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Exhibit about Hatfield-McCoy Feud to Display at Blennerhassett

Charleston, WV — The West Virginia Humanities Council traveling exhibit, *The Hatfields & McCoys: American Blood Feud*, will open August 11 at Blennerhassett Island Historical State Park, and remain open to the public until October 4. General museum admission is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children aged 3-12. There is no additional charge to see the exhibit.

Using text, photographs, maps, illustrations, and quotes, the exhibit of four free standing three-sided kiosks examines the history of the Tug Valley region, origins and events of the feud, as well as its historical and cultural significance including related scholarly books, plays, television shows, and products. For information about the exhibit while it is at Blennerhassett call 304-420-4800.

The exhibit first previewed in January 2015 at the West Virginia University Creative Arts Center, and afterward traveled to Williamson, Bramwell, Athens, Matewan, Logan, and Huntington. *Hatfields & McCoys* even crossed the border to Pikeville and Ashland, Kentucky, an exception made due to the history of the Hatfield-McCoy feud itself, which took place in both West Virginia and Kentucky.

The following year, the exhibit moved northward to New Martinsville, Ripley, Parkersburg, Bridgeport, Morgantown, and Petersburg. In 2016, *Hatfields & McCoys* was taken off the tour circuit, and has since been available to venues by request. Previous traveling exhibits developed by the Humanities Council about West Virginia statehood and John Henry displayed at 65 locations in the Mountain State.

The West Virginia Humanities Council's *Hatfields & McCoys* traveling exhibit is funded in part by ZMM Architects & Engineers of Charleston. Groups interested in bringing the exhibit to their communities should contact Humanities Council program officer Kyle Warmack at 304-346-8500 or warmack@wvhumanities.org. It is available at no charge.

The West Virginia Humanities Council, an independent nonpartisan nonprofit, is the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. The Council is supported by the NEH, the State of West Virginia, and contributions from the private sector. The purposes of the West Virginia Humanities Council are educational, and its mission is to support a vigorous program in the humanities statewide in West Virginia.