



UFORCOP CASE REVIEW
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“SUSCON SCREAMER”

**LOCATION: Susquehanna
Railroad Bridge, Pittston
Township, Luzerne County, PA**

TRUE STORY or LEGEND?

The tale of the “Suscon Screamer” begins from under, atop and around the former Susquehanna Railroad Bridge (also know as the Boo Boo Bridge and The Black Bridge)

The range of speculation as to what the “Suscon Screamer” is really covers a wide spectrum from apparitions to loud screams in the night. Here are the most popular.

- The ghost of a woman jilted at the altar with a loud piercing scream hung herself from the bridge.
- Another story says she was a teenager killed in a car accident on prom night who is still trying to hitch a ride home. She will appear if you blow the car horn three times.
- Yet another story says it is the ghost of a mother and child killed in a car accident on the way to a local hospital.
- Then there is the story of a girl who escaped from an insane asylum who had leaped from the bridge only to die below who has cursed the bridge.
- The spectral image of a woman floating about in the nearby woods adjacent to the bridge has give paranormal fodder to investigators and the locals alike for years.

Another range of stories puts the sightings into the monster range with 6 ft. tall hairy beings clawing at the ground sort of looking like a shorter Bigfoot. A large half pig half man type creature arising from the bogs and a lion that escaped from a traveling circus, are but a few.

Another urban legend has 13 street lamps on Suscon Road and 11 of those are out of service nightly. Every night it's a different 11?

There have also been sightings of at least one apparition roaming the area of the bridge but not related to the bridge itself. The bridge is no longer there as confirmed by our researchers who went to the scene. Other phenomenon seen at the location over the years has been a phantom train and orbs.

The train sounds have been attributed to local train tracks about a mile from the bridge. Orbs are what people want them to be.

Recently we were contacted by a resident of California who lived near the bridge as a young man and he related stories of the "Suscon Screamer" as told to him and his siblings by his Grandparents. He and some friends went to the area to see an apparition or at least hear a deathly scream. They saw no ghost but did hear a terrifying scream, attributed to an owl in the location of the bridge. No one wanted to advise the Grandparents of the owl.

As in most legends there are no photographs of the apparitions or orbs and no recordings of the screams, no documentation of the streetlights or reports of catastrophic incidents involving fatalities at the bridge. The best time frame we can locate is the "Prom" story which starts sometime in 1942. That cannot be verified.

Whether factual or not the legend is meant to be told as true and just plausible enough to be believed and it is usually started by someone apt to rely on hearsay, or second hand stories relayed as fact.

As we could not find any evidence for or against the stories related by others we will call the “Suscon Screamer” case review a cautionary tale, a fable or urban legend.



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