

# Caroline Kennedy In the Mountains

CLAIRFIELD (Tenn.) — (AP) — Caroline Kennedy, who is helping a crew videotape the history of the Tennessee coal camps as a summer project, has been so sheltered by the mountains and their people that many of the local folk don't even know she's here.

Some have heard mention of her presence from television and newspapers. Some know someone up the road who's been visited by her, but the few who have seen the daughter of the late President John F. Kennedy and Mrs. Jacqueline Onassis are fiercely protective of her privacy.

"If you want to find out what she's like, go talk to her," said Joe Siler, 73, who worked in the coal mines 58 years. Caroline had stopped on Independence Day for a special visit with him.

Siler, stoop-shouldered and frail, said Caroline

spent about an hour with him and his wife and they talked about "things in general."

Siler, like almost everyone in the valley, has several mementoes and plaques of John F. Kennedy in his home.

"I sure loved her father," said Siler.

"She's real quick-thoughted," said Ed Marlow, a miner who's been paralyzed for 16 years after a mine accident. Near his bed were several pictures of President Kennedy as well as a photo of him and Ethel Kennedy, who came to Clairfield last summer to dedicate a local factory.

Caroline has been constantly guarded by one of three Secret Service agents who rotate between driving her around and sun bathing at a motel pool 15 miles away. They prevent outsiders from approaching her.