

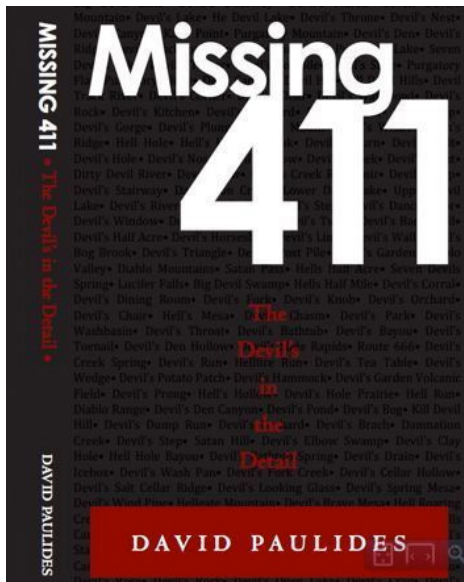


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After hearing the author on 'Coast to Coast' I purchased David Paulides latest book *Missing 411 The Devil's in the Detail* as a Christmas gift for Kelly... she devoured it in 2 days and I am likewise absorbed. We have been actively investigating the paranormal and UFOs for nearly 25 years and seldom have we encountered

such a comprehensive and thoroughly researched account of a strange phenomenon. Someone has noted that Mr Paulides fails to suggest the reason behind these mysterious disappearances - that is true but when no definitive reason is discovered, it is much more credible to simply present the facts. (Something many involved in UFOlogy, cryptozoology, paranormal and other fortean research fail to do, preferring to serve their own egos with unconfirmed theories.) It is a truly compelling read we would suggest to anyone with a serious or casual interest in bizarre events.

Paulides is originally a Bigfoot Researcher, but in the course of investigating sighting reports in a National Park learned from an off duty ranger of the number of unexplained cases of missing persons (Yosemite has the most) he embarked on what would come to be known as Missing 411 (or the CanAm Missing Project www.canammissing.com)

His latest book (the earlier ones, including Missing 411, Eastern US are currently unavailable) is essentially an overview of the cases and stats compiled thus far. Many of the bizarre similarities include the missing person being found in an area previously searched (Todd Sees immediately comes to mind), search dogs unable to track a scent (cadaver dogs cannot find a body), bad weather moving in after the person vanishes, the presence of berry bushes and *fairies*. (Yes, fairies have been mentioned in some historical accounts found by Paulides) While as Yosemite is the leader in such cases in regards to National Parks, the leading state for missing children accounts is Pennsylvania.

One of the prominent cases he documents occurred not far away, near Ickesburg in Perry County. It involves a little girl named Alice Arnold who vanished in May 1911 and was found dead months later. The following account (which provides many of the details in the book) is from findagrave.com: Alice M. Arnold, age 4 years old, went missing around May 25, 1911 from the farm her parents worked about 2 miles east of Ickesburg. Alice followed her siblings, James 12 and Mary 6, when they were taking the cow to pasture about one hundred yards from the farmhouse. They noticed Alice following them and told her to go back to the house. She continued to follow and James tapped her with a stick and she started back to the house. An hour or so later when the kids returned to the house Alice had not returned.

The first day as the message went out there was about 50 searchers looking for Alice. The following day there was anywhere from 150 to 200 searchers looking for Alice. Mr. William Arnold, the child's father sent a request to Harrisburg Police and the newly formed Pennsylvania State Police for help in searching.

State Police sent a Sergeant Curtis A Davies and Trooper Francis E. Markley from the Pottsville Barricks to investigate the disappearance of Alice Arnold. They arrived about two days after she disappeared. Sgt. Davies put out the message of the missing girl statewide. An Indian tracking expert, Sylvester Long, from Carlisle Indian School, Carlisle, Pa. was sent for and started to track the child on the third day of the search. He stated he would have had better luck if he would have been called immediately and not after the hundreds of searchers trampled the landscape.

Dignitaries from all over the county and Harrisburg were not to be denied a "photo op" arrived to help in the search. Many local leaders helped with the search.

The search went on for about 10 days to 2 weeks, but Alice was never found. In 1911 the country in the Ickesburg area was very overgrown with vegetation that was very thick. It made the search very difficult.

After about two weeks the organized search was suspended. Mr. Arnold and a few of his neighbors continued with no results. Slowly the countryside went back to their quiet existence in upper Perry County.

Sgt. Davies and Tpr. Markley over the two weeks investigated the disappearance of Alice. They checked a lumber camp that employed "foreigners" about a mile from the Arnold farm but all the men were accounted for. Another stranger was investigated with little results.

Around July 26th, H.H. Wallet and Robert Zimmerman were picking berries in the mountain when they came upon some remains under a bush. They examined the remains and thought them to be those of Alice Arnold. They immediately went to the farm of Alice's father, William Arnold, who returned to the location where the remains were found and identified them as his daughter's.

Walter Rice, District Attorney, immediately appointed Charles Swartz to investigate the remains of the child. An inquest was held at the location of the remains.

After a review of the incident and the examination of the remains of Alice Arnold it was decided that Alice died of exposure. The remains consisting of hair, a pink dress, and bones produced no evidence of foul play. It was decided that Alice wandered off and by some strange reason she was not found in the intensive search that ensued.

Charles Swartz, who is listed in the 1910 census as a school teacher, conducted a coroner's inquest with the jury members being; J.B. Cooper, foreman; J.C. Stewart, E.Q. Reisinger, William Weibley, and A. Wesley Sweger.

After the inquest, the remains of Alice Arnold were gathered up and placed in a box. They were taken to the Arnold home. The remains were buried in the Eschol Cemetery.

Upon checking, Alice's grave was not listed as being in the cemetery. The Arnold family was very poor and may not have had money for a grave marker.

Alice's family consisted of; William H. Arnold, (father), Margaret, (mother), James & Clarence (brothers) Mary (sister) and one other sister, whose name cannot be read in the 1910 census.

New Year Traditions: Strange Practices You Probably Don't Know (From *Phantoms and Monsters*)

Check out these strange and unique New Years traditions:

1. No Sweeping Or Dusting - This tradition comes from the idea that sweeping or dusting on New Year's day may lead to an individual sweeping their good luck away. So it's just best to leave your place dusty until Jan. 2.

2. Don't Eat Chicken - Say no to chicken on New Year's Day. That means fried chicken, baked chicken, broiled, roasted or BBQ'd. Because if it is eaten then, like the birds in question, diners are fated to scratch in the dirt all year for their dinner meaning they'll be bringing poverty upon themselves.

3. Open Doors and Windows - It is said that opening doors and windows on New Years Day will bring in new beginnings and let out the old. So leave the doors and windows open to bring in the fresh air and fresh beginnings. However, if you're house is dusty from not sweeping or dusting you may want to leave the house as that fresh air could easily make your home an allergy attack waiting to happen.

4. Avoid Crying Cats - If you hear a cat meowing on New Year's Day go in the opposite direction. Sounds cruel right? Well that's because it is. If you truly feel bad just call animal control while walking in the opposite direction that way you avoid the bad omen and still do your good deed by helping the cat in question.

5. Lemons - New Year's Eve and New Year's day it is another old-fashioned tradition designed to keep that good energy flowing.



Left: Recently, Craig & Melissa Telesha explored the old York Iron Co. Mine Site at Raab Park. (Mining ended in the 1890s) Grating on this shaft allows a safe habitat for bats. Haunted? Perhaps (Mining is dangerous) Creepy? You bet! Does Melissa have bats in her belfry? Dunno, but I've been accused of it - JDW

SSP 2015 EVENT CALENDAR

Confirmed Dates listed are monthly meetings. All meetings are at Mechanicsburg Mystery bookshop on the SECOND Monday of each month.

In case of inclement weather, please check the SSP site at www.spiritsocietyofpa.com - if meeting is cancelled it will be noted on the site by noon the day of the meeting.

Additional events may be added during the year.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>
Jan 12	Meeting	7:00pm
Feb 9	Meeting	7:00pm
Mar 9	Meeting	7:00pm
April 13	Meeting	7:00pm
May 11	Meeting	7:00pm
June 8	Meeting	7:00pm
July 13	Meeting	7:00pm
Aug 10	Meeting	7:00pm
Sept 7	Meeting	7:00pm
Oct 12	Meeting	7:00pm
Nov 9	Meeting	7:00pm
Dec 14	Meeting	7:00pm



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