

THE YANKEE FAMILY

The Yankee Story

During the 1800s, there was bad feeling between the coracle men of Carmarthen and the nets-men from Ferryside. Tensions were increasing and the two communities decided to meet up in their coracles on the river, halfway between Carmarthen and Ferryside. The night was dark, and tempers flared on the river as a heated exchange of words took place. One of the Carmarthen coracle men pulled out his gun and fired a shot as a warning.



Sadly, one of the wives of the Ferryside fishermen dropped to the ground. The coracles quickly dispersed and headed back to Carmarthen town. The young man who fired the gun was kept in hiding until a ship, heading for America, left Carmarthen's busy port with the young man safely stowed away for fear of being convicted of murder.

Days later, as word travelled from Ferryside, the news arrived that the lady who fell to the ground was indeed safe and well, being heavily pregnant she had fainted at all the commotion - not murdered as the Carmarthen coracle community had thought.

By this time, the coracle man was safely on his way to America. The family he left behind in Carmarthen then became known as the 'Yankees'.