

COMING SOON!!

Chapter 12


Horse Hairs in My Soup

It was a major triumph making it all the way to Florida by horse and wagon. But, it's a known fact that adversity and trouble often ride close on the heels of success. Likewise it's known that if you stick to the trail, the sunshine follows the rain.

Ride with John as Brownie draws the Photographic van down the back country roads of North Florida to our nation's oldest city, St. Augustine. Catch all the exciting details along with a few more horse hairs in the next installment.

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Photographic History Alive in Old City



A tintype touch of the 19th century has been added to the four hundred years of history preserved in St. Augustine with the appearance this week of John Coffey and his Pennsylvania farm horse Brownie pulling a wagon of vintage photographic equipment.

On the trip from Pennsylvania Coffey and Brownie traveled through farm country, camping out at night in pastures with permission of farm folk who were glad to see them.

Here in St. Augustine Coffey plans to stay awhile, selling tintype photos of historic sites and taking pictures of people in old fashioned dress.

Coffey explained that he is interested in the history of photography and is re-enacting the life of an itinerant photographer in the late 1800's. The wagon is a mobile darkroom and also carries feed for Brownie, Coffey's personal belongings, 19th century costumes, an 80-year-old 8-by-10 view camera and a kerosene lamp.

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John Coffey, tintypist, and Brownie, former plow horse from Pennsylvania, who are re-enacting the life of an itinerant photographer of the 19th century.