

Caroline Kennedy's Job in Appalachia

Knoxville, Tenn.

Caroline Kennedy, described by one native as "just plain folks," is helping a camera crew film a documentary this summer on the rugged Appalachian coal miners in east Tennessee.

The 15-year-old daughter of the late President John F. Kennedy and Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis is helping with the camera work and interviews with miners in the mountain community of Clairfield near the Kentucky border.

"She's as pretty as a silver dollar," said Ed Marlow, a miner who has been paralyzed from the waist down for about 14 years. Marlow's little mountain cabin was one of the places

Caroline visited.

"She's just plain folks," continued Marlow. "She really enjoyed her trip to my house because I have been a Kennedy man for years. I have lots of photos of the Kennedy brothers."

The secrecy surrounding Caroline's work was broken in a copyright story by the Knoxville News-Sentinel. The documentary is being financed by Federal funds under the Federation of Communities in Service.

It has been reported last month that Caroline might spend the summer doing social work in some part of the country.

"She dressed in faded old blue jeans with patches on them," one man said.

"There have been times when people have been

standing around in a store talking about Caroline visiting the area and she has been right there and they wouldn't even know it."

A woman who has helped with some of the film work said, "You would never know she's the daughter of a late President and one of the richest women in the world. She goes up and down these mountains just like us other hillbillies."

Others, too, have pictures and other souvenirs from the Kennedy presidency.

"I doubt if there's a single house in this valley that doesn't have some kind of JFK memento hanging on the wall," said John Teague of Eagan. "He is even more popular up here than Franklin D. Roosevelt was."

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