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Welcome back to SSP and Welcome Spring following our winter break!

Battlefield Bed & Breakfast Gettysburg

As Valentine's Day was our 25th Anniversary, Kelly and I wanted to celebrate with a romantic weekend stay that wouldn't be too far away (given the possible hazards of winter travel) and would allow us to bring Teddy. We could not have made a better choice than the Battlefield Bed & Breakfast, just south of town along the Emittsburg Road. Over the years, we've stayed in some marvelous B & Bs in Cape May and other destinations, and we agree that this place is as fine as any we've ever visited! The hospitality is superb, the 'Breakfast' memorable and ac-



commodations first rate. Then of course, its historic (we stayed in the oldest section of the house, built in 1809 - IR shot above) and as a Civil War Headquarters and Hospital, haunted!

The Farmhouse was General Merritt's Headquarters during the cavalry battle here on the South Cavalry field. The Historic Barn Venue was a Civil War Field Hospital. The home belonged to abolitionists Anna and Cornelius Houghtelin, Vice-President of Gettysburg's Anti-Slavery Society in 1835. The Solarium contains a fireplace designed by Victorian architect Frank Furness, who was a cavalry soldier with Rush's Lancers, a distinguished unit that fought on this property. The infamous artilleryist Lt. Robert James dropped an engraved silver spoon on the grounds. President Eisenhower walked the property.

The Inn is filled with period antiques and artifacts excavated on the site, post-battle. The original rooms are a wonderful blend of rustic charm and modern amenities - you are truly transformed back in time. As the weekend we stayed was the coldest of the winter, the gas fireplaces throughout were in constant use and added to the comfort and ambiance.

Kelly and I had been here once before - not as guests but for a brief investigation of the public areas with Ray Couch's South

ern Ghosts Tour Group (who was staying here). We cannot recall exactly what the investigation revealed but I do seem to recall someone getting some credible EVP. Of course, our prime reason for visiting was relaxation (and indeed we did!) so hauntings were an afterthought. We did hear some strange noises upstairs the one evening, originally thought to be the couple in the



room above us and their dogs. However, moments later when I let Teddy out, those folks were returning with their dogs from a sniff/n/pee session. Hmm... As they do promote the place as haunted, I asked one of the innkeepers about it one morning. Her reply was she has had a few 'odd' experiences but had never seen the most commonly reported - a Union Cavalryman who has been seen in different parts of the house (depicted on the wall above) barn and property and some who claim to have seen the spirit of a little girl. Engaged on the 3rd day of the battle, Merritts Brigade suffered 1 Officer and 27 Men killed and 12 Officers, 104 Men wounded; as the barn served as a field hospital its understandable why activity has been reported here. Some of the other things observed include: a small, cold hug from the ghostly child, footsteps heard on the stairs, doors that unlock by themselves, whispers (with no source) and an ethereal lantern shining in the nearby field. (Similar encounters - including 'Lantern Man' in the Valley of Death are common around the battlefield and field hospital sites) Some even say that Cornelius Houtelin himself still watches over his former home. A few attempts at EVP during our stay yielded nothing but the number of independent reports here do tell me the place is indeed an active haunting.

As a dog-friendly Inn, most of the guest bring their furry family members; unlike our second visit to the General Sutter in Litz, Teddy had no 'dog-teasing' spirits unnerving him. I asked some of the other guests if their dogs were happy here and no one reported any issues. I do wonder if the horses in the barn, or

friendly group of barn cats (all neutered) ever have any interaction with the spirits who share the land?

We raved about our experience here for days afterward, and would recommend the Battlefield B & B to anyone with a love of history, fine accommodations, furry friends and hauntings! Check out their site at gettysburgbattlefield.com



Above: IR shot of the barn, which served as a field hospital.

Below: Amongst the games available for guests in one of the rooms of the original 1809 house was this Ouija board! Kelly opted not to experiment but did soundly rout me at checkers here!



IMPORTANT NOTICE:

**DUE TO ANOTHER EVENT AT THE MMB
MAY SSP MEETING Will
be held MON May 16**

(3rd MON of the MONTH)

**ALL OTHER MEETINGS 2ND MON of MONTH
(NO MEETING in JULY OR AUG)**

‘Exploding Teeth’ (from Phantoms & Monsters, via BBC)

Back in the 19th Century a Pennsylvania dentist wrote about a bizarre and nightmarish dental phenomenon. The first reported case of this anomalous condition was in 1817 when a clergyman from Springfield reported experiencing excruciating pain in one of his teeth that nobody was able to explain.

“During his agonies he ran about here and there, in the vain endeavor to obtain some respite; at one time boring his head on the ground like an enraged animal,” wrote Dentist WH Atkinson. Most intriguing of all however was what eventually relieved the poor Reverend of his discomfort.

“At 9:00 the next morning, as he was walking the floor in wild delirium, all at once a sharp crack, like a pistol shot, bursting his tooth to fragments, gave him instant relief,” Atkinson wrote.

Another similar case of ‘exploding teeth’ occurred 13 years later when a woman who lived nearby also experienced extreme toothache which disappeared after a sudden ‘bursting’ of the tooth.

The phenomenon was also reported in 1871 by dentist J Phelps Hibler who treated a young woman whose excruciating toothache suddenly concluded when her tooth ‘exploded’ with such force and at such high volume that it knocked her over and caused her to go deaf for several days afterwards.

One possible explanation for this bizarre condition revolves around the idea that decay within a tooth can cause a build-up of gas that eventually explodes, however Hugh Devlin, Professor in Restorative Dentistry at the University of Manchester’s School of Dentistry, has his doubts. “It is highly unlikely that gas could build up in a tooth sufficient to cause it to explode – teeth are extremely strong,” he said.

Another theory is that a combination of two different metals within a patient’s filling can potentially produce a spontaneous electrolysis effect and a build-up of hydrogen within the tooth, however there is nothing to indicate that any of the patients actually had any fillings.

MUFON Pennsylvania
West Virginia + Delaware

Erie UFO Conference at Bayfront
AGENDA
Saturday April 30, 2016

9:00 AM: Stan Gordon - Kecksburg 50th
10:15 AM: Rev. Swope & Fred Saluga - Presque 50th
11:30 AM: Lunch on your own
1:00 PM: John Ventre - My Haunted Life
2:30 PM: Nick Redfern - The Collins Elite
4:00 PM: Dr. David Jacobs - Abductions
5:30 PM: Bob Galganski - Roswell debris field

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Women In Black – Soon In Print (From Nick Redfern)

Coming very soon from Lisa Hagan Books is a follow-up book to my 2015 release, *Men in Black: Personal Stories and Eerie Adventures*. The title of the new one: *Women in Black: The Creepy Companions of the Mysterious M.I.B.* It's a book which – like my 3 books on the MIB – demonstrates that the popular image of the WIB and the MIB being “secret agents” of some equally secret agency is very far from the reality of the situation. They're way stranger.



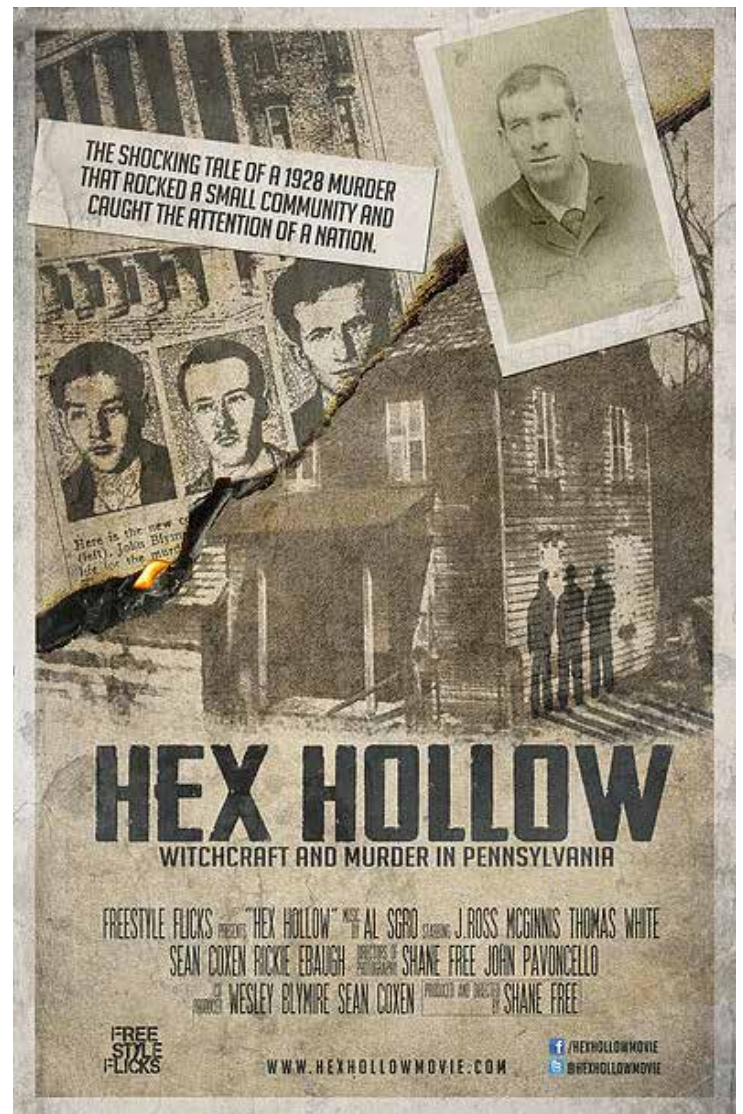
Certainly, in the world of on-screen entertainment the portrayal of the MIB and the WIB as employees of a top-secret, black-budget-style organization was presented most famously in the blockbuster 1997 movie, *Men in Black*, starring Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones. The movie, of course, focuses primarily on the two main characters (Agents J & K). However, there's also the character of Laurel Weaver. She's a Deputy Medical Examiner, played by Linda Fiorentino. In the final minutes of the movie, she's recruited into that aforementioned black-budget agency and becomes Agent L, a definitive WIB.

But, the world of Hollywood is very different to the world in which we live. The WIB are clearly not the employees of the NSA, of the CIA, of the FBI, or of any other “ABC” agency you might care to mention. Indeed, there are very good reasons to suspect they are not even human. Just like the *Men in Black*, there is something more than a bit “off” about the WIB. They're pale-faced (as in deathly pale), emotionless, and they ooze negativity and menace.

Of course, and as you might expect, the Women in Black have significant ties to the UFO phenomenon, to alien abductions, and to Contactee-based cases. But, that's not all: the Women in Black take a deep interest in other aspects of the world of the paranormal, too. My book reveals the links between the WIB and the subject of ancient alchemy. The Women in Black are part of the Mothman saga – and of other “creature”-based mysteries, too. In a number of cases, those who find themselves in the presence of the WIB quickly fall sick – sometimes with serious illnesses, both physical and mental. Some of the people I interviewed for the book suggested they may even have been “cursed” by these fearsome and fearless females.

And, also like the MIB, the Women in Black have a long and disturbing history. It's a history that extends back to at least Victorian times. Tales of “mysterious women in black” proliferate in the newspapers of the 1800s. Elusive, eerie and intent on provoking havoc, mayhem, and fear, even back then they preyed on those that immersed themselves in the field of the supernatural – just as they do today. The word “demonic” is used on more than a few occasions by those who have had the bad luck to encounter these darkly-dressed – and often near-spectral – women.

Sometimes, they turn up at the homes of eyewitnesses to paranormal phenomena wearing large, wraparound sunglasses (which help to mask their bulging eyes, but not quite enough) and what are clearly black wigs – something which provokes three words in the minds of those who have had the misfortune to encounter them: alien-human hybrids. Witnesses are plunged into states of paranoia, fearful of the possibility that the Women in Black are not just watching them, but infiltrating our entire society, step by step. When cornered, they often respond with a snake-like hiss. Shape-shifting is a major part of the story. As is the intriguing fact that the Women in Black relish lurking in old libraries and bookstores. And, with that all said, avoid them at all costs.



Finally, the *Hex Hollow Docu* is available on DVD! See the trailer at <http://www.hexhollowmovie.com/#!trailer/c20yf>