

Wild Man of the Mountains

Every now and then I run across a real "classic" old newspaper sighting report. This one covers all the bases as to a reasonable description of a bigfoot or sasquatch. I have reprinted the article below.

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Globe Valley, North Carolina, January 3, 1878

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