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"ROO's" BOOS - Notes from Kelly

Summer is now in full swing and I hope all of you are enjoying yourself as much as John, and I. We had the pleasure of joining a few friends at a great B&B over the Fourth of July weekend. We met Craig and Melissa Telesha, Laura Shank and her daughter, Dominique, Rick Fisher and his girl friend, Marilyn and Rosemary Ellen Guiley. Craig and Melissa hosted the gang for a relaxing stay at Abigail's Rest, a beautifully restored 1800s farmhouse located just outside scenic Abbotstown.

The Inn is said to be haunted by 2 ghosts: An old ship's Captain who lived in the house with his wife in the 1970s after retiring from the sea, and a little girl whom the Captain and his wife reportedly had encounters with. In the early morning hours of Friday, I could hear a woman sweetly singing in our first floor bedroom in a part of the house added in more recent times. Laura (who had a rather creepy room on the third floor, complete with a strange doll and doll house that looked like the Addam's family's) heard band music playing on the same night. On Friday evening we decided to have a séance. I have not checked my tapes as of today, but I would not be surprised if we captured something during our stay.

The Inn has just sold and will now be a private residence. I wonder what the new residents will experience, given that for several years only temporary residents (guests) stayed here.

We really enjoyed our stay, thanks to Craig and Melissa and I don't think I laughed that hard in ages! (Ask me in private and I can share one particular reason why!)



Above: "Abigail's Rest" - A Haunted 19th Century Farmhouse near Abbotstown, PA. Below: Kelly connects with "someone" at Iverson's Pits on July 2



John was in his glory since he always spends time in Gettysburg on the anniversary of the battle, and we were staying only 12 miles away. John, Rosemary and I visited the battlefield on Wednesday evening. We attempted to use Rosemary's "Mini Box" ITC device, but at most locations had problems getting adequate AM stations to allow it to do its scanning.

It was a rather quite night but I could feel the spirits were in full force. At Iverson's Pits (somehow John convinced me to stop there, though I've never felt comfortable after certain encounters in the past) I sensed the presence of someone named "Roger". (This is not the same entity that has tripped and pushed me there in past years.) When I mentioned this name, John was quick to tell me he recorded what seems to be the same name when prompting responses here in March 07. He will play the name along with some more recent

EVPs from different parts of the battlefield tonight.

Several visits later during the weekend made John a happy man! As all of you know he loves the history and the battlefield itself (along with its paranormal secrets), thus so many chances to explore it in one week was his version of paradise!

THROUGH THE
VICTORIAN KEYHOLE

*A Series of Culinary & Visionary Encounters with Kelly Weaver
 Presented at Alfred's Victorian, 38 N. Union St. Middletown, PA*



Dinners held monthly.
 Next event:
 July 23rd @ 7pm
 "TALK TO THE ANIMALS"
 Details at
www.kellysmagicalgarden.com
 Reservations 717 944 5373

COMING AUG. 30th 10am-5pm AT CHICKIES PARK
 NEAR COLUMBIA, PA:

PARANORMAL DAZE

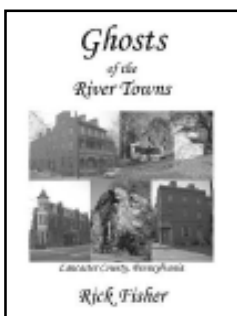


Join PSP Founder Rick Fisher, SSP's Kelly Weaver and Melissa Telesha (shown above at Chickies Pavilion) and others for Presentations, Picnicking and A Dowsing Workshop at this beautiful (and haunted!) setting!

Rick will share tales from his book "Ghosts of the River Towns" and later lead a dowsing workshop, Melissa will speak about local outdoor haunted locations and Kelly will offer advice on protection during paranormal investigations.

- Cost is only \$5 per person, plus a food item to share.
- All Proceeds benefit the National Museum of Mysteries and Research Center.

Complete details available on flyers at SSP meetings, or the "EVENTS" page at www.spiritsocietyofpa.com

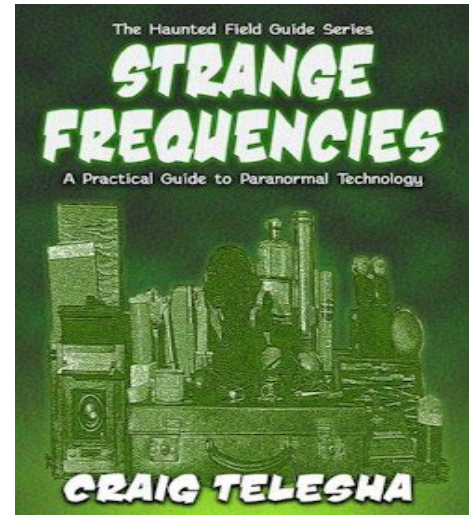


GHOSTS of the RIVER TOWNS by Rick Fisher

No one knows more ghost stories from Lancaster County's river towns of Columbia, Marietta & surrounding areas than PSP founder Rick Fisher, and his first book is full of fascinating accounts from this historic and haunted region. Rick's book will be available at *Paranormal Daze* in Aug.

*New from Troy Taylor's Whitechapel Press
 Haunted Field Guide Series -
STRANGE FREQUENCIES: A Practical Guide to Paranormal Technology by Craig Telesha*

Congratulations to long time SSP member Craig Telesha for a great addition to contemporary paranormal literature! Craig's knowledge of the workings of electronics technology and how it can be applied to paranormal investigations has been invaluable to SSP for several years - Now, a broader audience will benefit from his knowledge. *Strange Frequencies* is available from Craig personally or through Troy Taylor's Whitechapel press at <https://www.prairieghosts.com/ghh.html>.



Ghosts, Legends, Mysteries & Rouges of Mechanicsburg is again available! By popular demand Melissa Telesha's great little book has been re-published and is available at Civil War and More in Mechanicsburg. (717 766 1899) Stop and see SSP member Jack Thomas for a great selection of books on regional hauntings and of course, Civil War and other history.



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PHOTOS & COMMENTS FROM ABBOTTSTOWN AND GETTYSBURG by JDW



Would you attend a scenace with these two women at the board?
Well, some of us did and not a one of us had to be bitch-slapped to avoid demonic posession!

During our recent stay at the haunted Abottstown farmhouse, an impromptu decision was made to use the OUIJA board Friday night. Of course, with several experienced paranormal investigators present, there was a multitude of video camcorders, audio recorders, EM meters and other equipment to document the event, but not one single OUIJA Board. The irony of all this is one of those present - Rick Fisher - has perhaps one of the country's largest collection of "talking boards" (which will be part of the NMMRC), but had not brought one along as it was not in the plans. No OUIJA Board? No Problem! After a trek to the York Toys R Us, one was found and presented to Rosemary by Rick as a birthday gift. It even glowed in the dark!

Given my scope of interests, one particular thing that came thru in the session invovled Rosemary visualizing a soldier in gray with a floppy hat and bandanna around his neck. Now, we were closer to Hanover (5 miles) than Gettysburg (12 miles) and a sizable skirmish involving CSA and Federal Cavalry occured there on June 30, 1863. (Confederate losses were around 9-10 men) Earlier in the day, we had also passed thru East Cavalry Field at Gettysburg where Stuarts men also fought, so this may have impacted what Rosemary saw as well. Some compelling responses came from the board, including one when I asked if he served under "Beauty", a nickname the flamboyantly dressed Stuart earned early in his military career. The board spelled out most of the letters in his full name, James Ewell Brown Stuart, and also a curious number: 8. I orginally suspected this might be a regiment, but the 8th VA Cavalry, which had been part of Jenkins Brigade, was left behind in VA when Lee's march north began. Rosemary (and Laura, who had relieved Kelly at the board) both said the 8 was very strong, but its significance is still a mystery.



Left: IR shot from the area of the Bliss Farm, looking toward the Union line on Cemetery Ridge, taken 6/28/08. I have previously recorded some responses here, where the barn, house and other buildings were burned early on July 3 1863 to prevent further use as a sharpshooters lair. (The site changed hands several times, with the primary units fighting here being Posey's brigade of Mississippians from AP Hill's Corps and the 12th NJ, 14th CT & 1st DE from Hancock's 2nd Corps. I had not been out here in over a year, but was amazed how much the re-planted orchard had grown. I captured several EVPs here on 6/28 and a couple more on July 3 after getting only a few questionable ones previously. One very curious one seems to be saying "Goodnight" (although it was recorded in the afternoon). Like the area around Plum Run where I have been attempting regular contact with the spirits of the gallant 1st MN, the

area of the Bliss Farm (only part of the barn foundation remains) is very quiet, and suitable for EVP work at any time of day or year.

Right: Rick, Rosemary and Craig with Rosemary's "Mini-Box" on Bushman Hill, site of Farnsworth's ill-fated Cavalry charge against the CSA right late on July 3. Strangely, we had a hard time finding places on the battlefield with an adequate number of AM stations to allow the box to scan properly. (One of the few where it did was near Willoughby Run when Rosemary, Kelly and I were there the prior evening).

As Kelly writes in her column, the battle anniversary has always been a special time for me, and it's even better to share it with good friends. - JDW

