

False Outs

that two years ago he watched a mysterious object in the sky over Lake Ontario and filed a report with the Canadian Government.

The astronomer asked reporters for the *Toronto Telegram* to withhold his identity. He said that he had been showing Jupiter to a friend through a high-powered telescope when the object appeared on the southwest horizon above the lake. There was a reddish glow from what appeared to be portholes and the tail released a blue light like an acetylene torch as it soared northeast.

"There is no doubt," the astronomer told reporters, "that the world is witnessing a strange series of phenomena identified as 'Flying Saucers.'" He said he left open the question of whether they originated from other planets.



Queen of Diamonds

A STRANGE story comes to me from Munich, Germany, via Reuters.

In November, 1950, Dieter Elwenspoek, an announcer of the Bavarian Broadcasting Corporation, was reading the foreign news over Radio Munich. Elwenspoek had been complaining of a headache for hours before the program began. During his broadcast it got worse.

Suddenly he interrupted his report on a speech by Paul Henri-Spaak, Belgian socialist leader, to

state clearly the words, "Regina, queen of diamonds."

Immediately the Bavarian Broadcasting Corporation asked the prosecutor general at Munich to make an investigation of the affair.

Press reports declared that at the same time Elwenspoek made his announcement, Viennese Magician Fritz Stroble was boasting to his audience in a theater that he could order by telepathy the announcement of any girl's name and playing card over Radio Munich which his listeners cared to select.

Elwenspoek asserted that as soon as he burst forth with "Regina, queen of diamonds," his headache vanished.



Lincoln's Ghost

WILLIAM HILLMAN's book about President Truman, "Mr. President" gives an excerpt from one of the President's letters concerning Lincoln's ghost.

"My daughter and her two pals, Jane Lingo and Mrs. Wright — both lovely kids, are sleeping in Lincoln's bed tonight," President Truman wrote on April 10, 1951. "If I were not afraid it would scare them too badly I would have Lincoln appear. The maids and butlers swear he has appeared on several occasions. It is said that even Mrs. Coolidge saw him."

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LAFAYETTE SQUARE

Decatur House

Despite attempts to keep it away, the **ghost** of Commodore Stephen Decatur has returned to his former residence. Just before the War of 1812, Decatur pushed for the conviction of Commander James Barron for not resisting a British patrol looking for American deserters on his frigate, the Chesapeake. Barron was convicted and suspended from the navy, and Decatur took over his post on the Chesapeake. Barron hated Decatur for ruining his career and eventually challenged him to a duel. Decatur kept the duel a secret from his wife Susan, and spent the night before staring blankly out of his first-floor bedroom window. The next morning, March 14, 1820, Decatur sneaked out the back door and rode to a field in Maryland to meet Barron in a duel. Decatur was shot in the liver and mortally wounded. He died at his home in his first-floor bedroom. His hysterical wife was not fit to be at his side. Since 1821, passersby have seen his morose figure staring from the downstairs bedroom window. To prevent his reappearance, the window on H Street was ordered walled up, and a fixed shutter now hides the wall. Recently his apparition has been seen in the early morning hours, slipping out the back door with a small box under his arm. It is the black velvet box that carries his dueling pistols. The haunting sounds of a sobbing woman, assumed to be his wife Susan, have also been reported in the house.

Decatur House is a three-story brick structure on the corner of Jefferson Place and H Street in Lafayette Square. It is now occupied by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The address is 748 Jackson Place Northwest, Washington, DC 20006. Phone: 202-842- 0920

WHITE HOUSE

Lincoln Bedroom

President **Lincoln** was perhaps the nation's most mystical leader, and he generated tremendous psychic energy. While living in the White House, he and his wife held several seances in an attempt to contact the spirit of their son Willie, who died there. One medium who visited the White House regularly gave **Lincoln** advice from great leaders of history. At one of those seances, the spirit of Daniel Webster pleaded with **Lincoln** to follow through with his efforts to free the slaves. Medium J. B. Conklin conveyed a message to **Lincoln** from his close friend Edward Baker, who had been killed at the battle of Ball's Bluff. The cryptic message said, "Gone elsewhere. Elsewhere is everywhere." In 1863, medium Charles Shackle visited the White House and performed a levitation. At another levitation, **Lincoln** allegedly ordered a Maine congressman to sit on top of a piano that was floating in midair. In November 1860, **Lincoln** told his wife he

knew he would be elected for a second term but would die in office, and he saw his own assassination in a series of dreams three days before that fateful day of April 14, 1865. Afterward, many people reported seeing his **ghost** in the White House. Franklin D. Roosevelt's personal valet ran screaming from the White House one day, after seeing Lincoln's **ghost**. Eleanor Roosevelt's maid Mary Eben saw the **ghost** sitting on his bed pulling off his boots. Even the Roosevelt's dog Fala was said to have sensed Lincoln's presence. Grace Coolidge, Theodore Roosevelt, Eleanor Roosevelt, Winston Churchill, Harry Truman, Margaret Truman, Dwight Eisenhower, James Haggerty, Jacqueline Kennedy, Ladybird Johnson, Susan Ford, and **Maureen Reagan** have all admitted sensing the presence of the Civil War president in the White House. The wife of Lyndon Johnson witnessed Lincoln's mysterious presence while she watched a television program about his assassination. She felt compelled to read a plaque above the fireplace, which explained the dead president's connection to the room. Gerald Ford's daughter Susan saw Lincoln's **ghost** in the room in the 1980s. In 1987, Ronald Reagan's daughter Maureen and her husband Dennis Revell both saw Lincoln's translucent form next to the bedroom's fireplace. This room was actually Lincoln's Cabinet Room. He signed the Emancipation Proclamation here. It was named the **Lincoln** Bedroom when his nine-foot-long bed was moved here. The

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Some believe tales of ghosts
at Carter's former home

Associated Press

PLAINS - Some say a home once occupied by former President Jimmy Carter is haunted.

The current owner says it's nonsense.

But even Carter reported odd events at the house just outside Plains where he lived from 1955 until 1961.

"One night, Rosalynn and I were in our bedroom when we heard a loud, house-shaking crash like a piece of furniture had fallen over or something, and we could tell it was coming from that front room," Carter told the Americus Times-Recorder. "But when we went in there to check it out, we found nothing out of place."

The house, built about 1850, features Greek Revival-style architecture and hand-hewn boards of heart pine that run the length of some of the rooms.

Between the first and second floors, there are two small closet-size rooms. The only way to enter them is through a trap door hidden under removable bricks in the hearths above them.

Some believe the rooms were hiding places for Confederate soldiers or runaway slaves. Others believe they might house ghosts.

Sonny Faircloth once stayed at the home while visiting his brother, Tink, who lived there in the 1940s.

He says he didn't stay long.

Faircloth claims that, while he slept, something picked him up off the bed, placed him on the floor and then put him on the bed again.

"I've been told all kinds of stories," said Plains tour guide

James Marshall. "But I don't know about it being haunted. It might have something to do with the cemetery right down the road."

The home's current owner, Blake Sullivan, says there simply is no such thing as a ghost.

"Once we go to the grave, that's where we stay until the Lord raises us up to judge us," he said. "That's not paranormal. That's what the Bible teaches."

Sullivan says he bought the house because of its history and architecture, not because of the ghost stories.

"People think what they want to think about it, but I don't believe in any of that stuff," Sullivan said. "This is just a house, and it's a beautiful house."

Still, the stories persist around the tiny south Georgia town that Carter calls home.

"Ain't nobody been in that house for quite a while," said Bobby Salter, who owns a downtown peanut and souvenir shop. "The haunts might be restless out there."

Gov. Carter's Wife: Jimmy and I Lived in a Haunted House for Five Years

by Shelley Ross

(The National Enquirer [tabloid], April 27, 1976)

Presidential candidate Jimmy Carter and his wife once lived in a haunted house in Georgia - complete with eerie noises, flashing lights and a mysterious secret room hidden beneath a fireplace.

The old Southern home the Carters rented for five years, 1954-59, just outside the town of Plains, Ga., has been the subject of ghostly legends since the time of the Civil War, Mrs. Rosalynn Carter told the ENQUIRER.

Legends say the house was taken over by Union soldiers, that some of them were killed there, and that their spirits still roam through the house.

"I knew that the house was haunted ever since I was a little girl, because I grew up in the town," Mrs. Carter said. "I used to go all the way through the woods to avoid walking close to it. When I did go near it, I saw flashing lights in the attic when there was nobody in the house." Before she and her husband moved in, Mrs. Carter said, she had heard stories about a spooky bedroom where bedcovers flew mysteriously off the bed.

"I was too frightened to find out what would happen to me, so I made the bedroom into a living room," she said. "I just didn't dare sleep in that room."

"I never saw any ghosts - I don't believe in them - but I heard something in the attic every night that sent shivers up my spine. Those eerie noises gave me goosebumps."

"One day while my son was playing he found two loose bricks in the attic fireplace," Mrs. Carter continued. "When he picked up the bricks, he discovered a room beneath the fireplace, four feet deep and six feet wide. There was nothing in the room but a chair."

She speculated that possibly some of the Yankee soldiers hid in the room, giving rise to the ghostly legends.

Mrs. Carter recalled that the man who rented the house before the Carters moved in, Dr. Thad Wise, told her he had often seen a little white dog walk to the porch of the house. "But every time the doctor would try to pet it, he told me, the dog would disappear," Mrs. Carter said.

Another former resident, Mrs. Jeana Pantall, said she and her husband were asleep when something suddenly yanked the

bedcovers off her - twice in the same night. "But I couldn't see anyone," she said. The present occupant, Mrs. Bertha Hewitt, says she often hears light switches clicking on and off after she goes to bed. "And I heard that one man who slept in the haunted bedroom got picked up out of his bed, set on the floor, and then put back in bed again."

Added Mrs. Carter: "It's a house you can fear, but love at the same time, because of its beauty."

(photo caption: "Secret door leading to underground room discovered by Rosalynn Carter's son, is shown by the house's present occupant, Mrs. Bertha Hewitt.")

ROSALYNN CARTER'S HAUNTED HOUSE

by Cliff Linedecker

(*The Examiner* [tabloid], May 3, 1983)

Former President and Mrs. Jimmy Carter lived with a terrifying ghost years before moving into the White House.

Their once magnificent antebellum home in Plains, Georgia was haunted by the eerie spectre of a sobbing woman in a white dress and a mysterious phantom dog.

Built in 1850, the old wood frame plantation-style building was already the legendary haunt of ghosts and fearsome creatures of the night when Jimmy and his wife-to-be, Rosalynn Smith, were growing up in Plains.

"When I was a little girl, my best friend was Jimmy's sister Ruth," Rosalynn recalled.

"We had to pass the haunted house to visit each other. We were about 11, and so afraid of the house that we took the long way around."

Amazingly, years later after Rosalynn had married her best friend's brother, the young couple had moved into the scary house.

From 1956 to 1960 they raised their three sons in the spook-filled home.

Almost immediately after they moved in, the mysterious forces lurking in the house reminded the new occupants that they were not alone.

Mrs. Carter said that one night they were startled by the sound of a loud crash coming from the front room.

"We waited a bit, then the whole family trooped in together, thinking a window had fallen shut. But the window was still wide open," she shuddered.

Inez Laster, who worked in the house as a cook during the early 1950s, also learned first hand of the menacing supernatural presences that haunted the scary room.

"Things would happen in that room," she whispered. "I could hear knocking on the door. Then it would open and shut and I'd hear walking. I'd see a woman with a long white dress coming from the cemetery."

"Sometimes I'd hear her walking on the attic stairs," the cook confided.

Mrs. Carter also recalled stories she heard of a tiny, silent, white dog which was said to appear on the front steps. It always suddenly vanished when someone reached down to pat it.

One of the most puzzling mysteries of the brooding old plantation house a small secret space squeezed between the attic and the haunted living room. The Carter boys discovered it one day as they were playing and noticed a loose brick in the hearth. They found that there was just room enough for about three men to hide.

Could it be that the little room holds the solution to the hidden secrets of the mystery phantoms that stalk the old house?

of a Ghost)
(Photo caption: "Ex-First Lady Rosalynn Carter inspects secret space above the hearth in attic of wood framed haunted house (top) in Plains, Georgia." The photo shows a woman who certainly appears to be Rosalynn Carter, bending down and inspecting a hole in the floor before a hearth.)

[I wrote to Mrs. Carter asking if she would either confirm or deny this story. I received no reply. - RS].

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