Spa mansion said to be haunted

Though vague stories about ghostly apparitions and eerie footsteps in the dimly lighted corridors of the Spa mansionowned by the Ballston Spa Board of Education have been doing the rounds for years, the building has recently become the scene of a more serious and possibly more frightening event. According to reports, Mrs. Alice Crandall, the former owner of the mansion, has had several close encounters with a ghostly figure that she believes to be the spirit of her late husband, Sylvester Crandall.

The Crandalls had lived in the mansion for 26 years, and during that time, Mrs. Crandall had never reported any unusual activity. However, after her husband's death in 1887, the mansion seemed to become less hospitable. Mrs. Crandall claims that she has often felt a presence in the house, and that objects have moved or disappeared without explanation.

Recently, Mrs. Crandall was visiting the mansion with her daughter, when she suddenly felt a cold draft and heard a faint whisper. When she turned to investigate, she saw a figure standing in the doorway, dressed in a long coat and hat. Mrs. Crandall was terrified, but the figure disappeared before she could make a sound.

Mrs. Crandall has since learned that the figure she saw was the ghost of Sylvester Crandall, who had lived in the mansion for 26 years, never seeing a haunted house on their property. In any case, Mrs. Alice Crandall, who now lives on Beach St, is preparing for a trip to Troy they had planned earlier. Crandall met Mrs. Crandall with his short-shrift. Navy revolver.

His first word was the bald, black-haired man who had run from the house before collapsing. He then fired three shots at his wife, without missing a single target. Despite pleas from the daughter, he killed her. Then, unable to find Mrs. Alice E. Ellis after a short search and much cursing, he ended her brother's life with his own up in the cup.

The local man, who had been hiding the body to the cutter so that the women could catch the train to Troy. At the same time, Mr. Crandall had an appetite for his desires for county life and his social aspirations. They argued over money and Mrs. Crandall's inheritance, for Crandall wanted his wife to take possession of two-thirds her father's property, willed to her. According to newspaper reports of the day, disputes often turned violent.

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Particularly in these snowy December days it is easy to imagine the ghost of Sylvester Crandall patrolling the grounds of the mansion where he committed his grisly crimes in 1887. The so-called Dunton estate is now owned by the Ballston Spa Board of Education.