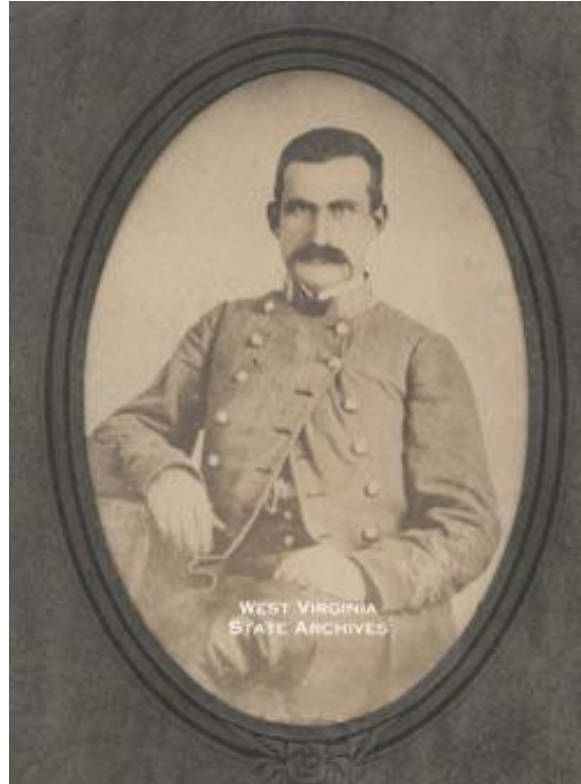


**ON THIS DAY IN WEST VIRGINIA HISTORY
JANUARY 21**

General John McCausland of Mason County died on January 21, 1927.

CSO: SS.8.22, ELA.8.2

Investigate the Document: (William MacCorkle Collection, Scrapbook, Sc91-70)

1. To whom did General McCausland address this letter?
2. What is the main idea of General McCausland's letter? What is he writing in regard to?

Think Critically: According to an old saying, "History is written by the victors." McCausland was a villain for burning the town of Chambersburg, PA. However, Union General William Tecumseh Sherman destroyed large sections of Georgia and South Carolina and Philip Sheridan burned much of the Shenandoah Valley in Virginia. Sherman and Sheridan were considered heroes and served in high-ranking government positions after the war. Was McCausland treated fairly? Most Confederates were pardoned after the war despite fighting against the U.S. Army. Should they have been pardoned? Should Union commanders (such as Sherman and Sheridan) who killed citizens and destroyed property in the South have been punished?

King Wm

June 28, '72

Gov Wm A. McCorkle
Charleston

I got Capt S. L. Parsons
to take the papers, in reference to the Pardon
of My Son Sam.

Please help us in this
matter, Mr Geo L. Dickinson is helping
& many others.

I am confident you
can accomplish what we wish done,
The Woman was paid at once & so assuaged
the County, the Law has been vindicated,
and the boy has been hounded around for
seven years. Since the accident, the man did
not die from the blow struck him in repelling
the attack he was making, but was killed by
the country Doctors
who were trying to operate
on him

Yours Truly
Geo. W. Galt