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SHERIFF OF WIRT COUNTY.

Wirt Co. H. W. Va. 187

On Parrish Fork of Standing Stone
Creek Years ago called the Left
Fork of that Stream was another
Stone of about the size of that I
have described (larger than the
one you inquire of) the Stone is now
you have been made into boiler
walls for steam power to bore oil
wells. There was a great slip in
the hill opposite the Stone which
was on the Creek Bottom,
Lubricating Oil was found here
but I have never discovered any
great peculiarity in the strata
of rock except the usual "pitch"
or "dip" of the strata in our
oil field.

I can hear of no mon-
ument of the size you describe.
I will add in conclusion that
the rock last named is said

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Yours truly
J. C. Hale

Answer

Very soon to be the one from
which the great business is

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Dear Sir

I recd your letter forwarded
by Mr Blayney, also your address
to me, and have delayed my an-
swer only to obtain the necessary in-
formation

The most reliable ~~information~~ ^{account}
I get of the origin of the name of
Standing Stone Creek in this Co
is from a very old resident of that
neighborhood. who tells me that
in the early settlement of the County
in the Valley of West Fork of Monongahela
R. (now in Harrison Co W Va) a party
of Indians from Great Kanawha
Valley made a raid upon the
whites about Hatcher's Creek cap-
turing and taking away with

them towards the Great Mound
from white prisms and horses
that a party following this band
left the settlement, but finding
they could not gain upon the
retreating Snouger, held a coun-
cil at Rudy Ripple a ford
of the Little Kanawha ~~River~~
or crossing on the Indian trail
four miles above this place, when
they determined to give up the
chase, fearing the Indians would
be shortly reinforced. On
the return of this party towards
home they encamped near the
head of what is known as Stand-
ing Stone Creek (still unsettled)
near a rock about ten feet square
and the dam in sight, when one
of their number was bitten by some
kind of poisonous snake, and
they were obliged to remain two
or three days, before he was well
enough to go with them. At
this time they named the Creek "Standing
Stone" and cut names & dates upon the
rock which although trees can be seen
is now illegible.