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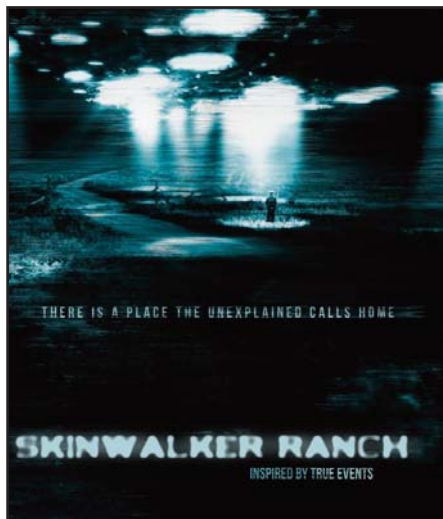
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ABOUT SSP

SSP was founded as the Capital Ghost Forum in 1996 by Kelly Weaver and remains a non-profit interest group dedicated to exploring ghosts, hauntings and other paranormal phenomenon. We have expanded our scope to include a wide spectrum of "life after life" subjects.

We conduct investigations of sites that are reported to be haunted, obtaining photographic, video, audio and other documentation using common-sense protocols designed to ensure that natural events are not mistaken for evidence of the paranormal.

Skinwalker Ranch— Ground Zero for the Paranormal



SKINWALKER RANCH (movie)

Skinwalker Ranch, also known as Sherman Ranch, is a property located on approximately 480 acres southeast of Ballard, Utah that is allegedly the site of paranormal and UFO-related activities. Its name is taken from the skin-walker of Native American legend.

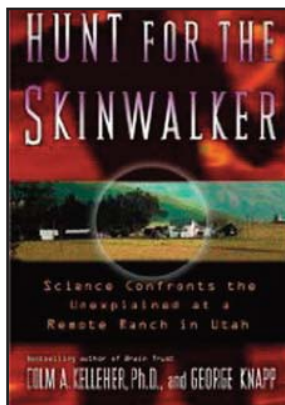
Early stories detailed the claims that a family that had recently purchased and occupied the property only to experience an array of inexplicable and frightening events. The ranch was acquired by the National Institute for Discovery Science (NIDSci) to study anecdotal sightings of UFOs, bigfoot-like creatures, crop circles, glowing orbs and poltergeist activity reported by its former owners.

The ranch was popularly dubbed the "UFO ranch" due to its ostensible 50-year history of odd events said to have taken place

there. They saw or investigated evidence of close to 100 incidents that include vanishing and mutilated cattle, sightings of unidentified flying objects or orbs, large animals with piercing yellow eyes that they say were not injured when struck by bullets, and invisible objects emitting destructive magnetic fields.

Limited Cinematic Release: October 30, 2013.

Although not shown at theaters in our area, we will be on the lookout for the DVD release.



HUNT FOR THE SKINWALKER:

Science Confronts the Unexplained at a Remote Ranch in Utah (BOOK)

For more than fifty years, the bizarre events at a remote Utah ranch have ranged from the perplexing to the wholly terrifying. Vanishing and mutilated cattle. Unidentified Flying Objects. The appearance of huge, otherworldly creatures. Invisible objects emitting magnetic fields with the power to spark a cattle stampede. Flying orbs of light with dazzling maneuverability and lethal consequences. For one family, life on the Skinwalker Ranch had become a life under siege by an unknown enemy or enemies. Nothing else could explain the horrors that surrounded them -- perhaps science could.

Leading a first-class team of research scientists on a disturbing odyssey into the unknown, Colm Kelleher spent hundreds of days and nights on the Skinwalker property and experienced firsthand many of its haunting mysteries. With investigative reporter George Knapp -- the only journalist allowed to witness and document the team's work -- Kelleher chronicles in superb detail the spectacular happenings the team observed personally, and the theories of modern physics behind the phenomena. Far from the coldly detached findings one might expect, their conclusions are utterly hair-raising in their implications. Opening a door to the unseen world around us, Hunt for the Skinwalker is a clarion call to expand our vision far beyond what we know.

Documentary About York County's Hex Case Now Being Filmed

November, 1928 in the town of York, Pennsylvania, pow-wow doctor John Blymyer believed he had a spell placed upon him by Pennsylvania witch doctor Nelson Rehmeyer.

In an effort to break the "Hex", Blymyer, along with John Curry and Wilbert Hess went to Rehmeyer's house to look for a book of spells to burn or a lock of Rehmeyer's hair to bury. When there, they encountered Rehmeyer himself and brutally murdered, mutilated and lit his body on fire.

All three men were arrested and accused of murder.

The court cases that followed gained national attention as the country was shocked to learn the existence of 20th century witchcraft.

Release Date: Undetermined, but possibly late in 2014.

You can befriend "Hex Hollow - Documentary Film" on Facebook or follow on Twitter @hexhollowmovie

HALLOWEEN HEX HAYRIDE

The Hex House was graciously opened by the owner who also happens to be the great-grandson of Nelson Rehmeyer (murder victim in the Hex Case).

We enjoyed a warm, roaring bonfire and a short film about the case on a large, outside screen. Then we piled on top of hay bales in a wagon pulled by a tractor for a short ride to the Hex House.

Very interesting to be inside and see what it looks like. We even got to see burned flooring pieces (from when the murderers tried to unsuccessfully burn the body of Rehmeyer). They are planning to also open up the upstairs of the house for touring for the hayride in 2014.



***Left:** Hex House*

***Below:** Kelly Weaver, Melissa & Craig Telesha and Damian Baughman welcome the warmth of the bonfire at the Hex Hollow Hayride.*

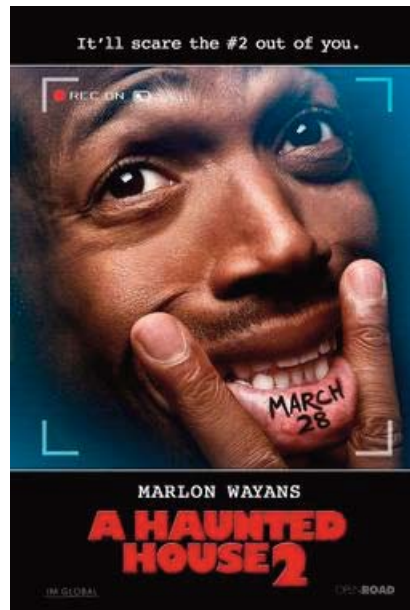


COMING TO THEATERS IN 2014

A Haunted House 2

(Sequel to the original—A Wayans Brothers spoof of the "Paranormal Activity" franchise) Marlon Wayans stars as a man plagued by paranormal events in the sequel spoof.

Release Date: March 28,



Amityville Horror: The Lost Tapes

(FICTION) Showcases the events after the time of the original *The Amityville Horror* book and movie through found footage dating back to 1976. An ambitious female television news intern, on the verge of breaking the most famous haunted house case in the world, leads a team of journalists, clergymen and paranormal researchers into an investigation of the bizarre events that will come to be known as The Amityville Horror ... only to unwittingly open a door to the unreal that she may never be able to close.

Release Date: To Be Announced

The Woman in Black: Angel of Death

(Sequel to: The Woman in Black)

The sequel will continue the story four decades later. Seized by the British government during World War II, the sudden arrival of a group of evacuated children at Eel Marsh House awakens its ghostly inhabitant.

Release Date: To Be Announced



The Allison Legend

From: phantomsandmonsters.com

Here is an intriguing tale about the "Allison" legend or Allison's Grave which is located at the Mosquito Valley Cemetery near DuBoistown, Pa. As with most ghost stories, there are many variations. Some say that the shadowy spirit seen at the cemetery is a woman who was decapitated in a plane or car crash. Others say she was a WWII nurse who died in a plane crash while traveling home. As these and other stories spread, the cemetery on Mosquito Valley Road eventually became a common destination for Halloween pranksters, enthusiasts of the paranormal, and those who were just curious.

Before the Allison legend there was a documented sighting of a "headless woman dressed in flowing white robes." This was reported in *The Columbian* (Bloomsburg, PA) on September 28, 1899.

People living in South Williamsport are greatly agitated by a strange apparition which appears nightly - that of a headless woman dressed in long, flowing white robes.

Sunday night, a young woman ran screaming into the residence of a Mrs. Houser and said that the figure had walked by her side in a lonely place along the edge of a high retaining wall skirting a dark ravine and cavorting in a most terrifying manner. A young man returning from a visit to his girl saw it in the shape of a phantom dog, which, when he kicked it, as he did repeatedly, was always far enough away to miss his foot, finally vanishing entirely, when he lost his nerve and ran home.

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So ...who was Allison?

A few clues to her identity have been found in Lycoming County court documents, land deeds, and online genealogy sites.

Her name was Edna A. (Bogert) Allison, the second wife of Herbert F. Allison. After almost 20 year of marriage, they divorced in 1958...after having one son. A local businessman, Larry Allison, who is Herbert Allison's grandson from his first marriage, has confirmed that. In the resulting divorce settlement, Edna took ownership of a rock and sand quarry business as well as a second home, both located in Nassau, The Bahamas.

In August of 1960, Herbert Allison remarried for a third time but, on January 3, 1961, he died suddenly while vacationing in Palm Beach, Florida.

According to his obituary printed in the January 5, 1961, edition of the Williamsport Sun-Gazette, 54-year-old Allison was president of Lycoming Construction Company and director of the First National Bank in Montoursville. He was buried in Twin Hills Cemetery following a private family service.

According to the records, in June 1964, Edna Allison left Williamsport on a commercial airline flight to Phoenix, Ariz. From there, she traveled to Aspen, Col., where she boarded a Cessna 310

A REAL GHOST, THEY SAY.

A Phantom Object Frightens the People of South Williamsport.

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on Sunday, June 28, for a flight to Dallas, a stopover before her final destination in the Bahamas. There, she was scheduled to attend a business conference in Nassau in connection with her business interests there, according to the article in the July 1, 1964 edition of the Sun-Gazette.

Piloting the light twin-engine plane was William Evans, 38, of McAllen, Texas. In addition to Edna, the other passengers were Ed Gorman, 38, of Dallas, and Gus Theoklis, 29, of Los Angeles. When the plane failed to arrive in Dallas, the Colorado Civil Air Patrol searched the mountainous area near Aspen, but the plane could not be located. According to the July 1, 1964 edition of the Brownsville (Texas) Herald, the search for the plane was made difficult due to heavy thunderstorms and high winds.

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Four months later, in mid-October, the plane was finally discovered in a remote high mountain area 9 miles northeast of Aspen. Edna and the three other occupants were found, still buckled into their seats. The sheriff leading the recovery efforts stated that it appeared the plane had “plunged straight down into the mountain-side.” according to the Big Spring (Texas) Herald, Monday, October 19, 1964.

Due to the badly decomposed condition of Edna’s body, her remains were cremated and returned to her family members: a brother, Howard Bogert, who also lived in Mosquito Valley, and her son, who was then an Army private assigned to Fort Belvoir, Virginia. Edna Allison’s ashes were spread at Mosquito Valley Cemetery where a small gravestone marked her memory. A large monument inscribed with the Allison name was later installed... due to the vandalism and the repeated removal of the small stone from the cemetery.

If Edna's restless spirit remains on our astral plane, let's hope that she finds peace in the near future. As for the headless woman who roams South Williamsport...finding out her identity and circumstances in life may help someone move her spirit along as well.

HVRN Corporation launches website honoring Sarah Estep

Written By: HVRN

Sarah Estep, American pioneer of the EVP research movement who passed away January 3, 2008, has a new website created in her honor. The website, www.sarah-estep.com, will feature some of her life’s work in the research field in an effort to promote and further the study of EVP, or Electronic Voice Phenomena.

Sarah is said to have a library of over 20,000 documented EVP samples and did not stop recording until her age and health prevented her from doing so. This new website, created by the HVRN Corporation, honors her legacy as well as the research itself. All monies generated by the new website will go directly to the American Association of Electronic Voice Phenomena, or AAEVP, an organization first started by Sarah Estep herself in 1982.



Sarah Estep

A Halloween Visit to Ephrata Cloister for the Mysterious, Melancholy & Macabre Tour

If you haven’t attending this event and get the chance next Halloween season, please go. We had an interesting time at Ephrata Cloister for their theatrical event.

From the event brochure:

A beckoning guide will lead you past a silent and shadowy vignette in the cemetery. Storytellers will surprise you with first-hand accounts of strange occurrences witnessed by staff, volunteers and visitors. The program will conclude with a dramatic presentation by local thespians Layne Zeiner and Debra Good Zeiner in the 1741 Meetinghouse of The Ghosts of Longmarsh Run: Three Wives of Christopher Beeler, a haunting which took place at the Cloister.

Below: An actress portrays one of the wives of Christopher Beeler.



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