

Ghosts of presidents haunt White House

It is true that the office of president is a difficult one. Those who occupy that office, and their loved ones, are under constant pressure. Perhaps a ghostbuster might get the large number of ghosts seen by presidents and their families to their minds' playing tricks on them as a result of their pressure.

I, however, feel these reports are too numerous and too consistent to be so easily dismissed.

It is well-known that Lincoln was quite clairvoyant. According to the Encyclopedia Britannica, "He was occasionally subject to hours of deep silence and introspection that approached the condition of a trance."

Shortly before his assassination, he dreamed of his own death and viewed his own body lying in state in the White House.

Lincoln's ghost has been reportedly seen in the White House by Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands, Eleanor Roosevelt, Mrs. Calvin Coolidge, Theodore Roosevelt, Herbert Hoover, Winston Churchill, Harry S. Truman and numerous servants and secretaries.

THE GHOST of Abigail Adams, wife of the second president, has frequently been seen doing her laundry in the East Room, especially during the T&E administration.

When the second Mrs. Woodrow Wilson ordered gardeners to remove Daisy Madison's rose garden, Daily Herald appeared and, in no uncertain terms, forbade them to unearth a single rose bush. Today, that rose garden remains where it has been since Mrs. Madison directed its planting.

While in the White House, President Garfield saw and talked with his father's ghost.



ANDREW JACKSON is said to haunt the Rose Room. Through the years, many White House staff members have reported strange experiences in that room.

Animal ghosts also have been reported in the house and on the grounds. FDR's little Scottie dog Fala, among others.

As yet, I have not heard of anyone seeing the ghost of Roosevelt or Kennedy, our two most recent presidents to die in office. However, I am betting what they are, present White House inhabitants have enough to haunt them without seeing ghosts. And they would probably think twice about reporting it, if they did see one, especially in an election year.

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Padden wants 'more equitable' juries

Michigan courts may have the largest and most representative crop of juror prospects in this country if a summer lawmaker is successful with legislation he recently introduced in the state house.

Rep. Jeffrey D. Padden (D-Wyandotte) recently introduced a five-bill package for reform of the state jury system.

The jury reform package has bipartisan sponsorship from 21 representatives, eight

of whom are members of the judiciary committee.

"With citizens' inconvenience eliminated," Padden maintains, "it is possible to get on with needed improvements for more equitable practices."

Padden's proposals would allow for greater deferrals, as is customary in the recently streamlined courts of Wayne County, but the only conditions which would dis-

qualify a person from jury service are those which are currently in effect.

An area still concerning Padden is the number of existing exemptions which narrow the pool of juror prospects.

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