

John Fairfield, Gun for Hire

Description: Fairfield grew up in Virginia in a slave holding family and despised slavery. He helped his friend Bill, his uncle's slave, to escape and go west and from that point Fairfield became a Conductor for hire, often working up and down the Ohio River. Fairfield had great success with helping freedom seekers and once told Levi Coffin that "every slave had a right to freedom and had a perfect right to shoot down anyone who became between him and liberty."