

Ghosts, Goblins and Things

By GARTH WAITE

Is their such thing as a haunted house? In Fredericton?? Well, according to an anonymous (but reliable) source, there is...THE CASTLE.

It is located at the bottom of the hill, close to the Riverview Arms. The 'Castle', as it is known by residents and locals, has its very own ghost. Apparently, this ghost cleans up unsightly messes and spends his time searching for a long lost letter.

The man who wishes to remain anonymous shall hereinafter be referred to as Mr. X. The following is Mr.X's tale of life with this ghost.

Before moving into the house, Mr.X. was told by his friend of a number of incidents that had occurred previously. He was told of these incidents to prepare him for what might lay ahead.

In one tale Mr.X's friend told of an evening where a few people were sitting at the kitchen table playing cards and all of a sudden a voice was heard saying, "Gee, it's hot in here." Immediately the window shot up of its own accord. Another ghostly incident occurred when a wall clock started ticking. Not so odd, you say? The clock was broken, it was not plugged in and the hands were spinning around like crazy. Furthermore, this 'clock tale' was told to Mr.X while he was in his Psychology class. When Mr.X expressed disbelief...the classroom clock fell off of the wall and it came off the wall with such a force it almost hit the professor.

Not all incidents were eerie... in one case Mr.X's friend was sitting in his kitchen trying to fix a broken oar. He was sipping a cup of hot chocolate and continuously pushing repair tools aside to

make room for the cup. And after finishing the first cup, he went into the kitchen to make a second. What is so weird? *When the man returned to the table he found his tools all neatly piled up on a chair on the other side of the room.* Suspecting that he was the subject of a prank, the man searched his house but found that he was, indeed, all alone.

There have been numerous stories about 'the Castle' at the bottom of the hill; of spectres and super natural activities. Some local residents have even reported sightings of a ghostly figure moving about their apartments. In one case of a reported sighting, a minister is said to have confronted the ghost. The minister asked "What are you looking for?" The reply, "A letter." Letters were always reported missing by the residents of the house.

A couple of years ago this 'Castle ghost' was investigated by a group of professional ghost hunters. In a spiritual trance, they made contact with a woman in rocking chair. The woman was dressed in eighteenth century style

clothing sitting on a rocking chair in the living room. The story hit the national news.

By CARMEN MISENER

New Brunswick is haunted by many spectres and phantoms as is attested in Stuart Trueman's book *Ghosts, Pirates, and Treasure Trove*. A New Brunswick native, he travelled widely to obtain his stories of spine tingling encounters with the supernatural.

The tales range from funny to down right scary, from such infamous cases as the Dungarvon Whooper of the Miramichi to the Galloping Ghost of Major Studholm.

New Brunswick is rich with ghosts, especially around the islands, like Grand Manan or Deer Island. From north to south spectres and spooks are deemed to be accepted fact!

There is "something which science has not unearthed", he believes. Explaining about a house in Gagetown with a tragic history, there seems to be an aura permeating the house and there are several reports of ghosts residing there.

For anyone interested in the supernatural side of New Brunswick this book is a must.



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