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"ROO's" BOOS - Notes from Kelly

Happy Holiday's everyone! I hope all of you had a fun, peaceful and family filled Thanksgiving. This time of year goes by so quickly. It seems like it was just August and we were planning our Halloween festivities and lectures. Now the air is full of Christmas and the spirit of giving. I want to thank all of you who contributed to the Senior Center with small gifts this month. I'm sure they will greatly appreciate our efforts.

Last month, I was approached by the owners of *Alfred's Victorian* to conduct a private, nighttime investigation at the restaurant. (It had been over 4 years since the last time John & I had the place to ourselves for a Saturday afternoon investigation.) I gathered a few experienced investigators and the members of my ghost class and off we went. We joined Jeannie, (who works at the restaurant), and has had many experiences over the years at 10pm on a Saturday evening. She was our tour guide into the paranormal world of Alfred's.

We were given the run of the place from the basement to the upstairs dining rooms. John had set up an IR camcorder on the bottom of the active stairway and recorded some interesting footage of what appears to be a shadow 'person' going into the wall. (We will show it at the meeting tonight). I also recorded an EVP while I was in the kitchen (alone) and asked if anyone wanted my help or wanted to speak to me... a very eerie "Yeeesssss" can be heard. It sounded like it was from a place far, far away. I can assure you that it was no one on the investigative team. Matt captured a voice answering him while upstairs and also may have captured some phantom footsteps; John recorded another voice while he and Jack were in the La Flamette Room. (We will play all of these tonight.) We broke up into 3 groups and I made sure that I mentioned any noise or car, etc. that was going on around me that night.

After we were done with our individual investigations, we all met at the stairs, sat down, turned on our recorders and began to ask questions to any or all of the spirits that haunt the restaurant. At one point of questioning we all heard the men's bathroom door open and shut. No one was upstairs at the time.

Matt's face was priceless when this happened! He dashed up the stairs to investigate. Lo and behold the door was ajar, with no reasonable explanation.

BOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO!!

During my earlier walk through in the downstairs dining room, I encountered a lady who was dressed in the old Victorian garb that included a fur muff and white ice skates. She told me how she loved to skate on the river. (This was *Not* "Emma" - Alfred's oft-reported female ghost). There was also a small boy tied to this part of town who appeared to me in the same room. He said he came from 'down the street'. Who he was I cannot tell you.

I once again sensed a man in the upstairs bar area, whom I call "George". He was involved in banking in Middletown and

seems to keep to himself in the adjacent Magnolia Room and the back bar. I suspect his is the clearly male voice that appears to say "Emma is here" recorded by John in the Magnolia Room several years ago.

It was an interesting and eventful evening and we look forward to returning again in the near future and continue our quest to find out *who or what* haunts this lovely restaurant and former mansion in Middletown.

Alfred Pelligrini's daughter Pamm and I will be meeting after the Holidays to plan 2009 events at the Victorian. Thanks to those SSP members who helped with the investigation and Jeannie, we'll have some fresh stories to share during these popular events.



Investigation team reacts to Men's room door open/close on unoccupied 2nd floor at Alfred's Victorian early am of 11/25. (All were gathered for a final group EVP session)



National Museum of Mysteries update

This past Saturday a group of us met to discuss the upcoming National Museum of Mysteries & Research Center that Rick Fisher and a group of us are working on. We met at the haunted Field House restaurant in Etters. (Formerly the Jolly Copper-smith/KCKlingers/etc.) In the near future opportunities will be open for many of you to join certain committees that will make this a reality. John, Craig, Heidi, Tracy, Eileen and Matt (SSP members) have agreed to serve on the board of directors. Melissa is in charge of the Events Committee and I am on the Visionary committee along with Marilyn (Rick's girlfriend). Any help that you can offer will be appreciated. If you have any items or newspaper/magazine clippings that you would like to donate to the museum, you may contact any of the board members or Rick Fisher. We are in the process of gathering all of the paperwork in order to qualify for a non-profit status which will take some time. Keep the Mysteries Museum in your thoughts and donate items or your time to make it a reality! (Remember, thanks to Craig the NMMRC has a new domain name and initial site at www.museumofmysteries.org)



Anyone who knows me also knows the haunted place I've visited more than any other will always be the town of Gettysburg and the National Military Park that surrounds it. (Beginning in 1962, I've been several hundred times.) If you're wondering what number 2 on my list is, it plays a prominent role in this month's *Apparitions*: Alfred's Victorian Restaurant.

Kelly and I first dined there in 1989, when they were one of her advertising clients. This was prior to our days actively investigating hauntings but ever since Kelly sensed a presence and asked Alfred's daughter Pamm "Do you know you have a ghost here?" (her reply was "Tell me about it - I grew up in the 3rd floor apartment!") this has been our paranormal "second home".

We've been hosting "Haunted Dining" and other events there since 1995, but only on a few occasions have had access with no diners or staff (living, that is) present. The most recent, of course was the night of Nov. 15-16. Prior to this, anytime we

had been there alone it was just Kelly and me; having 3 groups this time certainly afforded coverage of this very large old home, but the downside was learning how easily sound travelled here - even muted voices could be heard one floor below.

While this obviously compromised attempts to gather audible evidence, I still feel some credible EVPs were captured. However, it was some of the experiences we had that support the steady accounts of strange activity here over the years. One of these seems easy to debunk, but just too weird to ignore - the woman's room toilet running... evidently on command! The staff say they've had this checked (you don't have to be a TAPS/Roto-Rooter to know what running toilets due to water bills) and Jeannie told us it is sporadic, but often heard when she is there by herself cleaning. It began happening that evening and upon entering the ladies room and asking "Who's making the water run - is that you Emma?" the toilet did just that! (My recording will be played tonight) Of course, I then walked out and came back in again at different times in an attempt to see if my weight on the floor had any effect - it did not. When we began our group EVP session with everyone downstairs, Jeannie asked the same question and seconds later got the same response: The toilet again ran! Perhaps a coincidence, but then... Despite capturing a likely shadow figure on the main stairway (to be shown at tonight's meeting), I'm kicking myself for not following thru with a thought to move this camcorder upstairs during our final session. (Yes, Roo - trust your gut... and I didn't!) I figured there would be enough camcorders and audio recorders documenting the group EVP session at the bottom of the stairs, and knowing the upstairs corridor between the mens and ladies rooms has seen a lot of activity lately, I surmised this would be a good location. However I never followed through and in the process likely missed a great view of the men's room door opening and closing (something we all heard clearly)!

This is something several people have reported over the past couple years (along with air freshener in the mens room twice "activating itself) and on this particular night, with all of us downstairs and no exterior doors or windows being open, could not have a rational explanation such as a draft.

Overall, the investigation went well and we did capture some decent evidence. We look forward to a repeat investigation of our paranormal "second home" in the coming months.

PAMUFON Conference Jan 24, 2009 Bucks Co. Comm. College. Only \$15 Featured speakers incl. Bill Birnes (UFO Hunters) & noted Abduction Researcher Dr. David Jacobs. See flyers at tonight's meeting or www.pamufon.com for details



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Left: The shelf in the ladies room at Alfred's ... from which a bowl of pot-pourri levitated and flew through the air, giving one of the patrons at a "Haunted Dining" event we hosted years ago the ultimate scare! (Kelly & I have an indelible memory of her running screaming from the room, still trying to pull her panty hose on!)

RT: Alfred's men's room door, which we heard open and close while everyone on the investigation had gathered downstairs for a group EVP session. Employees have also reported this, along with the air freshener (two different makes) in the toilet stall discharging on its own! (Perhaps suggesting the olfactory experience is not limited to the living and spirits may retain a sense of smell!)



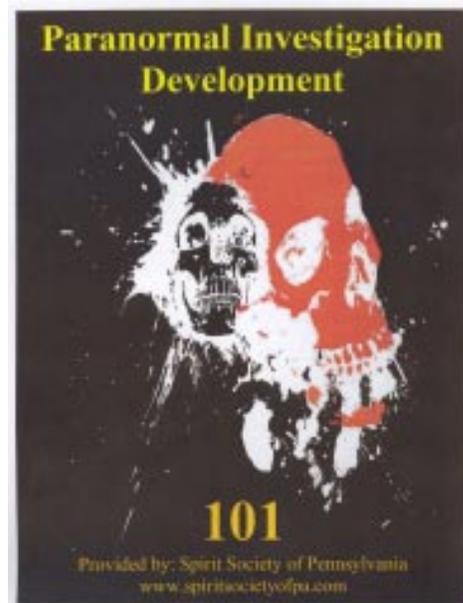
Left: Until recently, the only known image of Mary Emman Young (1858-1948) was a very poor one, with virtually no features distinguishable. Now, thanks to Jeannie Dunaway & the Middletown Historical Society, we now have a good late-life portrait of "Emma", who's spirit may indeed be behind much of the strange activity reported here!

PEACE ON EARTH (and other worlds),



Good will toward men, beasts, spirits, E.B.E's and all things who peacefully share this strange universe with us! - HAPPY HOLIDAYS from the S.S.P. !

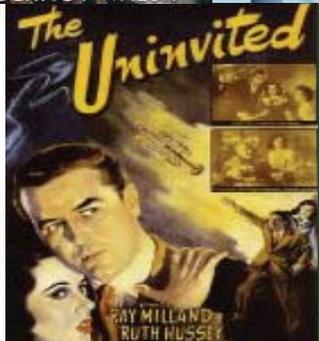
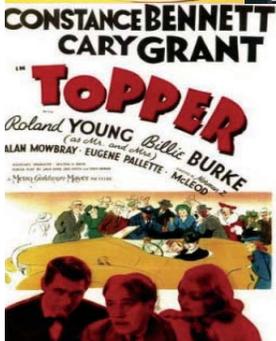
New! Free Download from SSP: P.I.D. 101



Paranormal Investigation Development 101 is a comprehensive guide to understanding the procedures and policies SSP has refined over 12 years of investigating haunted places. This is a "must-read" for anyone who wants to become involved with SSP field investigations. Many thanks to Melissa Telesha for preparing this document, which can

downloaded free (.pdf file) at www.spiritsocietyofpa.com

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PUT THESE CLASSICS ON YOUR CHRISTMAS LIST OR GIVE THEM AS A GIFT—TO YOURSELF!

These golden oldies are just the ticket when the weather outside is frightful. Curl up on the couch with your sweetie, a blanket and cup of hot chocolate & enjoy!

Movie Title

Year

Starring

The Thirteenth Guest

1932

Ginger Rogers, Lyle Talbot

The Ghost Breakers

1940

Bob Hope, Paulette Goddard

Topper

1941

Cary Grant, Constance Bennett

I Married a Witch

1942

Fredric March, Veronica Lake

The Uninvited

1944

Ray Milland, Ruth Hussey

Gaslight

1944

Ingrid Bergman, Charles Boyer, Joseph Cotten

The Picture of Dorian Gray

1945

Hurd Hatfield, George Sanders, Angela Lansbury

The Ghost & Mrs. Muir

1947

Gene Tierney, Rex Harrison

Scared Stiff

1953

Dean Martin, Jerry Lewis

Ghost Ship

1953

Hazel Court, Dermot Walsh

Bell, Book & Candle

1958

Jimmy Stewart, Kim Novak, Jack Lemmon

House on Haunted Hill

1959

Vincent Price, Carolyn Craig

The Haunting

1963

Julie Harris, Claire Bloom, Richard Johnson

The Ghost & Mr. Chicken

1966

Don Knotts, Joan Staley