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Confederate Obituaries

Miscellaneous obituaries of Confederate soldiers not from Kershaw and Lancaster counties of South Carolina and others of interest such as family members of the soldiers.



Anderson Hatfield
Camden Chronicle
June 14, 1921

Famous Feudist Dead
Quarrels Lasted Fifteen Years and Thirty Six People Met Death
Logan, W. Va., Jan.9--

Capt. Anderson Hatfield, (Devil Anse) one time Confederate army officer and for many years thereafter one of the most famous and picturesque feudists in the mountains of West Virginia, who died Friday, was today buried beside his two sons, Troy and Elias, in the family plot three hundred feet beneath the mountain range which sheds its water into the Big Sandy on the one side and the Guyandotte on the other. The ..(?can't read?..) were attended by eleven survivors children almost all of them, forty grandchildren, several great-grandchildren, and about seventy five direct decendants.

The funeral was characterized throughout by a series of dramatic occurrences. Before the march to the cemetery began the hands of two of the dead man's son long estranged brothers were clapped over the coffin. These were "Cap" Hatfield, the father's namesake and feud lieutenant and E.C. Hatfield of Charleston. The reconciliation was attended by a general demonstration of approval and sympathy among those at the funeral.

As the procession moved, the restoration of good will between the brothers formed the chief subject of discussion and at the grave before the body was lowered, "Cap" Hatfield addressed "Uncle Dike" Garrett, an old preacher and friend of the family and told him that he had made his peace with God and was ready to be baptized whenever the minister would say the word. "I will baptize you boy", responded the old clergyman "in the very hole where I baptized your pappy". To this "Cap" Hatfield dramatically raised his hands above his head in the attitude of solemnity vowing and stated that he was done with fighting that in his heart there no longer rangled malice and that if any man sought his life's blood, he would not resist. There was no funeral sermon by "Uncle Dike" but the Rev. Green McNealley, a companion preacher, and who by the elder man was familiarly referred to as "my son in the gospel" spoke briefly, not on the life of "Devil Anse" but on "the lesson of death". Anderson Hatfield was born on Mnio (sp??) Creek, Logan County, eighty one years ago last September. He served in the Confederate Army. After the war he was leader of Hatfield Clan in the world famous Hatfield McCoy feud, which continued fifteen years and in which thirty five men and one woman died.

For years after the former found leader had taken up his residence on the Matewan crest and settled in peaceful existence the Kentucky authorities sought him. There was a price on his head, but one governor of West Virginia after another refused to honor requisitions for him and finally the effort was abandoned. Joe Hatfield, one of his sons, said today, that Governor Atkinson was the last of the State executives to refuse to surrender him to Kentucky.



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