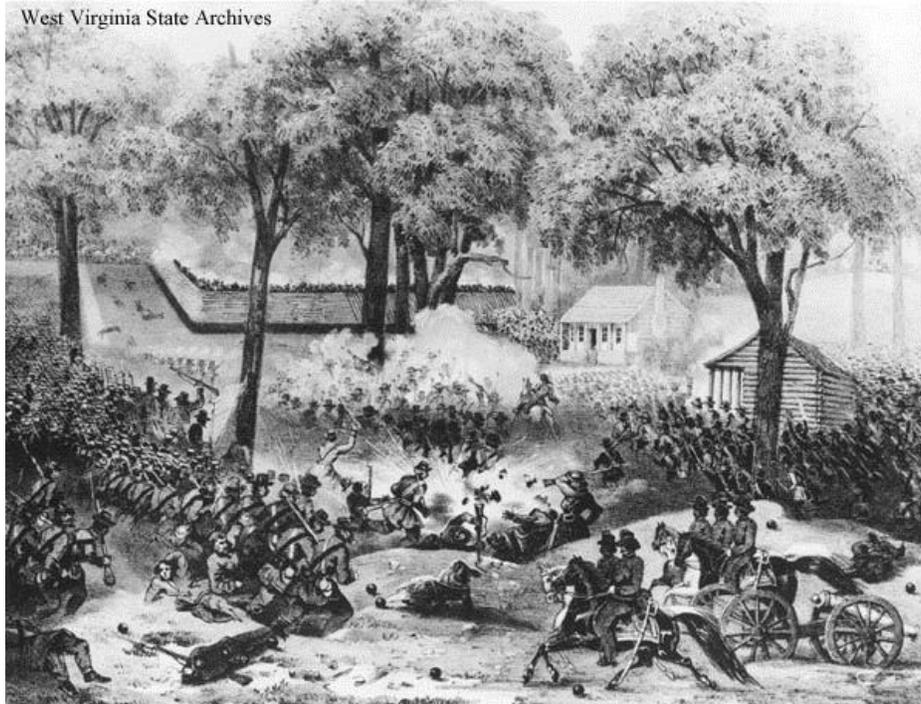


### ON THIS DAY IN WEST VIRGINIA HISTORY SEPTEMBER 10



J. Nep Roesler sketch of the Battle of Carnifex Ferry

**The Battle of Carnifex Ferry was fought on September 10, 1861.**

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**Investigate the Document: (Ms79-18)**

1. This diary entry, written by William Clark Reynolds, states that the Confederate forces under General William S. Rosecrans attacked with \_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ thousand men.
2. Which forces retreated across the river (Gauley?)

**Think Critically:** The Confederate commander, General John B. Floyd, was a former governor of Virginia. Why were so many of the leading officers in both armies during the Civil War political leaders?

Battle of Carnifax

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1861.

Reached Floyd's at 2 o'clock (just in time)

Rosecrans attacked us with 6 or 8 thousand men at 3 o'clock P.M. and kept up the fire, tho' repulsed several times, until after night when he withdrew, losing 2,000 in killed & wounded - (our loss 0 killed & 7 wounded)

WEDNESDAY 11

Made a glorious retreat in the face of an overwhelming force of the enemy - daylight found us safely across the river -

Took the Sunday road to the Pike and went down to Dog-wood-Gap & camped

THURSDAY 12

In Camp, in a flurry of excitement all day in consequence of false rumors, of all kinds e.g. the enemy advancing, then we were advancing on them. - Lee had whipped Rosecrans then he had'nt, &c &c

