

"...They tried to make my uncle Harrison into an informer, but he wouldn't do it. He was only a boy... They tried to hang him, time and again they tried it, 'stretching his neck', they called it, but he didn't say anything. I think he'd have died before he'd said anything. He's the one I'm named after, and I'm happy to say that there were people...around at the time who said I took after him."

Harry Truman speaking about what the Yankee Kansas "Red Legs" did to his 13 year old uncle, during the War Of Northern Aggression. Harry's momma wouldn't let him in the house wearing his blue dress uniform during WW I...

~Robert Mestas~



Photo: Harry S. Truman, the future U.S. President, in his Missouri National Guard Uniform, in 1912.