

The Fighting McCooks

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Introduction

The Fighting McCooks is a nickname given to the McCook family of Carrolton, Ohio. Fifteen members of the family fought for the Union during the Civil War on a total of 46 battlefields. Six of them earned the rank of brigadier general or higher. The Fighting McCooks composed of two "tribes": the Tribe of Daniel, and the Tribe of John (Daniel's brother). Eight of Daniel's nine sons, and all five of John's sons, served in the Union Army. Four of the McCooks would die while serving their country. Daniel McCook died during the Battle of Buffington Island, Robert Latimer was murdered by Confederate guerillas in Tennessee while he lay in an ambulance, Daniel Jr. was killed at the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain, and Charles died during the first Battle of Bull Run.

Important Dates

- August 6, 1862: Brigadier General Robert Latimer McCook is murdered by Confederate guerrillas.
- July 21, 1863: Major Daniel McCook dies of wounds sustained from the Battle of Buffington Island.
- July 17, 1864: Brigadier General Daniel McCook Jr. dies of wounds sustained at the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain.
- September 11, 1873: Brevet Major General Edwin Stanton McCook is assassinated at a public meeting while serving as the acting Governor of Dakota.

Suggested Search Strategies

- Try the following terms in combination (as an "all" word search), proximity or as phrases: Fighting McCooks, McCook, Daniel, Latimer, George, Robert, Alexander, Edwin, Charles, John, Edward, Anson, Roderick, Henry, general, major.
- Use specific date ranges when looking for articles about the family in order to narrow your results.
- Try searching for specific battles that the McCooks would have fought in (Buffington Island, Kennesaw, Bull Run, etc.).

Sample Articles from Chronicling America

- "Gen. McCook of the Federal Army Killed" Memphis Daily Appeal (Memphis, TN), August 14, 1862, Image 2, col. 7.
- <u>"Death of General Daniel McCook"</u> Daily Ohio Statesman (Columbus, OH), July 21, 1864, Image 2, col. 3.
- "Major General M'Cook" Ohio Democrat (Logan, OH), April 24, 1895, Image 1, col. 6.
- The Fighting McCooks" Hocking Sentinel (Logan, OH), May 2, 1895, Image 1, col. 3.
- "Death of Gen. McCook" Perrysburg Journal (Perrysburg, OH), August 10, 1895, Image 7, col. 2.
- The Fighting McCooks" National Tribune (Washington, D.C.), May 17, 1906, Image 6.
- "Fighting' Ed M'Cook Fighting His Last Hard Battle at the Age of 74" Spokane Press (Spokane, WA), January 24, 1907, Image 4, col. 4-6.