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"ROO's" BOOS - Notes from Kelly

I'm so happy to see this beautiful weather! It seems like we've had an extra long winter this year. I know John had been restless to get back to Gettysburg on a regular basis and has made several trips there in the last month. He's taken some wonderful photos and possibly captured another 'shadow figure' on the battlefield, as well as more EVP.

We had a great time at Rick's Paranormal conference in April. The presenters were fascinating and Bube's Brewery was a great place to hold the event. As usual, Rick did a good job planning the day. (Pic from conference @ right shows presenters Kelly Weaver & Rosemary Ellen Guiley sharing a moment with SSP members Deb Snyder, Laura Shank & Melissa Griffith)



If you remember, last month at the meeting I had to tell you that our featured speaker for Spirit Day, Jeff Fraizer, had to cancel due to an illness in the family. Respected and sought after author and presenter, **Rosemary Ellen Guiley** was able to clear her schedule to be our featured speaker for the day!

She will do an *out of this world presentation* on Shadow People. Get ready to sleep with the lights on! (I'm serious)

She presented this topic at Rick's conference and I cannot wait to see it again. As a researcher, her knowledge of all things paranormal rivals that of anyone in the field and as a writer, the quality and volume of her work is remarkable! Rosemary will have many of her books for sale that day.

We have many exciting topics to share with you during the day and I hope all of you can make it on Saturday May 19.

Please remember to bring flowers and tablecloths to the event. We always like to have the room as festive as possible and it adds a nice touch to the day. There is, as usual some delicious food for dinner. Some people like to come just to eat! The cost is only \$10.00 and a food or beverage donation for the dinner. If you have already started your Spring-cleaning, please bring any items to donate for our **White Elephant** sale.

Please do not bring clothing. Accessories are OK. Have all items marked and ready for sale when you arrive. There will also be a silent auction. As in the past, we have some neat items for you to purchase. Please support SSP with our annual Spirit Day in May fundraiser -- *Hope to see you there!* - Kelly

The Harrisburg Cemetery

John and I attended an evening at the Harrisburg Cemetery on May 2 that promoted tourism in Buck's County. We represented SSP along with other businesses and organizations from the Harrisburg area. The cemetery was a beautiful backdrop for the evening. We were surrounded by gorgeous trees, lofty monuments and a boatload of history. The evening ended with a picturesque sunset along the Capitol building.

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I want to plan an afternoon with the group for an historic walk in the cemetery this summer. There is so much history to explore. Maybe a few spirits will join us?

The theme for the evening was a New Orleans funeral, complete with a jazz band, jambalaya, tarot card reading in the

vault, and a black-veiled widow strolling among the Victorian-era graves. Everyone was treated to a horse and carriage ride among the flowering trees and monuments. We were able to network and promote SSP while enjoying a serene, springtime evening. In next month's newsletter we will have a Sunday afternoon to offer everyone a day in the cemetery to explore the rich history of many "Movers and Shakers" from Harrisburg (and beyond).

A bit of Harrisburg Cemetery's History

The cemetery was chartered in 1845 by an act of the State Legislature, and an historic treasure of the area, is listed in the National Register of Historic Places; an honor testifying to its importance! It is the oldest and largest cemetery within Harrisburg city limits.

Prior to its existence the dead were buried in either small family plots or church grounds which were scattered throughout Harrisburg. As Harrisburg grew it became evident that there was a need for a public place to bury the dead. A group of citizens got together, purchases twelve acres of land (which is now 35) to establish a new Cemetery for the city.

The cemetery has been maintained in a park-like atmosphere and is a beautiful place to take a walk and have some quiet time.

The caretaker's house just inside the gate (which John and I visited on Sunday) is an example of Gothic Revival Architecture. It is built in a shape of a cross with respect to floor plan layout. The brick structure is two and one-half stories high.



Current resident John Bry is restoring the Caretaker's House (seen at night above) to its former glory. Note the "spirits" exiting the front door which are of course the by-product of a long exposure - JDW

At the event, John and I were introduced to a gentleman who grew up in the home with his grandparents. They were caretakers of the cemetery for many years. He shared a lot fond memories of growing up in this historic home.

The romantic architecture that can be seen throughout the home complements the Cemetery's overall appearance.

Some of the well-known people who are buried in the cemetery are from the American Revolution, The War of 1812, The Mexican and Civil War, respected people from the government, the Arts, Sciences and other Civic leaders.

From 1830-1930, mortuary art flourished. For the first time, people had the space to erect creative monuments that was unavailable to them in churchyards. Symbolism is extensive on the monuments. Much of it is religious in nature, but also popular were symbols relating to a person's trade or craft. Styles cover the entire range of architectural styles from Classical to naturalistic. Gothic, Egyptian, and Art Deco are all represented in this lovely cemetery.

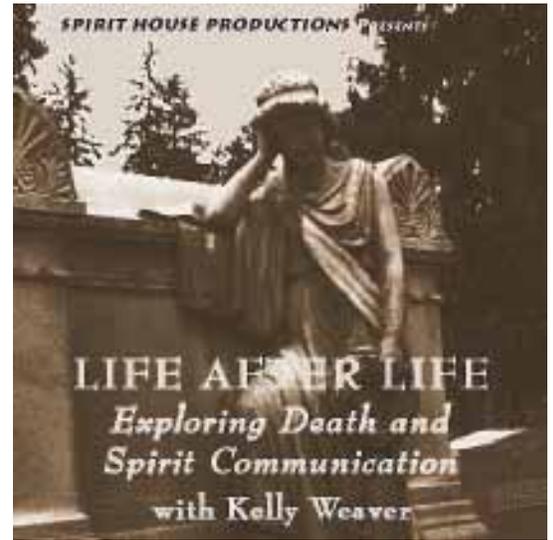
At the beginning of the 20th century there were cast iron fences

around some family plots. Accompanying the fences were usually a cast iron bench and urn. Years of neglect, vandalism, and theft have caused the loss of many of these pieces of art. However, you will not be disappointed by the structures that still remain.

Stay tuned for our walking tour this summer! (Pic @ rt taken in one of the HC's many ornate mausoleums.)



The fascinating subject of After Death Communication, including interesting superstitions along with historical facts about death, is the focus of, "Life After Life", a new DVD from Kelly Weaver / Spirit House



Productions. It ends with a soothing meditation to help you connect with your loved ones on the other side. Life After Life (along with Kelly's new *Meet Your Angels* and *Discover Your Past Lives* Meditation CDs) will be available this summer at Mark Nesbitt's Ghosts of Gettysburg Headquarters on Baltimore Street and through www.kellysmagicalgarden.com.

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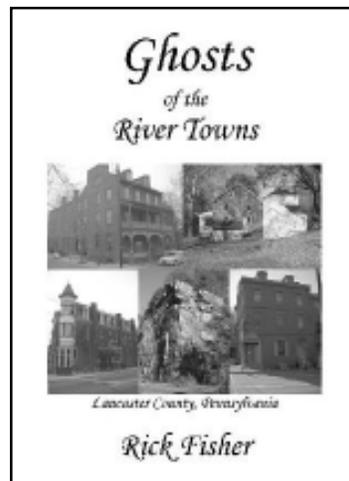
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Opinions & Observations by JDW

Strange Co-incidence: The weekend Troy Taylor brought his annual spring tour to Gettysburg, the weather was clear, dry but abnormally (and bitterly) cold for the first weekend in April! On Saturday morning (after I divided the group to re-create the approach of Iverson's brigade on a wind whipped Oak Ridge in conditions more appropriate for the battle of Stalingrad) we were driving back from Sachs Bridge when I jokingly suggested to Troy that we let the group climb Longstreet Tower (which we were approaching) for a fine view of the battlefield! While that was quickly laughed off, Derek Bartlett (of CAPRS) mumbled something, wondering if anyone had ever jumped off the towers. Ironically, the following Tuesday, it was announced that some students from Quebec found the body of an Annapolis, MD woman who had leaped from the Longstreet Tower in what they determined was a suicide. (No note was mentioned but one can infer such a note was found.) With suicides often leading to confused and still earthbound spirits, might there be one more -- or at least some negative residual energy -- lingering about that tower? (Also rather strange is the photo we chose for Kelly's recently released *Meet Your Angels & Spirit Guides CD* was one I took of geese at sunset near Sherfy's Peach Orchard last fall. The Longstreet tower is silhouetted in the background!)

One of the isolated areas I have been visiting at Gettysburg regularly is a spot near Willoughby Run where the 26th NC gallantly attacked the 24th MI of the famed Iron Brigade in some of the most vicious fighting of the war. I have recorded several voices there and my goal is to gain some "familiarity" with whoever might be present. (This was one of the places I took Troy's group) A couple weeks ago late on a Saturday afternoon, I was shooting with an IR filter when I noticed a dark form that seemed to stand out in the image; I took another shot and it was not present. Sensing "someone" might be there, I immediately asked if anyone from the 26th NC was present; in reviewing the tape a simple "Yes Surh" response is heard. I've been experimenting with an IR filter for some time after Rick Fisher had spoke with me about it, and I think in this photo (rt) I may have captured something, but cannot rule out a natural light/shadow pattern.



Hey Ed O - wanna Haunted Febreeze can?
 - During Kelly's first "Dinner with a Medium" event of the season, a couple members of the staff

at Alfred's Victorian related how the Febreeze in the men's toilet stall (rt) has twice "gone off on its own"! Of course, objects being moved and electronics affected are amongst the typical things reported here, but haunted activity affecting a room spray? Can these go off on their own? Stay tuned!



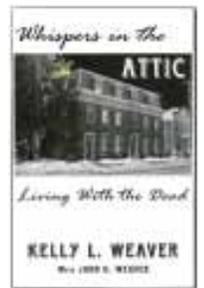
PA Paranormal Conf. Notes: Originally, I had intended to review Rosemary Ellen Guiley's fascinating PPC presentation on Shadow People, but with the great news that her schedule now allows her to also bring it to Spirit Day, there is no need to. This is something so good you simply don't want to miss it!

Thanks again to Rick Fisher for another great event! The location was well received by everyone, both attendees and presenters and Rick has just informed me Bube's will again host next year's PPC. - JDW

HAUNTED AMERICA CONFERENCE with Troy Taylor and the AGS June 22-23 at the Lincoln Theater in Decatur IL. Speakers include Troy, Derek Bartlett, Vince Wilson, Jeff Belanger & John Weaver. Kelly Weaver will be hosting another seance in the theater Friday night. Details on line at: www.prairieghosts.com/conference.html



Whispers in the Attic - Living With The Dead by Kelly Weaver Now in its second printing, Kelly's account of her life as a medium and ghosthunter is available locally from Civil War and More in Mechbg., Borders Books in Camp Hill and Mark Nesbitts Ghosts of Gettysburg HQ. Available online through Amazon.com and Troy Taylor's History & Hauntings Book Co. Kelly's second book is coming in fall 2007.



Ghosts, Legends, Mysteries and Rogues of Mechanicsburg by Melissa Griffith Melissa is the SSP Activities Director, an investigative team member and a regular contributor to our newsletter with her "Musings of a Ghost Adventurer" Column. Her book can be purchased locally at Civil War and More bookstore on Market Street in Mechanicsburg.



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MUSINGS OF A GHOST ADVENTURER

By Melissa Griffith

Taking a break from her usual column due to a busy schedule selling her house and buying one with fiance Craig (Congrats, guys!) Melissa has shared one of her fictional works with us this month. Here is the conclusion of "The Path that MUST BE".

"Look. If you allow me to stay—just a few weeks—I go with you willingly. I won't give you any trouble. Otherwise, I'll be wasting your time here this evening."

"A few weeks could change everything, could change the course of the Paths That Must Be."

Pamela couldn't help but guffaw. "We're an average, normal American family. What could possibly change *that* much? What could we do in a few weeks ... or *ever* for that matter, which could change the course of history or the world or even our own family?"

"You'd be surprised." Death put his head in his hands. "What am I going to do with you, Pamela Daniels?"

"I'll make you a deal." She offered. "In six weeks, you come for me again and I'll go voluntarily, if you promise to not take anyone else in my immediate family."

"I can't promise that." He said.

A look crossed his face and he began paging through the old book.

"What are you doing?" She asked.

"Uh-huh. Okay. Well, looks like I *can* promise that. No one in your family is due for enlightenment for decades."

"So ... it's a deal?" She asked, hopeful.

Death sighed, contemplated.

"There's just no protocol for this sort of thing. As I said, I've never had anyone refuse to be enlightened before. It might get me in trouble with *Him*."

"Please," she pleaded, "Just a few more weeks, a few precious moments, time to prepare them. Please."

"Well, you *are* wasting my time and I *do* have a full load tonight."

"Oh, please. Please, I promise I'll go next time. I will."

"You will?"

"Yes, yes. And you'll take *only* me, right? No one else in my family? Just me?"

Death slammed the book closed, tucked it back in its spot inside his coat. He stared out the window in thought. Finally, he turned to Pamela.

"Okay. In six weeks, I'll be back and you *must* come with me. No resistance."

"I promise. And you'll take only me. No one else in my family."

"I promise."

The next six weeks went by in a blur for Pamela. She cherished every moment with her children, husband and parents.

She savored the taste of food, the feel of taking a hot bath, relished the way everything smelled, tasted, felt.

All too soon, the night came when Pam knew Death would return for her. Perhaps her plan would work, perhaps it wouldn't; but she had to try.

Pamela Daniels awoke with a strange feeling. The room was dark, darker than usual. She could barely make out the familiar surroundings. She could feel the warmth of Brad's body beside her and hear the faint growl of his snoring.

Suddenly, Death was kneeling beside her bed, touching her hand.

"It's time to go, Pamela." He said softly.

"I'm sorry. I can't." She whispered.

"You promised you'd come. No arguments."

"And you promised you'd take only me."

"And I'll keep my promise."

Pamela gently rubbed her belly. "I'm pregnant. You can't take the baby. You can't take anyone in my family. Not tonight."

Pam worried that Death would be upset, that he'd exact some type of horrible revenge. She feared his wrath.

Instead, unbelievably, he smiled. He placed his hand atop of her own which rested on her stomach.

"Aren't you angry with me?" She asked. "I tricked you."

He leaned close to her ear and whispered, "I told you. There are no mistakes. Everything is as it must be. Every moment, every decision—wrong or right—takes the correct path. The Path That Must Be. *Everything* is planned in minute detail. There are no mistakes."

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