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Historic Ghosts and Legends of Pembrokeshire Simon Hancock (notes S A Martyn)

Whether you believe in the paranormal or not references have been made to the phenomena in Pembrokeshire for centuries. Gerald Cambrensis (2023 marks 800th anniversary of his death) may have recorded the first ghost story.

Stackpole: *Daemon Steward of Stackpole*; Lady Mathias & headless horse/headless coachman!

Carew Castle: Princess Nest as a 'white lady'; Sir Roland Rhys' Barbary Ape

Carew Cheriton in 1985 loud footsteps from inside and crashing of heavy wooden doors

Roch Castle: Adam de Rupe killed by a viper's bite. (+ links to Llangwm)

Orielton House: poltergeist hurl objects, throw dust in people's faces & whisper people's secrets.

Monkton Old Hall/ Monkton Priory (1930s): banging doors, knocking, strange lights, a cowled figure of a woman and the resident's dog howling in fear at 4.00 each morning

Bush House: strange lights, doors slamming, the sound of footsteps, 'presence' sitting on bed.

Cuffern Manor(1905): croquet game accompanied by a 'grey figure' glided along the lawn

St Brides Castle (1901): a room staff refused to enter because of tall dark figure of a man.

Manorbier (1914) a soldier on guard duty challenged an approaching figure who failed to respond. Eventually the soldier shot – passing through the figure (and the soldier passed out)!

Hubberston Fort (1875) shape of a dagger/palm print on the shaft of the memorial cross in churchyard on anniversary of death.

Newport Castle (Pembs) Lavender Lady accompanied by the smell of lavender.

Lamphey Palace is supposed to be the haunt of a lady in white, in the window of the Great Hall.

Little Haven: spirits of drowned eg public houses, used as temporary mortuaries.

The road **Haverfordwest - Milford Haven** reputedly the most haunted road in Wales!

Little Milford House: chill seeping from the cellar, draughts moving curtains by Caesar's ghost; human remains/ rusting tools found in the attic and a figure appear through the ceiling - then disappear through the wall!

Haverfordwest: 1847 1st ghost story reported in the Pembrokeshire Herald where a servant in Captain Crawley's house on **City Road** saw a 7' tall 'man', with no eyes (and promptly fainted); The old WH Smith, **15 High St.** in 1974 staff experienced icy temperatures and sensations of apparitions walking through them; **Prendergast Place** has its White Lady – endlessly seeking her Royalist husband who never returned to her; **Clay Lanes** had reported sightings in 1914 of strange figures and lights; **Haverfordwest's Augustinian Priory**, major excavation work and in 1976 a number of people reported seeing strange lights, hovering over the site. (*Excavations in 2022, on the **Ocky White** site, have revealed the site of the Dominican Priory and further burials have been identified*).

