

Heaven Is A Lot Like Kentucky

A FIERCE LIGHT IN THE DEVIL'S DEN
July 2, 1863, near Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

The two Confederate generals were at odds again, but this was not a war. Both had grown weary of war after three relentless years, during which they had witnessed first-hand what two American armies could do to one another on native soil.

It was deplorable. There existed this day an opportunity to strike hard and rout the Union Army from its prestigious Pennsylvania foothold. If they did so, they might take the Union capital at Washington D.C. and claim victory to end this awful war once and for all. One of those two generals was born of Dutch descent in Kentucky in 1831, the second son of Owingville doctor John Willis Hood and Theodosia French Hood. His name was Brigadier General John Bell Hood and he had a striking, yet lanky appearance at six feet two inches tall.

The second, Lt. General James Longstreet was Hood's superior in rank. They had arrived together late in the evening of the previous day, and today, according to orders from General Robert E. Lee, commander of the Confederate Army of Virginia, would attack.

Lee ordered them to do so in echelon, beginning on the left Confederate right, and shoving the Yankees of the Army of the Potomac from their stronghold on the extreme Union left. Hood had known General Lee for many years since their initial meeting at West Point. Hood's uncle, Kentucky



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of Bath, Menifee, Nicholas, Robertson, Montgomery and adjacent counties. John Bell Hood determined an early age that he was destined for military service and finally begged his uncle for an appointment to West Point. Following West Point, and Lee's mercy, Hood ventured west and eventually engaged Comanche warriors as a young Cavalry Lieutenant in 1857, near Devil's River in Texas.

Comanches bearing a white flag had tricked him into an ambush. He was leading a smaller force than the Comanche, but when they attacked from all sides he rallied his men and stood his ground defiantly. Longstreet had ordered Hood from the Confederate Army because of rude and sullen behavior to a superior (in rank only) officer. But General Lee had intervened and reassigned Hood back to his command.

Hood had ridden near the Texas Brigade, the men lifted their shouts as one and sensed of in unison, "Give us Hood back!" Finally Lee approached Hood and asked him to remain in the Texas Brigade. He had won a victory that day in Texas, and he fully intended to win one here, this day, in American History, the Battle of Antietam, or Sharpsburg, as it was also sometimes called. Hood had fought without the help of Robert E. Lee in August of that same year when shot while leading a charge at The Second Manassas.

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and healing. Robertson attended Transylvania University in Kentucky for three months before joining the adventures of the War for Texas Independence. Robertson joined Sam Houston's Army in 1836, while still 20-years-old, and it was there he first met Hood.

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OBITUARIES



Ethel Faye Robinson
Hobbs
1935-2008

Ethel Faye Robinson Hobbs, 73, died Friday June 27, 2008 at her residence in Moorefield. She was born in Bath County April 18, 1935 to the late Willie and Ella Mae Pettit Robinson. She was a member of the Fellowship Tabernacle Church, Sharpburg, KY.

She was retired from Johnson-Mathers Nursing Home. She was a loving wife and mother. She is survived by her husband of 55 years, Charles Kenneth Hobbs, eight children, Steve (Sue) Hobbs, Cynthia, Joan (Bobby) Ring, Carlisle, Janet (Danny) Vice, Carlisle, Danny (Lasa) Hobbs, Carlisle, Barry Hobbs, Carlisle, and Emmitt (Ruby) Hobbs, Delphos, OH.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Rita Hobbs, a sister, Josephine Penick and three brothers, Irvine "Iron Horse" Robinson, Bradley Robinson and Emmitt (Riley) Robinson.

Funeral services will be held Monday, July 14, 2008 at Clark Funeral Home. Burial services were held Tuesday, July 1, 2008 at Clark Funeral Home with Rev. Gaylord Gillespie, Rev. Gary Robinson and Rev. Mark Vice officiating with burial following in the Crown Hill Cemetery, Sharpburg. Pallbearers were Jason Vice, Emmett Hobbs, Justin Hobbs, Chris Hobbs, Blake Hobbs, Bradley Trussell, Jamie George, Nate Allison, Honorary Bearers are Dwayne Shaver, Mike Kessler, Thomas Sexton.

Clark Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.



Frank Fleming Hatfield
1935-2008

Frank Fleming Hatfield, 70, died June 25, 2008 at the Johnson Matthers Nursing Home. He was born in Nicholas County March 15, 1938 to the late Robert Clay and Alma Mitchell Hatfield. He was a member of the Carlisle Assembly of God Church. He was a carpenter and taxi driver and an honorary director of Central Kentucky Foxhunters. He loved camping, horseback riding, fishing and cooking burgo.

He is survived by the mother of these children Darlene McGlothlin Hatfield; his children, Glenda (George) Marmon, Vicki (Donnie) Gray, Frank (Vicky) Hatfield Jr., Teresa (Dorrell) Gray, Brandy (Gimino) McFarland; grandchildren, Robin (Jarrod) Mitchell, Amy (M-chael) Foster, David Gray, Ashley Harman and Raysha Gray; great-grandchildren, Jarra Mitchell, Abby Foster, and Meghan Harman; his brothers and sisters, Bessie

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Jeanette Robbins
Morford
1909-2008

Jeanette Robbins Morford, 99, died Saturday June 21, 2008 in Alexandria, VA. She was a Carlisle native and wife of the late Colonel Charles Bruce Morford. Funeral services will be held at the Carlisle Cemetery chapel on Saturday July 5, 2008 at 11 a.m.

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FESTIVAL

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festival for everyone. "I was literally born in the carnival business and all of my family is involved in the business," he said. "I like the space we have here at the West End Park and we should have a great set up. Nicholas County Judge Executive Larry Tinsler was at the West End Park Friday ensuring that all the necessary improvements were in place.

"I want to thank everyone in the county and department for all of their efforts in improving the park," he said. "They've done a wonderful job." Tinsler inspected the park with Macaroni Friday afternoon as Magistrate Jeff Randolph did a final inspection of the new electrical system that he has helped install at the park. The added electrical system will provide power for the rides and other needed aspects of the carnival. "We've got two extra 200-amp boxes and that's twice as much as normal," Randolph said. "Ray Phillips was a tremendous help with the electrical installation and he worked very late several nights with myself ensuring the system would be ready for the ride."

Music is scheduled to be at the park every night during the festival but a controversy still whirls around lamoke. Some say that karaoke will be available Tuesday and Wednesday, but some say

it will be disc jockey music only. Randolph said he would continue to push for karaoke.

"I do a pretty mean Tim McGraw myself," he said with a laugh. "I might even throw in some Bon-Dovi."

Visitors to the park will pay only \$2 per carload to enter, and will enjoy a spacious set up. Carnival rides, food vendors, music and much more will be available at the park during the festival. Festival

goers will be able to leave the park with little or no hassle thanks to the installation of a second road that will lead from the park to Concrete Road and will help create a smooth traffic flow for leaving the park without interfering with motorists who are entering the park.

A wristband can be purchased for \$12 that will allow the wearer to enjoy the rides until the carnival closes each evening, according to Macaroni.

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