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Historic Hauntings At The Shore



Paul Scharff

The Seabrook-Wilson House in Port Monmouth, formerly known as The Spy House, is now the Bayshore Waterfront Park's activity center. Park representatives state the historic home is not haunted, nor do they want it to be known as such.

There's a chill in the air, and for many, the Halloween season is a favorite time. In addition to the autumn traditions, stories of ghosts and spirits at the Jersey Shore have been passed down from generation to generation. And while most are unsubstantiated by science, these tales make for good stories to tell around a fall bonfire. Here we present a few.

The Spy House Specters

The Seabrook-Wilson House in Port Monmouth, informally known as The Spy House, is now the Bayshore Waterfront Park's activity center and part of the Monmouth County Park System. Added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1974, the building is one of the oldest surviving houses along the bayshore and one of the first homes built along the New Jersey shoreline.

Some sources cite the building's construction as early as 1648, but according to the Monmouth County Park System, the house began as a small cabin in 1720. Over the years, the building was used as a private home, a meeting hall for British military and colonists, a pirate hangout, a boarding house/inn, a bordello,

and a museum.

Park representatives and local historians might dispute claims about the building having a haunted history; however, if one believes the tales told by former museum curator Gertrude Neidlinger in the mid-1970s and 1980s, then The Spy House was one of the most haunted places at the Jersey Shore.

Neidlinger, who passed away in 1998, told museum-goers accounts of several spirits and apparitions. These included Abigail, who sobbingly stared at the sea while waiting for her husband to return; an angry sea captain; the ghosts of former residents Reverend William Wilson and Penelope Stout; and a pirate named Robert. Neidlinger's claims were featured in a 1988 issue of *COAST Magazine* (the former name of this magazine), and while unsubstantiated by officials, the tales did result in many ghost hunters visiting the building during the '70s and '80s.

Restored in 2009 by the Monmouth County Park System, visitors can decide for themselves if there is any merit to Neidlinger's anecdotes of ghostly encounters.

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The Shore House in Point Pleasant.

The Shore House Spirits

For over a century, tales have been woven about legendary phantasms at The Shore House, one of the oldest operating taverns in New Jersey. Evidence over the years include falling glasses, moving furniture, pans flying off the walls, mysteriously broken windows, and items disappearing off of receipts. Adding to the lore of the tavern are visions of specters by patrons, employees, as well as the owners.

Built in the 1800s, The Shore House on Route 88 in Point Pleasant was originally named The West Point Hotel. It has gone through several name changes over the years, including Jilly's Gin Mill and Magee's West Side Tavern. In the distant past, the building was reportedly a brothel, and the basement was used as a temporary morgue following the wreck of the *John Minturn* off Mantoloking in 1846 when thirty-nine people lost their lives.

While stories vary from source to source, the two main characters generally stay the same: Captain John and Elsie.

According to an *Asbury Park Press* story in 2002, Captain John lived upstairs in one of the nine guest rooms and his daughter or niece, Elsie, haunts a closet where she supposedly hid from him. In another version published in the *Ocean County Observer* in 2007, Captain John locked Elsie in that closet. Whatever version tavern patrons believe, the supernatural activity over the years supposedly stems from Elsie trying to get out of the closet while Captain John protects her.

In 2006, the tavern (known as Magee's West Side Tavern at the time) was featured on an episode of *The Montel Williams Show*. Former manager Jeremy Margolias appeared on the show with psychic Sylvia Brown to determine the validity of whom, if anyone, was actually haunting the building. After giving detailed descriptions of several strange incidents, Brown determined that the spirit was a man named Louis Carter. Further investigation by the tavern staff concluded that there was a man named Louis Carter who lived in Point Pleasant at the time of the *John Minturn* tragedy.

A paranormal investigation in 2001 concluded that at least three ghosts inhabited the building. However, another investigation by Paranormal Visions completed in 2006 did not yield conclusive evidence of paranormal activity, despite several "orbs" appearing in photographs and members of the team feeling that a supernatural presence was there. "Orbs are one thing, but we could not gather enough scientific evidence with the data we got back," said Paranormal Visions founder Desirae Wojitanowski in a 2008 interview in *4074 Magazine*.

Whether Captain John, Elsie, and Louis Carter are real or just figments of a generation's imagination, the

stories spun around The Shore House make it a legendary place to get a bite to eat or share a drink with a friend.

The Grenville Ghosts

The Grenville Hotel, located on Main Avenue in Bay Head, is still considered one of the most luxurious summer hotels and restaurants at the Jersey Shore, just as it was when it was built in 1890. The building is filled with tradition and history, and among the stories told by former guests, employees, and owners are those of some light-hearted ghostly encounters.

The sound of footsteps in empty rooms and on empty stairwells, and the sound of children playing and laughing in the lobby and in hallways when no children were present, are two of the most commonly reported occurrences from former guests and employees.

Adding to the legends are tales of apparitions dressed in nineteenth century clothing, rattling doorknobs, and the "feeling" of a presence.

No known paranormal investigations have been done at The Grenville Hotel, and there have been no ghostly encounters documented on any trip review sites. Perhaps the ghosts are waiting for the right person with which to play.

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