

Rose Anna McCoy Courtesy of Leonard McCoy and the Preservation Council of Pike County, Kentucky



Artist's conception of Sarah McCoy pleading with the Hatfields to spare her sons, August 1882. From Munsey's Magazine (1900)



Randolph McCoy
Courtesy of Leonard McCoy and the
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Frank Phillips
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The hanging of Ellison Mounts. Courtesy of the Pike County Historical Society

pered justice with mercy.' The judgment of conviction as to each one of the appellants is affirmed."

Ten days later Devil Anse himself appeared in the United States District Court at Charleston, West Virginia, on a moon-shine charge, which, strangely enough, had connections with the feud. In May 1889 Dave Stratton went to Charleston and presented evidence to a grand jury which resulted in Devil Anse's indictment. Stratton and some of the detectives hoped to force Devil Anse to make a trip to Charleston and to intercept him en route.

The federal judge, John J. Jackson, Jr., commonly known as the "Iron Judge," recognized the danger which Devil Anse faced. A member of one of the most distinguished families of West Virginia and a relative of Judge William L. Jackson, who proved so effective in Breathitt County, he had a reputation as a choleric, opinionated man. With his arching forehead, deep-sunken and piercing eyes, hooked nose, and long gray whiskers, Jackson represented the very epitome of determination and decision, and his confrontation with Devil Anse promised to be a memorable occasion.

As so often happens, these two strong men of very different backgrounds treated each other with respect. Having no alternative except to summon Devil Anse to Charleston, Jackson sent his chief marshal, Columbus, or "Lum," Sehon, to assure him that he would have protection during his journey not only against his enemies but also against detectives who aspired to capture him. Much to the surprise of many people, Devil Anse received the marshal with courtesy and agreed to appear in court if he could provide his own guard, a condition which the astonished marshal readily accepted.

During his stay in Charleston and the trial Devil Anse found himself treated more as a visiting dignitary than as a man charged with a federal offense. Sehon, keeping his promise, provided a special guard both inside and outside the courtroom, but the Hatfields kept their weapons by their sides at all times, even during the trial. Curious spectators, who came to see the legendary clan leader, found, to their surprise, not an

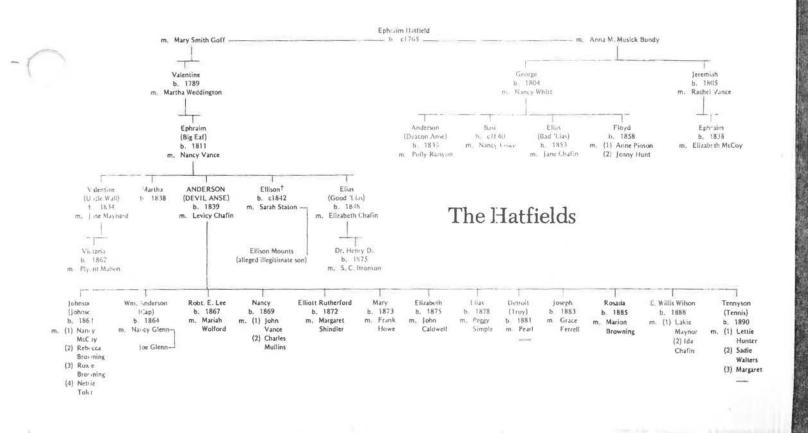


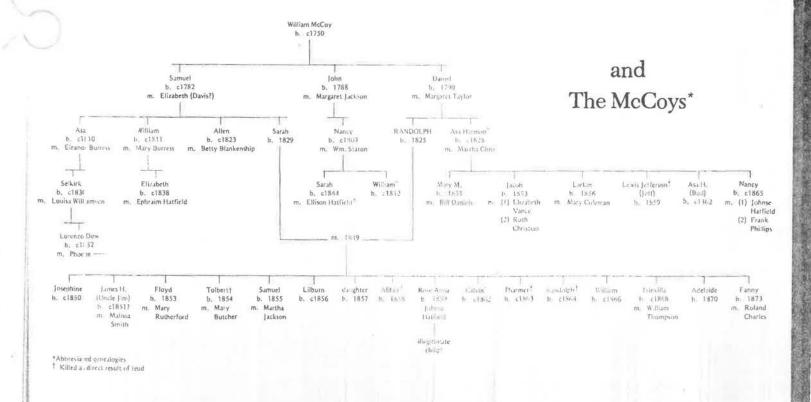
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Grandsons bury McCoy patriarch

The grandsons of "Grandpa" Jim Mc-Coy, who helped end the legendary Hatfield-McCoy feud, carry the peacemaker to his grave in the family cemetery at Burnwell in Pike County, Ky., Wednesday McCoy, who died Satur-

day at 99, was the last surviving participant of the bloody feud. Some 150 mourners, from both clans, paid their last respects at the Hatfield Funeral Chapel. The Hatfield establishment was chosen by McCoy before his death.

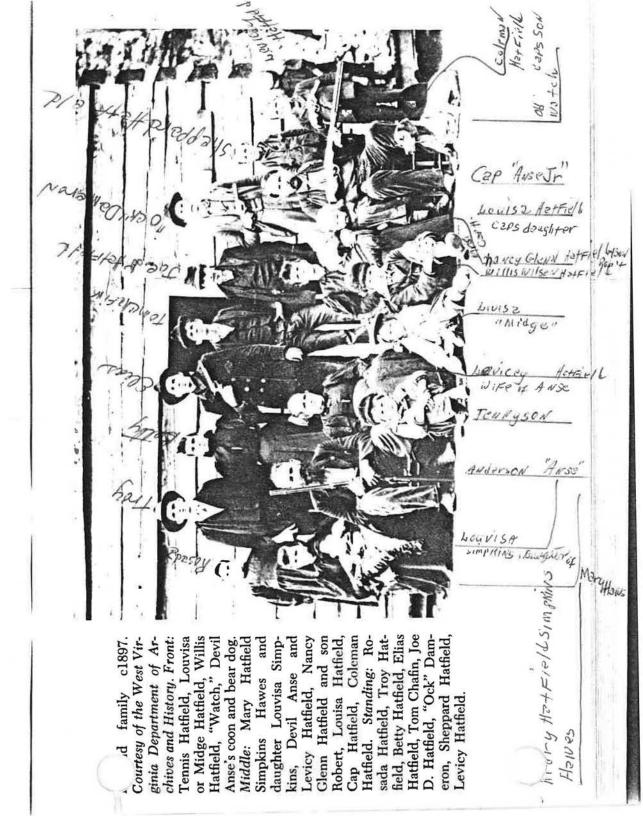




ment at the time of sentencing. When Alex Messer heard adge sentence him to "hard labor for the period of your al life," he rose and, addressing the bench, declared, s mighty little work I can do, Jedge. Hain't been able to none o' any 'count for several years." Messer's plaintive ment injected a note of unintended humor into the grim edings of the court, and the judge had to rap for silence.5 five o'clock in the afternoon of September 5, the day nces were pronounced, three carriages left Pikeville with e condemned men except Ellison Mounts. Guarded by ty-five mounted citizens, the procession moved across ed mountain terrain to Prestonsburg, where Sheriff W. H. ard, who was in charge, picked up a rumor that Cap eld and a band of Knox countians might attempt a rescue e prisoners. Maynard hastened the men on to the town of ardson and placed them aboard a train on the Chatteroi oad. He and three guards, C. T. Yost, Jim McCoy, and Republic Phillips, continued with the prisoners to Ashland, e they entrained, by way of the Chesapeake and Ohio ay, for Lexington.

Ashland, Phillips spotted James Vance, the son of the r of the same name who had met his death at the hands Kentucky posse, and made gestures of friendship. The ger Vance, however, carried deep hatred in his heart and I have assaulted Phillips had others not restrained him. ard placed Wall Hatfield and Dock and Plyant Mahon, nad been granted appeals, in the Lexington jail and cond on to Frankfort with Alex Messer. 6

hopes of the condemned men faded on November 9, when the Kentucky Court of Appeals rendered its deciIt declared that "to find . . . a more inhuman murder we
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Devil Anse Hatfield Courtesy of the West Virginia Department of Archives and History



Devil Anse and his wife, Levicy, in later years Courtesy of the West Virginia Collection, West Virginia University Library



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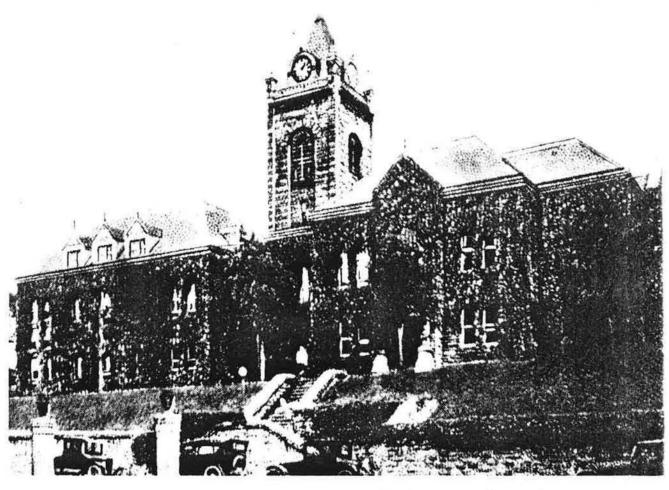
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