

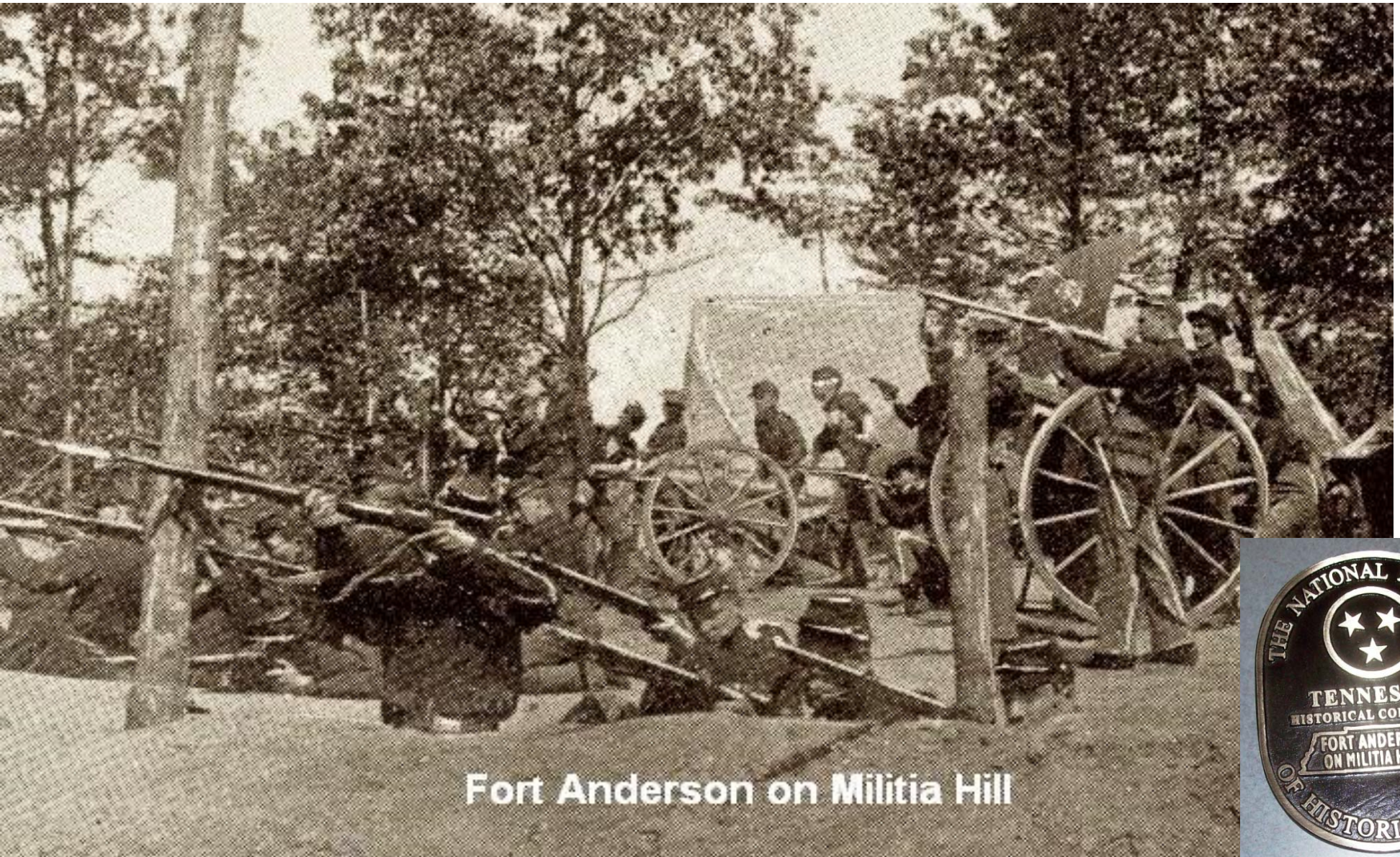
**Coal Creek
Miners
Museum**





Coal Creek Miners Trail



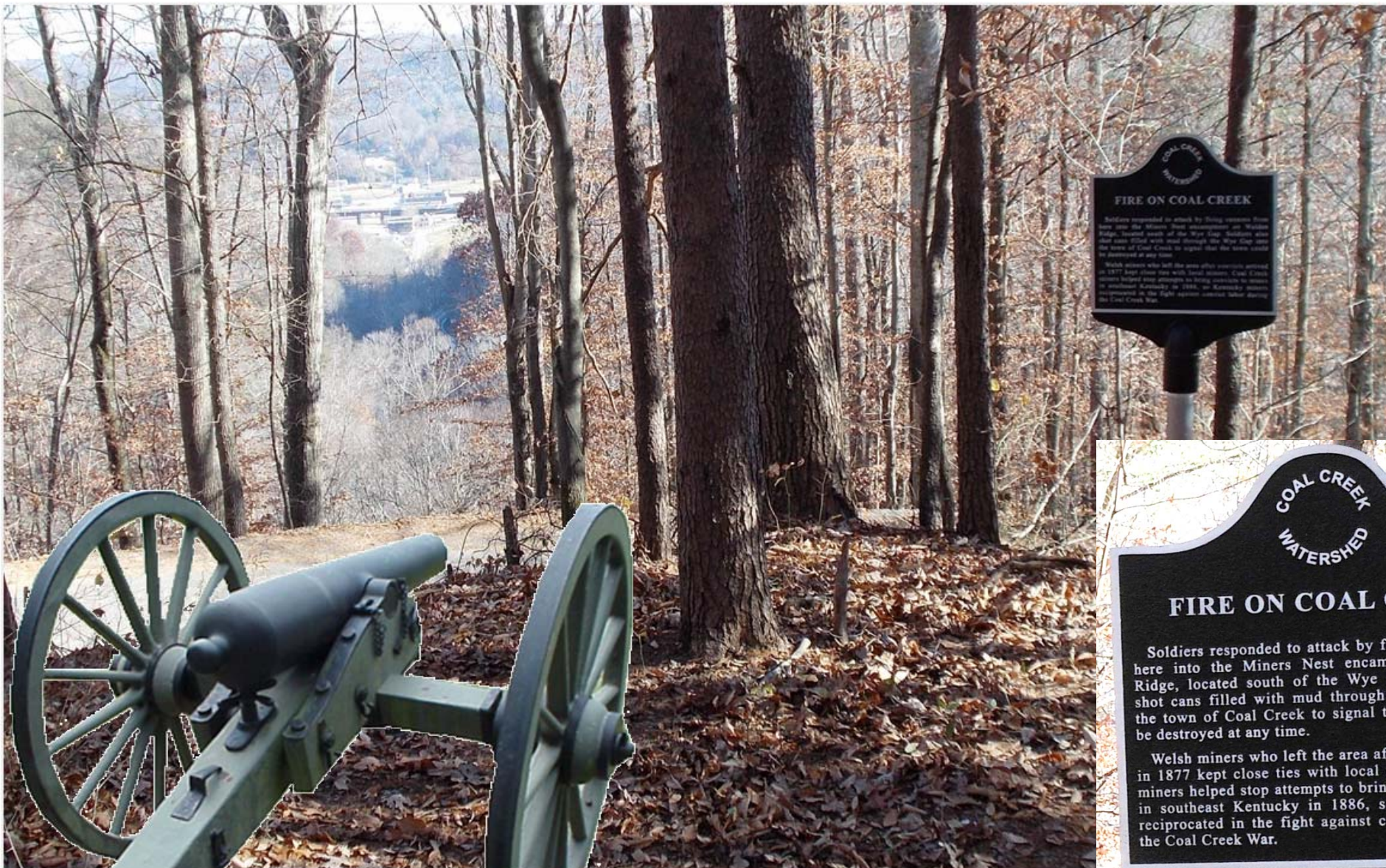


Fort Anderson on Militia Hill





In the Trenches Answering the Attack of the Miners.



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BRICEVILLE CHURCH

Built in 1888 by Welsh coal miners, the church and its cemetery are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Miners fought the Tennessee National Guard over the use of convict labor during the Coal Creek War and the church was a temporary jail for captured miners in 1892.

Twenty-two of the 300 miners killed in the 1902 Fraterville Mine explosion and the 1911 Cross Mountain Mine explosion are buried here. Before he suffocated in the Cross Mountain Mine, Eugene Ault left a farewell message on a barricade wall, which is inscribed on his headstone near the rear of the cemetery.

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Coal Creek Miners
Hall of Fame

