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"ROO's" BOOS - Notes from Kelly

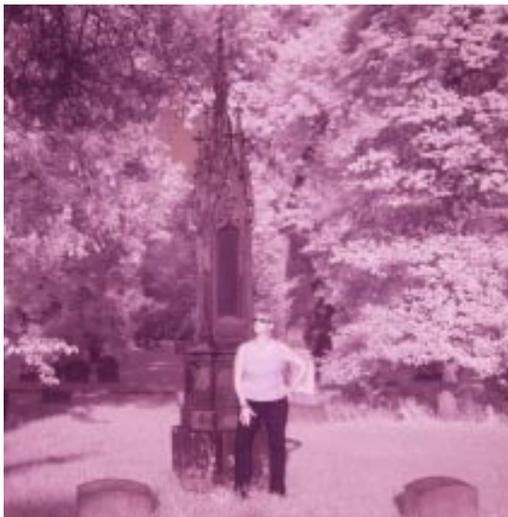
Even though it is only August, John and I have been working on Halloween festivities to take place at the Harrisburg Cemetery this year. The Cemetery Association, along with the Historic Harrisburg Association are sponsoring the event as a fundraiser. John and I will be representing SSP at the vault sharing true ghost tales and stories and evidence from our investigations in the mid-state area. The event will feature Crystal the Tarot Card reader, a self-guided candlelight tour of both the Harrisburg and the Harrisburg East cemeteries plus a horse drawn hearse for the visitors. They are offering a free shuttle bus to take guests between the two activities. The Harrisburg site is the final resting place of many prominent local, state and national figures. The tour is entitled "*Here Lies Harrisburg*".

In the Harrisburg East Cemetery there will be food vendors. The Caretakers home, located at the Harrisburg East site will be open to the public.

We are asking for anyone who would like to volunteer their time to the tour, please let me know tonight or via E-mail. We are looking for glasses/jars to hold votive candles for the weekend. They estimate they will have over 500 candles lighting your path. They will need people to help light (and keep lit) the candles. "HLH" is open to the public and will take place 7-10pm on **Oct. 26 and 27th**. We will have detailed information next month in our newsletter and handouts. Help us support the Cemetery and their spooky weekend! A website is being developed for the event and we'll have a link from the SSP site as soon as Here Lies Harrisburg is online.

Harrisburg Cemetery Investigation will take place on Sat., Sept. 22.

Join Kelly (Shown at Rt with a spectacular and unusual metal monument), John and others at this hauntingly beautiful cemetery! If you've always wanted to take part of a paranormal in-



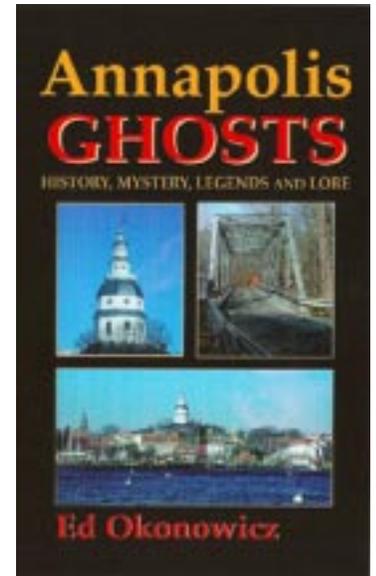
vestigation, here is your chance. This is for serious individuals only! No children under 18 will be allowed. There is a sign up sheet for the investigation at the sign in table. I will be breaking people up into small groups that will have at least one sensitive (if possible) per team. You will be given layouts and certain areas to investigate. This will be well organized and serious.

You will need your good walking shoes & a bright flashlight, plus, of course, whatever ghosthunting gear you have (cameras, camcorders, audio recorders, EM meters, etc)

We are asking that you bring some snacks/non alcoholic beverages that will be set up on the porch. We will begin the evening at 8:30 in the front of the caretaker's house.

We plan on working for a few hours on this project. If you are interested or want to learn more about how to do a paranormal investigation, please register for the evening.

New from Ed Okonowicz: After Ed O's excellent *Baltimore Ghosts* it was only logical for this splendid storyteller to publish a selection of tales on haunts and history in Maryland's Capital city! In *Annapolis Ghosts*, you'll learn about a phantom funeral procession, the ghostly gravedigger-headless man, State House death, ghosts at Governor's Bridge, witchcraft in Maryland, John Paul Jones' tomb, haunted mansions, apparitions at St. John's College . . . and more! Kelly and I just love Annapolis as a day trip or weekend destination and reading Ed's latest book makes me yearn for another visit in the near future!

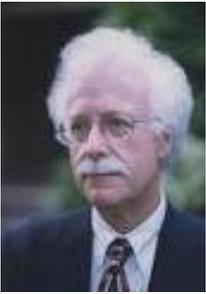


Many SSP members know Ed Okonowicz from his appearances at our Spirit Day, Kelly's IGH Conferences, Rick Fisher's PA Paranormal Conferences and other events. Anything Ed O does -- in print or in speech -- is first rate and this book continues that tradition. - JDW

Annapolis Ghosts and Ed's other books can be purchased online at www.mystandlace.com and amazon.com. Locally, they are available at Mark Nesbitt's Ghosts of Gettysburg HQ.

Coming Sat. October 20, 2007 S.E.A.R.C.H. Presents:

•**Featured Speaker: Renown Alien Abduction Researcher DR. DAVID M. JACOBS, Ph. D.**



David M. Jacobs, Ph.D. is Associate Professor of History at Temple University specializing in twentieth century American history and culture. Dr. Jacobs began researching the controversy over unidentified flying objects in America in the mid 1960's, and has amassed over 38 years of primary research data and analytical hypotheses on the subject.

Since 1973 Dr. Jacobs has continued to devote most of his professional and personal energies to researching the UFO phenomenon in general, and the abduction phenomenon in particular. Having conducted nearly 900 hypnotic regressions with over 140 abductees, Dr. Jacobs is one of the foremost UFO abduction researchers worldwide. As a result of his extensive primary research, he has developed the first scientific typology of the abduction experience.

•**Guest Speaker: Noted Paranormal Investigator RICK FISHER, Founder PSP**



Since founding the *PA Ghost Hunters Society* in 1997 (Now the *Paranormal Society of PA*) Rick's reputation as a dedicated and innovative paranormal investigator has continued to grow. For decades, Rick has been assembling a vast collection of artifacts pertaining to the paranormal which will be the foundation for the upcoming non-profit *National Museum of Mysteries and Research Center* for which he serves as Executive Director and Curator.

Rick's presentation will focus on the Carbondale, PA incident in November, 1974. Some claim it was merely a railroad lantern thrown into a silt pond, but others say - like Roswell and Kecksburg - a UFO crashed and was retrieved by military forces. Rick's extensive research - which includes many witness interviews - is compelling and brings this sometimes forgotten event to life!

•**Location: Colonial Park East Shore Library, Rms A & B 4501 Ethel Street, Harrisburg PA (Behind Colonial Park Mall)**

•**Time: 10:30am-4:45pm (Lunch break 12-1) •Donation: \$12 per person**

•**If you have questions or need directions, please e-mail S.E.A.R.C.H. President Steve Groff SGROFF@paonline.com or call (717)566-2835**

From Rosemary Guiley: If you tuned in to Coast to Coast July 25, or caught up with the updates later, you know that we did not do a Ouija board session on air. George Noory decided it was best to be cautious, given concerns expressed by listeners. I can only reiterate what I said on air, that I support George 100 percent. I was prepared to go either way. I entered into the evening in favor of the experiment, but I do feel that this was the right decision given all the considerations.

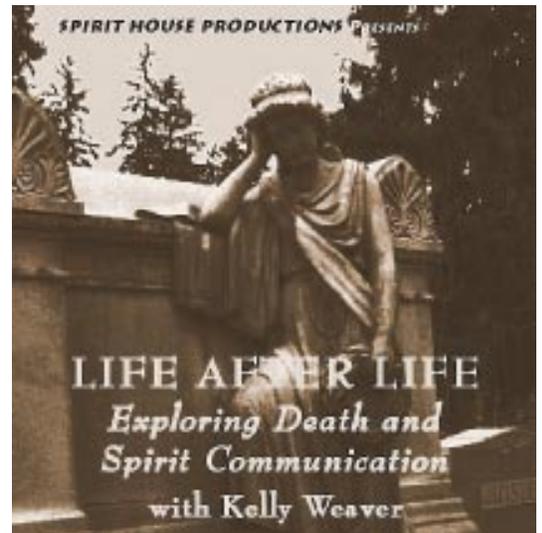
George brought a controversial topic to open debate and discussion over a period of weeks. I hope that the attention focused upon this — not only the Ouija, but the pros and cons of spirit communication in general — have proved beneficial.

Meanwhile, the reaction from listeners has heavily favored George's decision. We may revisit the topic again in the future, but in an off-air session that we'll discuss on air. - REG

Although Kelly had a well-documented bad Ouija board experience in college and generally advises against it, we've often discussed the fact that prompting EVP responses is simply a more hi-tech means of spirit communication. That certainly makes sense, as does being cautious with any approach to the paranormal. Kelly is adamant about telling people that if it doesn't feel right, don't do it. "Trust your gut!" She too supports George with his decision. - JDW

NEW! DVDs & CDs from Spirit House Productions

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) is available this summer at Mark Nesbitt's Ghosts of Gettysburg Headquarters on Baltimore Street and through www.kellysmagicalgarden.com. (Look for future DVD releases in late 2007)

Musings of a Ghost Adventurer

By Melissa Griffith

Haunt Jaunt: Hollidaysburg & Altoona

Laura, Officer Deb and I ventured west on a one-day haunt jaunt to Hollidaysburg and Altoona. Our first stop was Chimney Rock Park in Hollidaysburg—although no ghost stories that we knew of, it was a short hike to the top for a gorgeous view! (Rt) It's been said that when Native Americans lived in the area, the chief would sit at the top of these rocks and keep an eye on his village below.



After that hike, we had delicious lunch at the very haunted U.S. Hotel. Our friendly waitress told us a few tales of the unexplained she's experienced in the hotel—including hearing foot-

steps, feeling a presence and her friend capturing some not-so-friendly evp. She laughed about the spirit they called "Stinky" due to the stench of tremendous body odor whenever he's around. The upper floors are not open to the public, but they are accessible during the U.S. Hotels "ghost hunting" dinners. (Editor's note: Kelly and I have participated in several investigations of the US Hotel with Al Brindza, Jon McClintock & other AMG members. Lots of visual and EVP evidence has been gathered at this very active haunted location. - JDW)



In town Hollidaysburg—we discovered a "moon tree" (the seed had been to the moon and back and then planted in a park in town) and an old, empty preparatory school (Rt) that looked like the most haunted place we'd ever seen. Heartbreakingly, it looked as though the place was not being maintained and was being allowed to deteriorate.



In Altoona, we took a tour of Baker Mansion that is home to the famous "haunted wedding dress." Baker Mansion was built in 1849 by Elias Baker, the iron master of nearby Allegheny Furnace. Baker had four children—three that survived to adulthood—Anna, David and Sylvester. Elias was a strict father and forbade Anna to marry a laborer believing he was beneath his daughter's station. A rumor is that the lover was paid off by Elias and he was never seen in town again. Anna, her heart broken, never married and died a spinster in 1914.

A wedding gown and slippers are on display in Anna's winter bedroom (Rt) and, as if to add insult to injury, the gown belonged to Anna's rival, Elizabeth Bell. The gown is inside a heavy glass case, but tour guides swear the dress and slippers will be in a different position from the night before when the mansion is opened for the day. Many believe it is the spirit of Anna either admiring or resenting the dress that moves it about.



The sofa in the parlor is the same piece of furniture on which Sylvester Baker died of a heart attack in his early 40s. David Baker also died young in a steamboat explosion. His body was brought to the mansion and kept in the basement until the spring thaw to be buried.

Anna lived alone in the mansion for many years until her death. When relatives realized the amount of work and money it would take to maintain the mansion, it was then sold to the Blair County Historical Society in 1922. It is open to the public. There is a small admission fee.

We also stopped by haunted Royer Mansion. Though we neglected to set up a tour appointment, we did investigate the property. The spring house is supposedly haunted by a man who hanged himself and a small child that drown there. We attempted evp and I actually (for once) got something that I will share at meeting.

The mansion was built by Samuel Royer who was the iron master at Springfield Furnace. There are many rumors of the place being haunted and having many tragedies, although most of them are not documented, which makes me suspicious of their authenticity.



The last Royer to live in the mansion was Carrie Hartman—the wife of Samuel Royer’s grandson. She lived in the mansion until she passed away in 1965. The mansion was sold to the Blair County Historical Society in 1985 for \$1. (*Rt: The Royer Mansion Springhouse Interior*)



Some tourists who would arrive at the mansion unexpectedly have claimed to be given a tour by an

older woman wearing a red dress. They would find out later that no one was at the mansion to give tours that day. Deb knocked on the tour—just to see if the lady in red would answer the door. No such luck.



Lastly, we explored Juniata Gap Road that a “lady in white” is said to haunt. She is known to suddenly appear inside people’s cars as they go past some dangerous curves descending

the mountain. Supposedly, the young lady was killed decades ago on the hazardous road. There is even a nearby tavern named for this mysterious spirit.

If you get the chance, visit these intriguing, haunted locations in Blair County!

SPOOKY & STRANGE PLACE NAMES IN PA

-Submitted by Melissa Griffith

New Cumberland, Pennsylvania (Cumberland County):
VOODOO SKATE PARK (*You won’t believe the street address—66 6th Street!*)

Burnt Cabins, Pennsylvania (Fulton County) So named because homes of early squatters were burned by order of the provincial government after Indians complained against white encroachment on their land.

Spooky Nook Road (Landisville, Lancaster County) Supposedly, Spooky Nook Road was named for a “spook house,” a haunted house that once stood along the road in East Hempfield Township not too far from Landisville.

Asylum, Pennsylvania (Bradford County) Asylum Pennsylvania founded in 1793 by the French exiles in Pennsylvania. To them it was “Azilum”—a place of refuge.

Moon Township (Allegheny County) Believed to be named after a crescent-shaped bend in the river.

In Hubley, Pennsylvania there is a **Fearnot Road**.

Ghost Town Trail (Indiana County) - Our friends Jon McClintock & Al Brindza have an interesting piece on Ghost Town Trail on their Allegheny Mountain Ghosthunters site at <http://www.amghosthunters.com/Ghost%20town.html>

Reading, Pennsylvania: Spook Lane—could not find an explanation for this one.

There’s a **Sleepy Hollow Road** in York & Shermansdale and a **Sleepy Hollow Lane** in Mechanicsburg.

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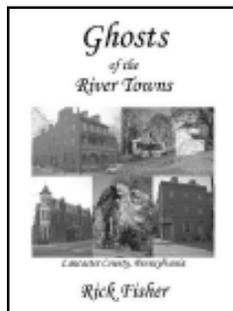
Next 2007 dates: Aug 29, Sept 26, Oct 10

•Also: “Haunted Dining” coming Oct 10

These popular events continue to sell-out - Don’t wait!

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