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# Famous Swift Mine

Interesting Article Concerning This Much Sought After Deposit of Wealth.

Elk Knob, Lee County, Va., April 23.—After seeing so many allusions to the famous Swift and the Swift mines in the newspapers lately, I wish to add my mite. I was born on the south bank of the Ohio river, where the Big Sandy empties into it, and where the city of Catlettsburg now stands, in the year of 1830. In my boyhood and early manhood, I often heard of the famous Swift and his mines, and of parties who were out, or had been out, searching for the deposit of silver, which it was said that Swift had mined.

The search was made in all the eastern counties of Kentucky not one of them but has had its thoroughly organized searching party since the year 1800, which is the year that Swift returned from his ill fated expedition.

The search was made in Eastern Kentucky for good reasons, if you will notice Swift's statement and confessions. Swift himself died at the point where Catlettsburg now stands, at the log cabin house of Rafe Catlett, then the only house in or near that region. Swift was an old man and died about 1802. A. D., and under very peculiar circumstances, as you will see by his statement or confession, which was written at his dictation and sworn to and signed by him in the presence of several witnesses, and his antemortem statement made by his direction and signed and sworn to by him is the basis of all the Swift legends of rich deposits of silver ore.

Swift, at the time of his death was totally blind, and had been for some months, and realizing that he would never see again and that the time was close at hand when he would have to depart this life, he made the following statement of how he came to be blind and where the silver ore was located as near as he could give it.

In the fall of 1800, I and a companion (giving his name) started from the mouth of Big Sandy River, ostensibly on a hunting expedition up the Big Sandy River, but in reality to visit a rich deposit of silver ore which I had previously discovered, for the purpose of coining the silver into dollars and halves, as much as two mules could carry, which we took with us for that purpose. We went up the Big Sandy River on the right hand, or Kentucky side, about 70 miles, then we turned to our right, or westward, up a tributary which flows into Big Sandy from the west. We went due west up that tributary for 12 miles and there, on the left bank in a bluff, with rocks overhanging it, we mined the silver and coined two kegs full of dollars and halves. We coined it out of the pure silver with no alloy. We loaded our mules with two kegs and started to return to the mouth of Sandy.

"On the second day I (Swift) decided to kill my companion and take possession of his silver and mule and report that the Indians had found us and had succeeded in killing my companion. Accordingly I ascended a hill to reconnoiter, in order to see if anyone, Indian or white, were on our trail or knew of our presence in that vicinity. After ascertaining that we were all alone in the wilderness, from the point of vantage, I shot my companion and descending, scalped him, to make it appear that Indians had slain him. I took possession of the mule and his load of silver, and after traveling some distance and knowing that I was within a day's travel of the mouth of the river, I decided to bury the silver and go on in and report that the Indians had killed my companion

and after, hundreds had visited and buried his remains., I would return and dig up the silver and take it to some other point where I could enjoy it to the fullest extent.

"So I stopped at a certain point and buried the two kegs of silver and rolled a flat stone over the place, and to identify the place when I should return I cut the figure of a horseshoe on the top of the stone with a cold chisel which we had in our outfit. Then due west from the horseshoe so many feet (here he gave exact measurements) on a beach tree, I cut the figure of a half moon. On the south side of the tree, I cut the figure of a half moon and a star. On a poplar tree which stood only a few feet from the beach, I cut the figure of the horseshoe again and three stars in a triangle.

"After finishing all this, I resumed my journey, for during the burial of the money and cutting of figures on the rock and trees, I had begun to feel very queer and sick and felt as if some one was peering from behind a stone and watching every move that I made, and towards the last I often whirled around quickly in order to take my watcher at unawares, and thus catch a glimpse of his face. I could not get the idea out of my head at all but fully believed and yet believe that some one was watching me, but feared to make himself known to me. So I hurriedly resumed my journey with the two now unladen mules, often looking back to see who that was following me. After I had gone what I took to be eight miles, I ascended a ridge to make observations and ascertain just which way I should go. And while gazing afar off for familiar landmarks, I was stricken totally blind. I wandered as near as I could make it out, three days and nights abandoning the mules to their fate when at last I heard a rifle shot then I shouted aloud, for then I did not care whether the owner of the rifle was Indian or white. I did not fear the Indian on the war path near as much as I did that lonely darkness in the forest. After what to me, seemed an age, I heard voices coming in my rescue. I suppose they did not mind talking and making a noise as they advanced, as I was yelling to the top of my voice all the while."

"Here Swift gives the names of the hunters who found him and conducted him out of the lonely forest to the nearest house, which was that of Rafe Catlett. There he remained about two years before he died and during the time sent out party after party to locate the silver lode and to bring in the two kegs which had already been coined. He dictated "very hills," and drew maps as well as he could, but all in vain; to this day no one has been able to locate the "mine" or buried kegs, although the search is kept up by more people than you would at first believe, even to this day.

"A thing of note in his confession, a part which I have not quoted, is that he and his companion, after coining the two kegs of silver, hid the implements which they used to coin the money with in a small cave in the bluff just above the body of silver ore, against the time in the future, when they would return again and themselves another load of silver and the implements consisted of a large ladle and two moulds for running dollars and halves, a file and some scrapiron. And a curious thing is that in

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**Famous Swift Mine**

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the year 1878, lightning struck the face of a cliff, near Olive Hill, in Carter County, Ky., and on the waters of Little Sandy River, in the region known as "the Cliffs of Sandy" and split off the cliff a great stone as large as a house and tons and tons of small pieces, and revealed a cave in the cliff in which was found moulds for dollars and halves, together with a large ladle, some rusted scraps of iron and human bones and some other relics: I've forgotten just what. Note that Little Sandy runs parallel with Big Sandy and empties into the Ohio, some 20 or 25 miles west of the mouth of Big Sandy, and the point where the moulds and ladle were blown out of the cliff by lightning must be anywhere from the main stream of Big Sandy at 70 miles up that stream to its mouth. But note again that Swift ascended the Big Sandy for 70 miles and then turned up a tributary, which came in from the west, and ascended that tributary for 12 miles to the ore deposit. Now, 70 miles up Big Sandy would put them just opposite the cliffs of Little Sandy, near the head of that river and the 12 miles which they estimated that they went up that "due west" tributary, if stretched out 25 or 35 miles, would land them very near where the ladle and moulds were blown out of the cliff by lightning, but on the waters of Little Sandy.

How we might suppose that they followed that "due west tributary" out the head and over on the waters of Little Sandy and did not notice their mistake, as it is a flat country in places near the headwaters of Little Sandy. If you assume this to be true then lightning has surely revealed the location of the rich silver deposit. It may be so, for the people who found the moulds and ladle knew nothing of Swift's confession and had nothing by which they could connect them with Swift or any one else and this confession had not been printed, and so far as I know, this is the first time it has ever appeared in print.

There is not a doubt about Swift dying in Rafe Cattlett's cabin, and if he told the truth in his confession, I can't see how any one expects to find Swift's mine in Southwest Virginia, but I can easily account for the legend extending to Southwest Virginia and even into North Carolina. Swift was a horse thief as well as a counterfeiter, and in those days there was a well organized band of horse thieves and counterfeiter's extending from the head waters of New River in North Carolina and perhaps much further south, to the hanging rock in Ohio. The trail passed through the Moccasin Gap and by Pound Gap and down Big Sandy river to its mouth thence down the Ohio to a point opposite hanging rock. Thence across the Ohio, and through that state to the wilderness of Indiana and Illinois, then the "far west frontier," and even beyond the frontier through some friendly Indian tribes to "Old Saint Louis."

Swift and many others undoubtedly traveled that trail often, and of course strewed the news of his silver mine all along the trail, and, perhaps as uncle Dock Horton explains, to account for the quantities of silver which he obtained by murdering the poor emigrants who set out from Wolf's Hills and the settlements on the Holston, for the "old settlements" in the dark and bloody ground. Many of that gang of outlaws' stopping places can be pointed out along that trail to this day. And a few places where members of the gang met violent death at the hands of the vigilance men or the honest settlers of the country, but good. Try it.

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Famous Swift Mine

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which their horse thieving and counterfeiting trail through. One such last resting place of a noted member of the gang...

There are many romantic tales told by the first settlers along that trail connected with the organized success of Swift and his counterfeiter.

This communication is growing long and I must close, and while I have not, as I've said, told one-twentieth of what I know about Swift and his mines...

are more deposits of silver in Southwest Virginia and Eastern Kentucky than the one which Swift and his companions worked.

Within a mile of the present town of Dryden, Va., there settled in Indian day, a man named Bluebock, who associated with some of the very latest Indians.

From that day to this, pieces of silver and pieces of coins and various curios have been picked up by the people in the vicinity of where Bluebock and his Indian friend mined their lead.

Now ye editors, I see that some of you have that famous mine already located and that you propose to open it soon and enjoy the proceeds yourselves...

But though Crutley cared no more for the saving of Robert Carver's property than for a butterfly's wing in China, he could not give up now, any more than he had been able to give up when he saw the girl looked out of the schoolhouse window.

It struck Crutley, even as he lay coughing and weeping with snobs that there was something splendid and large in the other's rage.

These lungs were hoarse with snobs, while the hysterical snoring which he heard from the kitchen in the neighborhood...

The Vauveles

By BOOTH TARKINGTON. Author of "The Gentleman from Indiana" and "Monsieur Beaucaire"

He could no longer hold his position on the ladder, yet Crutley knew that none of this was in Tom's mind as he stood, scorching his face and hair at the edge of the roof...

Tom stopped in the middle of a word, for which he may have received half a black stroke from the revolving angle. He wheeled toward the street and, holding his forehead in his hand, stood motionless in a strict silence.

The three men now on the long ladder—Marshall, Eugene and Will Cummings—found their position untenable for the flames, reaching all along the wall, were licking at the ladder itself...

"You had ten thousand men," he said, "and you were to be a house and married them down again!"

A head appeared above the eaves, and Marshall, then Eugene, then Cummings, came crawling over the cornice in turn to join their comrades.

It was noticed that parts of the lower ladder had been charring, and the ladder was being used to remove the men backward to the gable ridge.

And now almost simultaneously the west wall of the building and the south wall and all the southwestern portions of the roof were themselves withering and crumbling in flames...

Everybody began to shout advice to his neighbor, and nobody listened even to himself. The flames were in a great turmoil as was the crowd, while women covered their eyes.

The walls of the southernmost warehouse followed the roof, crashing in one after the other, a sacrifice pyre with its purpose consummated, and in the south end of its passing Tom Vauvrel again shaded his eyes with his hand and looked down across the street...

"There's a trap in the roof on the other side of the ridge," she said, and Crutley had a herculean effort to get down. "A stairway runs all the way down—old Nelson shoved me through those buildings yesterday—and that side of the ridge, I'm so sorry didn't think of it until a moment ago, because you could have brought the water up that way."

"How do you come up here?" Crutley asked. "There's a trap in the roof on the other side of the ridge," she said, and Crutley had a herculean effort to get down.

There were three men on the roof who were waiting for a little to get set to wait, and soon they would see what was in win, they or the fire, so they were to get down by the narrow roof of the building, out of harm's way for a time at least, and

beat the muzzes steady, watching his work. And in truth it was not long before they understood which would conquer. The southern and western portions of the building had swung on great flames that fluttered and flared on the breeze like titanic flags...

Will knew as well as did the others that there was no way but his special struck the sullen part of the chief with remorse. He turned. "I hope you'll all forgive me for getting you up here!"

Will Cummings faltered, for from the parched lips of Eugene Madrilan as he patted Tom on the shoulder...

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