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?
Office of  
J. B. Wilkinson, 
Attorney at Law. 

Logan C. H., W. Va., Oct. 31, 1891

His Excellency, 
A. R. Blevins, 
Charleston, W. Va.

Dear Sir:—Will you be so kind as to inform me, if you consistently say, 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
assistance for any thing with which they may be charged here. I have ascertained anew that the charge or
charges made against them here has 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 write that as
strictly confidential, and will furnish you any information I can, whenever called on by you.
Yours very truly,

J.B. Wilkinson
Pros. Atty.