

Notes, and for Further Research

Manhattan Smith

- This tale is a retelling based on Michael Wojik's account in [G.O.S.tv Episode One](#), "The Great Train Wreck", of Brian Vadim's and Jennie Collucci's video series on YouTube. The story is included in this collection with permission of Brian Vadim.
- Photographs of the Wreck of the Oswego Express, October 4, 1877, from the [Milford Borough Historical Society](#):



The Wreck of the Oswego Express, October 4, 1877



<https://milfordnjhistorica.wixsite.com/milford-nj-history>

- Find more vintage photographs and other historic resources at the [West Jersey History Project](#).
<https://westjerseyhistory.org/images/hunterdon/milford>

Old Dutch

- This tale is a retelling based on the accounts and reenactments in the film *The Ghosts of Somerville: Old Dutch Parsonage* from Brian Vadim, used with his permission. See where to stream: [IMDB](#).
- Learn more about the history of the New Jersey State Historic Sites, Wallace House and Old Dutch Parsonage, by visiting the sites with a guided tour by an expert historian.

- Read about the sites: [New Jersey State Park Service](#)
- and *see also* the [Wallace House and Old Dutch Parsonage Association](#).

Haunted Library

- This tale is set in the Raritan Public Library. Learn about the building's history and architecture at <https://raritanlibrary.org/history>
- For a fictional story inspired by this library and other local history, but entirely a product of the author's imagination, read: Seas, June. *The Look of Things: Mystery of the Haunted Library*, Carolingian Press 2022. This novel is part of *The Freep Investigates Mysteries Series* for young readers.

I Heard the Creature of 7A

- For the excellent summary of the history of "Bigfoot" sightings in Vermont, referenced in "I Heard the Creature of 7A", *see* Bartholomew, Robert and Pluta, Michael, "Bigfoot—Man, Myth or Monster?", [Rutland Herald](#). [Accessed December 15, 2023.]
- *See* Map of Historic 7A. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vermont_Route_7A#/map/0 *OpenStreetMap*, <https://www.openstreetmap.org/copyright> [Accessed December 16, 2023.]



- For more information on taking Historic Route 7A in Vermont, try Aiken, Ken: "Riding Vermont Historic Route 7A", [Rider Magazine, 2014](#); or Aiken, Ken: "A Trip Back in Time: Touring Vermont's Historic Route 7A", [TouringRoads Travel & Adventure](#). [Accessed December 16, 2023.]

Poltergeists

- According to Encyclopedia Britannica, "'Poltergeist', (from German *Polter*, 'noise' or 'racket'; *Geist*, 'spirit'), in occultism, [is] a disembodied spirit or supernatural force credited with certain malicious or disturbing phenomena, such as inexplicable noises, sudden wild movements, or breakage of household items...Such events are said to be sporadic, unpredictable, and often repetitive...According to popular belief, a poltergeist's activity appears to concentrate on a particular member of a family, often an adolescent..." [Britannica](#), 2023.
- However, some paranormal scientists believe that "poltergeist" phenomena may be psychokinetic activity caused by a living human. For example, see the discussion by Jennie Collucci, Paranormal Investigator at Parasight Experience, in the film *Ghosts of Somerville: Old Dutch Parsonage*. Find where to stream the film for free on [IMDB](#).
- And some think the phenomena has other, ordinary, physical and mechanical causes.

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