



THE BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG

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Paranormal Investigation

The Battle

On July 1, 1863, the Army of Northern Virginia under the command of General Robert E. Lee with a force of 75,000 men and the Army of the Potomac, under the command of General George C. Meade with a force of 97,000 men concentrated together at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania to do battle in what is described as the supreme battle of the 2000 plus land battles fought between the North and the South. This engagement at Gettysburg on the 1,2,3 of July 1863 would see over 51,000 casualties from both sides. In no other battle in American History have so many fought and died. Over 634 cannon and 197,000 men with 569 tons of ammunition having been expended and when it was over, 5000 dead horses and the wreckage of war put forth a scene of utter devastation and death. With Pickett's Charge against superior Union firepower a failure, the battle was over and the Union was in tact, but the war would go on another 2 bloody years before the cannon where silenced and the cries of the wounded would not fill the air of the battlefields. Names like the Peach Orchard, Wheatfield, Devil's Den, Little Round Top, Culp's Hill and Cemetery Ridge would fall into the history books.

Paranormal Gettysburg

Paranormal activity has in most cases been found in places where the lost of life was unexpected, sudden and in this case expected due to the follies of men and of war.

Devil's Den

The most talked about area of the battlefield in paranormal circles. Devil's Den was an out cropping of large boulders where Confederate Sharpshooters (Snipers) would lay in wait for Union soldiers to pass by and they were credited with hundreds of kills before they were eliminated by Union troops. One paranormal investigator of which we hold with high esteem said "There is something there and I do believe

it is pure evil” Reports of feelings of being watched, evil, and death surround the area known as Devil’s Den. Paranormal researchers report EVP, extreme temperature drops, apparitions, photos that won’t develop, batteries going dead, failed electronic devices etc. This is truly an evil place said one. Confederates could not climb the rocky out cropping with out being killed by Union sharpshooters fire from Little Round Top. So once they gained their position it was usually a short stay as they were being fired upon and killed as soon as they got there, once discovered. They had no place to bury their dead so they would push the bodies into the crevices between the rocks.



PHOTO OF DEAD CONFEDERATE SHARPSHOOTER IN DEVIL’S DEN

The mental impact was so devastating on one Alabama soldier rescued from the rocks at Devil’s Den he muttered “Awful, awful rocks” for weeks.

The Farnsworth House

Taken over by Confederate sharpshooters on the first day of the battle to take out the enemy as they came in range. Reports of cigar smoke, footsteps, being touched by an unknown entity, EVP's and objects being moved for no apparent reason have been reported. It was from this vantage point it is though the stray bullet that killed Jennie Wade, the only civilian casualty of the battle came.

The Jennie Wade House

Jennie Wade is said to wander the house with her father who was institutionalized after her death from a snipers stray bullet.

Paranormal investigators report very strange feelings of remorse upon entering the house. Jennie's father passed away in the "Poor House" years later.

The Battlefield

Many tourists to the battlefield report reenactments of the battle. When, no reenactments were scheduled. Apparitions of shaggy dressed men in floppy hats atop Devil's Den, said to be Confederates from Texas. A barefoot ghost wearing a floppy hat and buckskin often seen walking through the park and often mistaken by visitors as a re-enactor, and have posed with him for photos which never developed his image. Soldiers, marching in order. Sentries posted along the woods on the Confederate side. Cannons manned by Union troops. Harmonica music. Rebel yells and rifle reports.

It is a fact that these brave soldiers from both sides were treated just as badly after the battle. The corpses were robbed and gold teeth and gold fillings were stolen along with jewelry and other personal effects. Could it be that these restless souls far from home continue to fight this battle over and over again? Their home is now the 25 square miles encompassing the battlefield for time and eternity?

Paranormal Investigators strive to prove ghosts do exist. They do that through the use of electronic devices, infrared cameras, and scientific methods. Many Paranormal Investigators have witnessed and photographed or taken EVP recordings at Gettysburg Battlefield and all seem satisfied that it is truly a haunted place. One or two instances can be explained. As one investigator put it, but not hundreds in the same area by people from all walks of life over so many years. Many of these claims are beyond explanation. Re-enactors report being pushed aside during staged battles and being shoved off trails as they embark into the battle. Ghostly figures appear on the battle lines riding horses and waving sabers during re-enactments. A specter resembling General Lee sitting atop a white horse in the wooded area on the Confederate side of Pickett's Charge with his head hanging down. All have been documented by paranormal groups in Pennsylvania and from around the country and the world. Even reports of UFO's along with photos of them taken at Gettysburg Battlefield have been reported and documented.

We are well aware of the skeptics that call the Gettysburg Battlefield a tourist trap and that could be true in some very small measure. We see it as hollowed ground where many died for a cause they believed in. And if the reports of restless souls wandering the battlefield are true we can only hope they one day will find peace. We on the other hand feel the Battlefield has something un-natural taking place and reports will be taken and the investigation will continue.

HAUNTED GETTYSBURG BATTLEFIELD

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