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SEMINARY RIDGE MUSEUM... HAUNTED?

This museum - the newest in Gettysburg - opened to the public on the 150th Anniversary of the battle on July 1, 2013.

Kelly and I visited the museum for the first time recently, and found it to be superb - it tells the story of the epic fighting around the Lutheran Seminary as the battle began on July 1st and the role this building ('Old Dorm', built in 1832) played before and afterwards.

Anyone who has seen the movie Gettysburg will recall the cupola being used as an observation post by Union Cavalry General John Buford as his undermanned forces struggled to delay the Confederate advance. It eventually fell into Rebel hands as the Federals fell back through town. During and after the fighting, it served as a hospital for wounded of both sides - over 600 of them. Many of these wounded drew their last breath here. (Many of the dead are listed in a book I have)

We've heard some stories of hauntings on the grounds of the Seminary over the years (Mark Nesbitt's GOG tours once had one that covered the area - allowed but not 'endorsed' by the Lutheran Seminary) but personally I cannot recall any involving 'Old Dorm' itself. Considering this was a major hospital, that is a surprise.

The day we stopped by (late August) saw few other visitors, thus we toured the upper two floors leisurely. Most of you know Kelly 'tunes herself out' when in Gettysburg, but there was one room here that not only caught her - but my attention.

On the 3rd floor, which focuses on the care of the wounded, different rooms have themes explaining its roll as a hospital. Two rooms, in particular, are quite gory - men in agony, await



treatment on a blood-drenched floor; another shows an amputation in progress and on the walls are displayed some actual bones from the limbs taken from the wounded. (Above)

However, its another room - on the northwest corner - that clearly seems to have 'something' present. (Shown below) The scene depicted involves the nurses - such as from the Sisters of Mercy - who arrived to care for the soldiers. Visually, it is not the macabre experience shown in the 'amputation' and 'waiting' rooms, but upon entering both Kelly and I quickly felt light headed. No where else in the building did we experience such a sensation, and from my perspective, in over 20 years of exploring haunted places, I can likely count on one hand the times I've had such a reaction! (Kelly quickly left the room, and after taking some pics, I followed)

I very much doubt the museum would condone any level of paranormal investigation, but based on our experience must say 'Old Dorm' still resonates with the energy of 1863 when suffering and death filled its rooms. - JDW





Kelly's Red-Tailed Hawk

On a recent afternoon, Kelly heard a thud against our front storm door; she saw it briefly, and suspected the brown object may have been a nest falling from the tree. Shortly, she heard squabbling and went to investigate - she saw a small bird fly away, but standing on the ground in front of her amongst a pile of feathers was a large red-tailed hawk. Kelly and the bird locked eyes, then he flew away. She feels certain this was a spiritual encounter from a messenger animal and subsequent research appears to confirm this - it correlates with what is transpiring in her life at the moment. She was clearly moved by this experience and suggests anyone who has unusual animal encounters should research the meaning behind them - there is a lot we can learn from our animal friends.



MECHANICSBURG HAUNTINGS OCT 28

SSP Founders Kelly & John Weaver will offer a presentation on Mechanicsburg/Regional Hauntings at the Joseph T Simpson Library on Oct 28 at 7pm.

Event is Free, but registration is requested Call 717 766 0171 or go to http://www.cumberlandcountylibraries.org/SIM_Ghosts_OCT15

Next SSP meeting is Oct 12

Cops Share True “On Duty” Ghost Stories (via “Phantoms and Monsters”)

The Shadow Woman

“I related this before, but I as part of my Reserve training, I had to pull a 12-hour shift in Corrections. Our county facility is old, old, old... Anyway, it was med-call, so the nurse had opened the little clinic, and we went to each cellblock and had inmates line up to get their meds. After that was finished, the nurse left, the clinic was closed, and all of the inmates were back in their blocks. I secured the last block, and as I turned back towards the clinic, I saw the shadow on the floor of someone crossing back to the clinic. I dashed around the corner, thinking an inmate had managed to avoid being secured and was sneaking into the clinic. There was no one there. The shadow had been absolutely distinct. One of the other COs laughed and said, “Oh, that’s just Miss Rose. She’s been hanging around here for years!”

Shudder It creeped me out pretty good...”

The Shadow Walker

“I was sitting in the flat of a hill, monitoring traffic. It was about 2-3 am. Where I was sitting; its a well known spot where an unsolved murder victim was found about 26 years ago. No other officers would sit here, even though citizens are constantly doing 15-20mph over the limit in this area.

As I was sitting there I saw a shadow cross the back of my unit, coming from the passenger side. Almost immediately afterwards the shadow came up the driver side of my unit then across the front. Mind you it’s completely dark in this area, and the only lighting around me is from the moon.

Thinking the worse, I turn on all my lights to light up the area to see if I can see who, or what is around me. — Nothing.

I figured it was time to leave that area. Once I got to a lighted area I stopped and realized that my camera was recording from where I hit my emergency lights. I reviewed the footage and you can see where a figure starts from the driver front of my unit, then for a half a second the entire camera goes black, as if someone put their finger over the lens, then it goes back to normal.

Needless to say, I haven’t sat back in that spot.”

Grandma’s Back

“When I was a municipal cop, I was sent to a missing person/runaway juvenile call. The town I worked in was inner city and poor, but it was one of the better streets in town and the family was squared away (the husband and wife were both educators).

While I was taking the report of their runaway teenage daughter in the family’s living room, an older daughter who was in the room pointed toward a hallway and yelled, “Grandma!” The husband ran into the hallway yelling, “Ma, Ma!” The husband returned to the living room, and asked, ‘Officer, did you see her? Did you see my mother?’ I told him I had not, and asked him why it was remarkable that his mother had walked down the hallway. The husband replied, ‘She died last year. We see her walking around the house all the time.’

I took the rest of the report while standing on the front porch.”



Above: This creepy Pachyderm Medusa is one of the vast collection at Mr. Eds Elephant Museum on Rt 30 in Orrtanna (near Cashtown). 12,000+ elephant figurines can be seen in this quirky FREE attraction! (Their gift shop features awesome roasted peanuts, candy and other goodies) Many other elede-lights await outside (below) - we loved it! www.mistereds.com



Black Mirror Gazing Workshop with Rosemary Ellen Guiley Fri. 10/23/2015, Sat. 10/24/2015 9:00-10:30pm

Experience the ancient art of black mirror gazing, or scrying, with metaphysical/paranormal expert and SSP favorite Rosemary Ellen Guiley, author of *The Art of Black Mirror Scrying*. Using gentle meditation, Rosemary guides you through your journey into the astral realms that await: past, future, contact with the dead, and more. Individual experiences will vary, but whatever the mirror reveals, it will be a night to remember! Black mirrors will be provided, or you can bring your own. Seating is limited.

Contact: Ghosts of Gettysburg, 271 Baltimore Street,
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www.ghostsofgettysburg.com
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Kelly will be attending this event on Sat 10/24 - we look forward to seeing Rosemary for the first time in over a year!



SEPT 26, 2015 COLUMBIA, PA.

Free lectures on the unexplained with guest speakers including: Rick Fisher - Chris Vera - Kelly Weaver - Rene Kruse - Mark Nesbitt - Sharon Hill - Kenny Biddle - Ghost Detective Bob Christopher with Dave Juliano - Brian Keane
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HEX HOLLOW (Documentary)

Witchcraft and Murder in PA November, 1928.

In the town of Stewartstown, PA, (York Co.) Pow-wow doctor John Blymire believed he had a curse placed upon him by fellow Pow-wow doctor and farmer Nelson Rehmeyer.

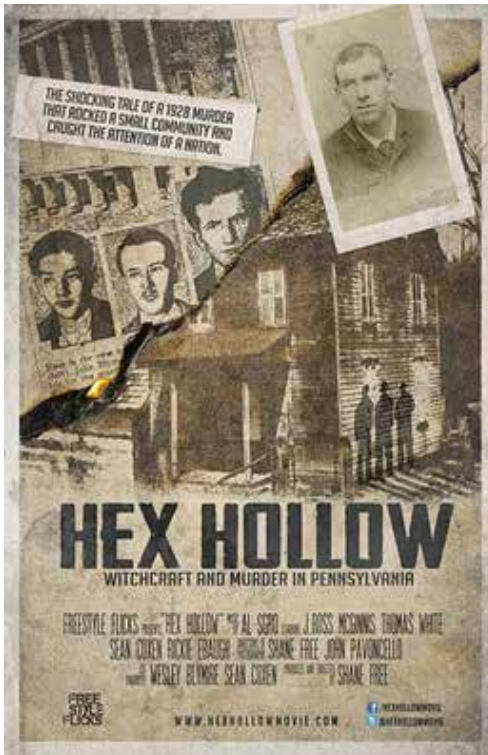
To break the "Hex", Blymire, along with John Curry and Wilbert Hess needed to get Rehmeyer's book of spells and a lock of his hair and bury it 6 feet in the ground. When they confronted Rehmeyer, a struggle took place and the three men brutally murdered Rehmeyer and set his body on fire.

All three men were arrested and charged with murder. The court cases that followed gained national attention as the country was shocked to learn the existence of 20th century witchcraft.

Advance Screening! Nov.7th, Strand Capitol Theater, York, PA

The first screening for "Hex Hollow" will be taking place Saturday, Nov. 7th, at 2pm and 7:30pm. Tickets will be available to subscribers after Labor Day and then open to the public a week after that. There will be a VIP ticket option as well for those who want to attend a reception after the screening. Details TBA.

Below: The actual 'Hex House' that Craig, Melissa, Kelly and I visited during a special Halloween season event in 2013. (Photos were not allowed inside the house, which was indeed 'creepy'!)



PLAN TO GET YOUR SPOOK ON THIS HALLOWEEN SEASON

SCARE AFFAIR

Lebanon County Historical Society at Union Canal Park
Park located at 25th & Union Canal Drive, Lebanon,
Scare Affair at the Union Canal Tunnel Park

October 16 & 17, 23 & 24, 2015. 6:00 to 9:00 PM

The Tunnel Park will be alive with the frightening sounds of Halloween. Witches will be stirring their brew of snakes, snails, and frog legs. Unearthly rides through the gloomy tunnel will depart every 25 minutes. Who knows what awaits the frightened riders on the other side of the black cavern. Beware the ghosts and goblins that lurk in the darkness!

There will be ghoulish games for the children to play while they wait for the rides. Food and drinks will be available to sustain the brave souls as they ride through the tunnel. If thoughts of such happenings make you shiver, please bring your flashlight. Round up the whole family and share the scare!

Boat Rides are \$8.00 for adults

\$4.00 for children 6 to 18 — under 6 Free

Promoted by the Friends of the Union Canal Tunnel Park of the Lebanon County Historical Society. For info call (717) 272-1473.

GHOST TOURS OF THE HARRIS-CAMERON MANSION

Dauphin County Historical Society

Harris-Cameron Mansion

219 South Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17104

Friday, October 30

Spooky stories of unusual happenings in Harrisburg's history are told in the dimly lighted mansion. Times to be announced. Keep checking the website closer to Halloween at: dauphin-countyhistory.org

ROCK FORD PLANTATION

881 Rock Ford Road, Lancaster

For more information, go to: rockfordplantation.org

Sleepy Hollow: The Legend Comes to Rock Ford

October 2, 9 & 16 Performance Times: 7:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m. & 9:00 p.m.

This interactive 45-minute play performed to sold-out audiences in the mansion. Follow Ichabod Crane, Brom Bones, Katrina Van Tassel and Squire Van Tassel from room to room on the first floor of the candlelit mansion as they transport guests to the Van Tassels' home and weave a tale based upon the legend of the Headless Horseman of Sleepy Hollow. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED.

Saturday, October 24 * 6:30 p.m. - Midnight

The 6th Annual Headless Horseman's Ball

Rock Ford's largest fundraising party of the year. Held in the Barn and Special Event Tent, guests will enjoy music and dancing, fabulous food, an auction of enchanting items and experiences, and much more during this gala evening! Costumes optional. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED.



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