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"ROO's" BOOS - NOTES FROM KELLY

I'm proud to say we had a fabulous turn out for our annual Spring Conference. Spirit Day in May was a huge success. Thank you to each and every one of you for your help, good food and donations.

After the bills were paid, we made #346.75. That will help us pay the rent for quite some time. Thank you again for your support and generosity!

Chambersburg Chills Tour

Please join us for a *spirited* day in Chambersburg on Saturday, June 17th from 4:30 PM to approximately 10:00 PM (depending how long the walking tour lasts).

We will be visiting the Enoch Brown Memorial Park for an investigation followed by Dinner at Casey's Bar and Grill (dinner is on your own), then we will take the Walking Ghost Tour hosted by last month's guest, John Woltz.

Please fill out the registration form and turn into Melissa Griffith. The tour is \$7.50 per person.

Directions from Harrisburg to Chambersburg are on the handout/registration form on the sign in table. (This can also be downloaded as a .pdf file from the SSP website) I suggest you car pool to this event to save gas and time.

Remember, we need to have a head count for this event, so sign up tonight! Please be prompt! My cell phone number in case you get lost or need help is 717-649-1489.

Last month after the meeting I was asked to explain what Ley Lines are. If you remember, Josh spoke about them and a possibility that there are ley lines at the Enoch Brown Memorial Park. Here is information I collected from two sources. It will help you better understand what they are and how they got their name. Enjoy! - Kelly

What are Ley Lines?

Many people have heard at least something about Ley Lines without realizing exactly what they are. So just what are Ley Lines?

Hundreds of interconnected sites.

While a full answer would be stretching the extent of current knowledge the mysterious complexity of Ley Lines is somewhat easier to convey. Simply put it concerns sites of ceremonial and cultural interest aligned along straight lines that stretch for dozens some say even hundreds of miles.

These straight line networks can be found throughout the world and in some cases incorporate elaborate spoked circles that include line systems within line systems.

English name origin.

Although straight lined alignments go back thousands of years the actual name Ley Lines was first introduced in England. It was noticed that many sites and villages and other places of interest whose names all ended in ley were to be found along the same straight lines. Liter-

ally hundreds of separate line systems have been uncovered and prove there was nothing accidental about the way ancient peoples sited their monuments which were often in astonishing harmony to one another, even over distances of hundreds of miles.

The French Line Network

In France investigators, have uncovered many line networks involving the main Cathedrals and places of interest. Some have even placed their shapes in harmony to several of the main constellations with sites separated over hundreds of miles. Yet perhaps the most astonishing of the French line networks is one centered on the tiny village of Alaise nestled in the foothills of the Jura Mountains of eastern France.

After devoted study by Xavier Guichard this tiny French village was found to be at the center of a line system that radiated out to include dozens of sites, villages and towns of a similar name through many neighboring countries over distances that spanned an area of many thousands of square miles. Yet perhaps the most astonishing thing of all was the realization that this line system must have been initiated and planned thousands of years ago.

The Nasca lines.

In a great many cases the evidence of ley lines is only apparent when charting them on a map. However full visual evidence for ancient line networks is nowhere more obvious than the desert markings of Nasca in Peru. Here in the arid dry desert hundreds of line networks have baffled all attempts to successfully explain them.

The markings which are scratched on the desert surface are said to be thousands of years old. They stretch in perfectly straight lines, traversing desert ravines and gullies for distances of up to 60 miles. At first they were explained as calendrical markers, or vast astronomical directories. However no satisfactory explanation has yet accounted for this mystery. Other line systems were found to radiate on the Inca capital Cusco with a focus on the Temple of the Sun. This was discovered through the use of infra red photography that revealed the true extent of this incredible enigma.

An aerial mystery.

An obvious conclusion to be drawn from the Nasca lines is that they were meant to be viewed from the air. This was how they originally came to be discovered, and



the whole mystery deepens when we consider that this huge effort of labor that must have taken dozens of years to complete was intended to be viewed from an aerial perspective. But why? So far as we know aerial travel was unknown in those days.

So what is the purpose of the lines? Inevitably there is no shortage of speculation. For instance the writer Von Daniken saw them in terms of messages to alien visitors with directions towards suitable landing sites. Others saw them as spirit markers along which the astral body could more easily be directed. Then there is the theory that this is a directory of lines that catalogues all other lines.

Larger implications.

The extent of invisible or visible lines and harmonies connecting ancient sites and cities have always focused on their connection with areas of increased Earth energy. It is thought that the lines facilitated some aspect of ancient life so that cities and sites built along the same lines shared some mutual benefit. But what was that benefit? Here again there are many theories but no certain answer.



Perhaps the most adventurous explanation is that they involve energy that is now explainable by the String Theory. This relatively new mathematical concept allows for the existence of extra dimensions as well as the idea of passage from one to the other. Perhaps then this energy was not just of some as yet indefinable Earthly advantage but concerned the passage of material on an inter dimensional level.

Source:

Ley Lines and Earth Energies – David Cowan and Chris Arnold
<http://www.nasca.org.uk/leylines>

Kelly Weaver's upcoming appearance on the Discovery Channel's "A Haunting" series August 31, 2006

Episode: "A Haunting in Florida" (check times for local listing)

From New Dominion Pictures website: *Many spiritualists believe that some locations have an unusually high concentration of psychic energy. Beneath the ground we walk on, invisible routes may be infused with the spirits of those who came before us...and some routes are still traveled by spirits that have not passed on.*

On the surface, Edd and Beth's three bedroom ranch house seems like a perfect place to raise their toddler...but a few weeks after they move in, they discover that they are not alone. Despite their best efforts to remain rational, the couple cannot ignore what they've seen with their own eyes: a transparent man sitting in one of the bedroom, a misty apparition of an old woman standing in the doorway, and a dark heavy mist that hangs over the house...and grows larger, day by day.

A couple turns to a paranormal investigator (who contacted me to help using my mediumship abilities – Kelly) who confirms that they are at war with the spirit world. Their new home is a portal, pulsing with enough negative energy to literally explode!

Tune in on August 31st to see how I helped the situation and if the family stayed or left the home!

SHADOW PERSON CLOSE ENCOUNTER -

October 31, 2004 by SSP Member Ed Shore

"To believe or not to believe" is a question for all time. For many years I would let my mind wonder about spirits or ghosts. Do they or don't they exist?

Things happen that can not be explained – but I would leave it alone and think about it another time in my head.

In my mid thirties (now that is a long time ago), I became an investigator for the "Blue Book Project" for southern Pennsylvania. We usually we would get reports, phone calls from the Pennsylvania State Police. They were reporting information to us from phone calls they received about a U. F. O and/or "Big Foot" sighting. Many of these calls were proven to be more than unfounded sightings or jokes of the moment, such as a lady who reported a large red orb following her as she drove along a road in Cumberland County. It turned out to be the setting sun! Discouraged with the lack of validation, I soon moved on to other things!

Marcia and I are active members of the Middle Creek Search and Rescue group. On Halloween night 2004, we were called out to help find a young man who ran away from the police in Columbia near Chickies Rock in Lancaster County. Suicide was a high probability for the young man!!

It was close to 2:00 A. M. once we arrived on the scene and met up with our team, who were being directed by both the state and local police. Our search team of five was dispatched to a search area north of Chickie's Rock, along the old canal bed, next to the railway tracks.

The night was very, very dark and foggy. A heavy mist lingered in the air hiding both the moon and stars. We were climbing over logs and rocks and fighting our way through the underbrush about 20 – 30 feet apart.

I look behind me to see where the others from the team were. I could only hear them, not see them. I was surprised to see the shape of a person who appeared to be running, but not touching the ground, which was thickly littered with broken tree trunks and twigs, yet I heard no sound. The figure appeared to be floating rather than running, in total quiet. The figure did not address me as I watched behind it.

Dressed in a Fedora type hat that had wide brim and a long dark flowing cloak, the image slowly disappeared into the foggy night to never be seen or heard again. I asked the others in our search group if they had seen anything as they walked along. Not a person had seen anything!!

Who or what was this? Not the person we were looking for (who was found the next morning in an area many yards away). Did I believe in what I saw? Not yet – but I am getting very close.

During the time between then and now, the apparent spirit of a favorite pet that had passed on years ago, began visiting us on our bed by our heads and running through the kitchen when I would be doing the dishes. I should believe by now, shouldn't I? Well – there is very little, if anything, I believe in that I can't touch, feel or hear. Let's make spirits and ghosts – the first. Remember to say "hi" to your spirit!

Note: PSP Founder Rick Fisher has been investigating the area around Chickie's Rock for over a decade, and has also done research about mysterious encounters reported there over the years. Kelly's late great-uncle, Cecil Downing, was also familiar with the many things reported at this beautiful park along the Susquehanna. Between the evidence Rick has gathered and the wealth of reports from various sources, there is no doubt spooky things happen here! - JDW

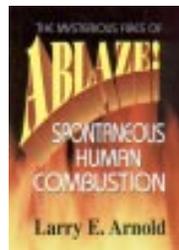
Dinner with a Psychic-Medium at Alfred's Victorian Restaurant, Middletown, PA. 2 More Dates added for Summer 06: July 12 & August 16 - Each at 6:30 PM

Your price for the dinner (tax/tip included) is \$29.95. You have your choice of three entrees: Shrimp Farcis, Cheese Tortellini Marinara or Butternut Chicken, mixed greens with a choice of dressing and a Sundae for dessert. Also includes coffee/tea or soft drink. Alcoholic beverages are available (cash bar).

You will hear the antics of Emma, Alfred's resident ghost, from paranormal investigator John Weaver while his wife, nationally recognized Psychic-Medium & Author Kelly Weaver, does private readings for diners.

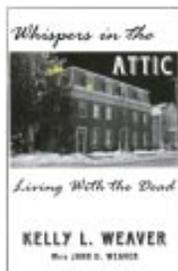
You can choose to have a ten minute personal reading for an additional \$10.00. Space is limited for this "spirited" evening. Call Alfred's Victorian to make your reservation. 717-944-5373 (For those who've never attended one of the annual October "Haunted Dining" events, here's a perfect opportunity to experience the delightful charm and superb cuisine of one of Mid-State PA's most acclaimed restaurants)

BOOKS AUTHORED BY S.S.P. MEMBERS



Ablaze by Larry Arnold Perhaps the world's leading authority on SHC - Spontaneous Human Combustion - and a dedicated paranormal researcher, Larry is a long-time supporter of local groups such as ours, S.E.A.R.C.H. and the former Harrisburg SKYWATCH. Larry's site is www.parascience.com

Whispers in the Attic - Living With The Dead by Kelly Weaver Look for upcoming signings at Mark Nesbitt's Ghosts of Gettysburg store on Baltimore St. and at her NJGH & ERPC appearances in Spring & Summer '06. Also available locally from Civil War and More in Mechbg.



Ghosts, Legends, Mysteries and Rogues of Mechanicsburg by Melissa Griffith Melissa is the SSP Activities Director, and planning another great "Haunted Tent Event" in Sept 2006 at Little Buffalo Campground in her native Perry County. Her book can be purchased locally at Civil War and More in Mechanicsburg

Ghosts at Carlisle Barracks by Allen Campbell is also available locally at Civil War and More. (Had no image of Allen's book, thus I chose the famed MP LeTort photo rather than a really scary one - Allen himself! - JDW)



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SUMMER 2006 CONFERENCE/LECTURE NEWS -



This bi-monthly series of lectures will bring nationally recognized paranormal experts, authors and investigators to south central PA at the Railroad House in Marietta. All proceeds from the series will benefit the forthcoming National Museum of Mysteries and Research Center.

Next Program: Aug. 19, 10:30am to 2:30pm Speaker: Author/Storyteller Ed Okonowicz - "Ghosts of Fort Delaware" Join incomparable storyteller "Ed O" for a fascinating look at true tales from his latest book! Ed shares his experiences leading the ghost/history tours and tells stories of apparitions, orbs and dungeon ghosts on Pea Patch Island and in the old fort itself.

\$20.00 per person does not include lunch. \$35.00 per person w/lunch includes lunch. Menu includes your choice of sandwiches, or burger and one drink coffee, tea, or soda. Seating limited to 40 people, no registration will be accepted at the door unless seats available.

Send check or money order to: Rick Fisher, 109 South Second Street Apt. 2 Columbia, PA 17512

EASTERN REGIONAL PARANORMAL CONFERENCE - JULY 21 thru 23 GETTYSBURG, PA



Vince Wilson hosts the 3rd Eastern Regional

Paranormal Conference at Gettysburg Holiday Inn Battlefield July 21-23rd. Troy Taylor, Mark Nesbitt, John Zaffis, Rosemary Ellen Guiley, George Hansen, Katherine Ramsland & more, plus: A bus tour hosted by Mark Nesbitt, a Spirit Circle hosted by Kelly Weaver, a Haunted Pub Crawl hosted by Vince Wilson, an investigation of the G.O.G. HQ and a Haunted Train Ride!

Details at <http://conference.marylandparanormal.com/>

NOTE: If you don't have internet access & need phone #s for events, contact John Weaver @ SSP Meetings or call me @ 932-9900 (9-5)

COMING

SEPT 23-24, 2006
at LITTLE BUFFALO
CAMPGROUND in
PERRY COUNTY

**HAUNTED TENT
EVENT 2006**

- Newport Candlelight Ghost Tour
- Spirit Circle with Medium Kelly Weaver
- Explore historic (& haunted) Local sites



BIOGRAPHIES of the STRANGE and PARANORMAL by Gail Dull

Ghosts in the Park

For six summers, I spent my days, nights, weekends, well frankly my life working at Hershey Park. I loved it. Spending that much time in the Sweetest Place on Earth makes one privy to some not so sweet tales, the tales of the dead.

The park was founded in 1907 as a place for Hershey's chocolate factory employees and their families to go to relax. Could a place nearly 100 years old and full of good times be a haven for ghosts?

By far the most traded story deals with the Sooperdooperlooper. In the early 1980's the coaster was new but like all machines, would need regular maintenance. Maintenance workers start work at dawn and are usually gone before the guests arrive at ten in the morning. It was during these early morning hours that a mechanic was working near the bottom of the loop. As he was working, he mistakenly crossed some wires and 'called' the train out of the station. One version states he was too engrossed in his work to hear the train going up the lift, then down the hill and only realized the train was coming when it was too late. The other says he heard it coming but his clothing got stuck on the structure. He was killed (however, one version has him decapitated). People who worked this ride would claim that some mornings when doing their normal run through that they would release the first train only to see someone trying to jump from the track only to disappear when the train passes.

Another place to see a mysterious mechanic is "walking the track" of the Comet. Every day, mechanics walk sections of the wooden coasters on narrow catwalks. They check for loose track, loose boards, loose nails, basically anything that could cause the ride to become unsafe. One man fell from the large hill because the walkway was slick with dew. He tumbled through the structure to his doom.

Another legend deals with the building formerly known as the "Fest Haus". It is located Minetown Arcade. Many people do not know that there is a warehouse underneath this building. At the time I worked there, some of the stock people reported that they would be there finishing stocking the warehouse at 2 or 3 in the morning and would hear footsteps up above in the restaurant...they'd run up to see if there were Food Service employees cleaning, yet the building would be dark. They also claimed that they would stack merchandise, go back to the entrance to pick up more and when they returned things would be rearranged.

I also remember rumors of the ghost of a small child roaming near the creek crying and looking for her mommy...supposedly she had been to the park to use the rowboats only to fall out and drown. A similar story circulates near the front of the park where the lighthouse stands across the road from Chocolate World. The lighthouse denotes the location of the former pool and in this case the child drowned in the pool instead of the creek.

While I never personally experienced anything, I can attest that once the laughter leaves, the park does take on an ominous tone and it seems that the shadows suck the life from this happy land. I can tell you that on the rare occasion that I was there after two in the morning I was glad to leave and not just to go home to sleep!

Note: I've heard a few of the same stories from a fellow hockey player who worked in park maintenance for years. Kelly also worked at HP during summer break - she doesn't recall any personal encounters but is still "haunted" by the "Oompha" music from Rhineland! - JDW

UPCOMING AREA EVENTS OF INTEREST FOR SSP MEMBERS - Compiled by Melissa Griffith

Saturday, June 10th - "Talking Boards" presentation at Rail Road House in Marietta by Rick Fisher (benefits Museum of Mysteries)

Thursday, June 15th—Mechanicsburg's Jubilee Day: The haunted Frankeberger Tavern will be open to the public. The ghost of a 19th century cattle drover who was murdered and dumped in the herb garden is said to be seen peering out of a second floor window and has been reported to frequent the roof as well—sometimes headless! The Mechanicsburg Museum Association will be sponsoring a historic cooking program at the tavern during Jubilee Day, so stop by with your camera!

Frankeberger Tavern is located at 217 East Main Street in Mechanicsburg.

Also on Jubilee Day (June 15th) *Ghosts of Gettysburg* author Mark Nesbitt will be appearing for a booksigning at Civil War and More on South Market Street, just off the square, from 2pm to 7pm. Stop by to see Mark and SSP Member Jack Thomas, who works at this great little bookstore! (Note: On Memorial Day weekend, Mark's new *Ghosts of Fredericksburg* tours opened in Fredericksburg, VA. Why not take a road trip to this charming town brimming with Colonial & Civil War history... and more than a few haunted spots! Details at www.ghostsoffredericksburg.com

For \$20 You Can Feel Like a Million during "JD"!

During Jubilee Day, stop by "Heel Your Sole" at 106 West Main Street in Mechanicsburg. The shop will be open for browsing (no sessions will be performed during Jubilee Day however), but you can go inside and peek at the gorgeous décor, relaxing atmosphere and pick up some more information.

This fledgling business was started by a mother & daughter team who believe that the power of touch can heal and rejuvenate the soul. The quaint shop offers foot, hand & body massages, foot baths and reflexology all while relaxing in a calm and quiet sanctuary. Foot baths start at just \$20. Call 591-2256 or check out their website at: www.heelyoursolejubille.com

Saturday, June 17th -- Don't forget the Chambersburg Chills tour, featuring Enoch Brown Massacre site investigation and Chambersburg Ghost Tour! (See SSP website or pick up info at tonight's meeting)

Saturday, June 24th—Goodridge Freedom House in York will be open to the public. The Goodridge House was a stop on the Underground Railroad. A secret room in the back of the basement and a straw-lined trench located under the made for excellent hiding places. Of course, the house is believed to be haunted.

Costumed guides will be giving tours and informative historical stories. In the evening, you can take the "Patriot Days Civil War Ghost Tour" with the Goodridge House as the last stop of the night where Victorian Ghost Stories will be retold and refreshments will be served.

Goodridge Freedom House is at 123 East Philadelphia Street in York or you can call the Crispus Attucks organization at 848-3610, Ext. 248.

Sat. July 1st—Booksigning at Mark Nesbitt's *Ghosts of Gettysburg* featuring Mark, Kelly Weaver, Rosemary Guiley and others. 7-10pm.

Fri July 21st - Sun July 23rd—Eastern Regional Paranormal Conference at the Holiday Inn Battlefield, Gettysburg. *Troy Taylor, Mark Nesbitt, John Zaffis, Rosemary Ellen Guiley, George Hansen, Katherine Ramsland, Kelly Weaver, Vince Wilson & more!*



PARA-TECH

Opinions & Observations by JDW

Spooking A Re-enactor Recently, Kelly and I met a tour group from Southern Ghosts who had gathered several out of towners for a weekend of ghosthunting at Gettysburg. One of those in attendance was a re-enactor from Philadelphia who (as many of these fellows do) has spent enough time tramping battlefields to realize there is something left behind a bit less tangible than markers and statues!

After early evening stops at the Wheatfield and Triangular Field, we suggested a trip out Brooke Ave to one of our "favorite" spots - the Rose Woods. I had been enjoying talking to our Union Lieutenant friend, throughout the night, but he might have been a little nervous had he known what I recorded as he was facing the positions of Brooke's brigade on the East side of the road! Although we heard nothing at the time he asked "Do you recognize this uniform?", when I reviewed my tapes the next day, the sharp crack of a musket is heard as he concludes the sentence!

The dynamics of how this was recorded is interesting: At the time, I was standing beside him with the camcorder pointed ahead into the woods and down the hill. The shot is audible on the camcorder but much louder as recorded on my audio. Of course, I wear my mic on my shirt collar to minimize picking up my breathing, thus it was facing opposite of the camcorder mic... toward the West, where fire from Andersons' & Semmes' Georgia brigades was directed toward the advancing 53rd PA, 27th CT & 2nd Delaware from Brooke's brigades! I've recorded gunfire in this area before but the timing coming right after his question -- and from the Confederate lines -- seems more than

a coincidence. Recording or hearing phantom gunfire on the battlefield is hardly anything rare, but while generally thought to be residual energy, this incident really suggests it was a planned response to a situation: "Yeah, we recognize a bluebelly when we see one - CRACK!"



(Camcorder mic faces Union lines to the RIGHT and recorded shot was muted. Shot was much clearer on audio tape, recorded by external mic on my rear collar, facing LEFT toward Confederate lines!)

Phantom Gunfire -- EVP and Audible Over the years, recording and HEARING unexplained, "phantom" gunfire has been commonplace on the Gettysburg Battlefield. In a recent column, I mentioned how while describing battle action deep in the Slaughter Pen to a group brought to town by Troy Taylor, the sharp crack of a musket was audibly heard by all present! Not far from this spot, in the Devils Den parking lot, Al and Jo Brindza from AMG and I once heard cannon fire around 9pm on the last Sat in November - a weekend when no artillery re-enactor units were in town. SSP member Jack Thomas has also heard "phantom" artillery on the battlefield and this is significant because of his "trained ear". Besides possessing vast historical knowledge of the CW, Jack is a former M60 Tank Commander, and knows his

artillery sounds like a great composer knows music - if he says he heard a 12 lb Napoleon, you can take it to the bank!

What I find so fascinating about this is how sometimes this gunfire is recorded (without being audibly heard) and yet other times, it is clearly heard yet not captured on a recording device! A case in point is the time several years ago when the Brindzas and I heard the cannon fire. I had my camcorder going at the time and shortly afterward rewound the tape, expecting to hear what we heard -- but it wasn't there! Kelly was off by herself over by Plum Run at the time, trying to prompt responses with her recorder -- although only perhaps 50 yards away, she neither heard nor recorded the artillery. Strange!

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Contact Kelly at 717-737-7623 or weaviate@aol.com



HAUNTED SPOTS & COOKING POTS - NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE SSP -- ONLY \$6.00

Haunted Spots and Cooking Pots reveals fascinating true ghost stories and local legends of Pennsylvania. Combined with delicious recipes from *Spirit Society of Pa.* members, friends and families, this book will entertain you for years to come. Discover which local establishments and eateries have more than food on their menu!



Savor recipes that run the gamut from appetizers, main dishes and desserts all the way to yummy treats for your furry friends.

Haunted Spots and Cooking Pots will delight your spirit and tummy with spooky superstitions pertaining to the spirit world and its relationship to food.

Find out why you should not drop your spoon downwards in your bowl. Did you know there are certain superstitions regarding how you eat off of your plate? Why shouldn't a single woman wipe the bottom of the pan with a piece of bread? What doom awaits her? How do you prevent the Devil from fouling up your meal? *Haunted Spots and Cooking Pots* reveals the answers to these questions and a lot more.

I guarantee that you'll never look at your kitchen utensils in the same way again! - Kelly Weaver

(Available at SSP Meetings, Kelly's Magical Garden & Civil War and More in Mechanicsburg. All proceeds benefit the Spirit Society of PA)

The JACKSON, MI. POLTERGEIST - Part 2 By Troy Taylor © 2002, All Rights Reserved. Used with permission

(Cont. from May 2006 Issue) These included two sons, 15 and 22, and their daughter, Georgine, who was 13. As many human agent poltergeist cases involve young women of this age, it is not surprising that many wondered if the activity might stem from her.

Thomas Lincoln, age 15, was also in the house and while rare, young men have also been known to be the unwitting agents of the phenomena. John Lincoln, 22, was also living in the house. He had been discharged from the army in August 1961 and was still unemployed and still living in the house the following summer. Even aside from the length of the haunting though, the activity in the house would soon no longer be thought of as a typical case.

One evening, John and his mother were seated in the living room reading when they heard the loud noise of someone walking up the basement steps to the kitchen. The footsteps came to a halt and were then followed by the terrific pounding of someone on the other side of the door. Thomas ran in from his bedroom, convinced that someone was trying to break into the house. Mrs. Lincoln quickly grabbed his shotgun and opened the door to see who was there. He found no one in the basement!

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Gingras, friends of the Lincoln's and soon acquaintances of Kellar, also recalled water and gas turning on when they were at the house. On another occasion, they were at the house and were waiting for Kellar to join them. Mr. Gingras had just talked to Kellar and he expected to arrive at the Lincoln house in about 15 minutes. However, after only a minute or two, everyone who was present heard his footsteps as they came up onto the porch. "We heard the steps at the same instant because we each turned to the other and remarked that Harry had arrived sooner than we expected," Mrs. Gingras later explained. "But when Vic and my husband went to the door there was no one there. And though the porch was covered with new snow, there were no footprints." When Kellar arrived a short time later, the only footprints that marked the porch were his own! Newspaper reporter Raymond Meagher also came to the Lincoln house as a skeptic. Like many others, he assumed that the Lincoln's "haunted house" was either a hoax, that they were the victims of cruel pranksters or that they had been victimized by their overactive imaginations. He eventually spent about 10 hours (on three separate occasions) in the house. The first two times, both during the daylight hours, nothing strange occurred.

However, on the third trip, which extended from about 7:30 PM to midnight, he finally realized that there was more going on at the home than he could have ever expected! Meagher brought along four people with him that night and along with the Lincoln's and four of their children, all of them sat in the dining and living rooms, talking and watching television. Suddenly, Mr. Lincoln stated that he heard water running and several of them went into the bathroom, where water was pouring from one of the taps. Meagher was certain that everyone present was in the other room when the water began to run. Less than an hour later, one of the observers reported smelling oil. The group again left the living and dining rooms and went to the rear bedroom, where the smell of oil was very strong. It seemed to be coming from a space heater. Meagher had been in the room just a short time before and, out of curiosity, had checked the heater. It had not been on and had been letting off no odor. Now, somehow it was - and Meagher was again sure that no one had left the room they had all been in. After this has been investigated (the smell dissipated

shortly after they all crowded into the room), the group began moving back to the living room. As they passed by a small closet, they all heard something smash and shatter against the metal closet door. As they walked past, shards of broken glass tinkled out into the hallway. They discovered that a small glass bottle had apparently been thrown against the doors and had shattered into pieces. No one had seen the bottle be thrown and no one had been standing in the direction from which the bottle came.

While the entire group was investigating the broken bottle, all of the lights in the house inexplicably turned off! They did not come back on until Mr. Lincoln replaced a fuse in the basement. Was it merely a coincidence or simply a blown fuse? Perhaps - or perhaps not. It can't be ignored that the timing was certainly strange. As a trained investigator though, Meagher couldn't help but notice that some of the events were suspicious (as many readers will be undoubtedly thinking as well). For instance, the bathroom tap that turned on by itself could have easily been nothing more than a defective faucet.

Several years ago, I lived in a house where the kitchen sink frequently turned on under its own power. The house wasn't haunted though - when I replaced the faucet, it never happened again. Also, each time that something happened during Meagher's investigation (except when the lights went out), the Lincoln's were always the first to notice it and reported that something was going on. And each time that the report was given, a great deal of commotion followed and everyone milled about, making it almost impossible for the reporter and his fellow investigators to keep track of everyone. It would have been possible for one of the Lincoln's to have turned on the gas or the water as they ran into the room. Also (and perhaps more likely), it's possible that the water could have been turned on some time before and then the hoaxer could have waited for someone to notice it. It would have seemed to have turned on by itself because no one had been in the bathroom for some time. When no one did, the Lincoln's would call attention to it and because they had been in the room the entire time, they would never be suspected as the culprits. Also, when the bottle had smashed against the closet door, everyone was in a group, passing through the narrow hallway. No one actually saw the bottle in the air and it would have been a simple matter for someone to have tossed it behind their back, unseen by everyone else. Of course, that's not to say that any of this did happen, but it certainly could have. But in order for the entire case to have been a hoax, it would have had to have been a long-running one and for what purpose?

According to police records, calls had been placed by the Lincoln's about unusual activity in their home for nearly two years before the case ever reached the national press. With that in mind, it seems hard to believe that they could have faked the activity for attention. It also seems unusual that the activity seemed to peak at about the time that they announced their intentions to sell the house. Having it appear in national newspapers as a "haunted house" is not usually the best plan to try and sell unwanted property!

So, what do you think? Do you think the Lincoln home was really haunted? Apparently the Lincoln family did! They moved out during the summer of 1962 and never came back. Interestingly though, the subsequent owners of the place never reported any strange activity, leading us to wonder what may have been going on here after all. Was the house infested by a ghost? Was it really a human agent poltergeist case after all? Or was the house merely "haunted" by bored family members who were looking for something to occupy their time during the long Michigan winter? The answers to those questions remain unsolved. (See Troy at the ERPC in Gettysburg, July 21-22)