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The Historic Gettysburg Railroad Station

The Historic Gettysburg Railroad Station will be hosting a seminar in conjunction with the *Paranormal Activity Research Association* on October 24th from 6:00-10:00 p.m. The evening will begin with a seminar on paranormal activity, including a discussion on spirits: what they are, why they remain, and how they manifest and communicate with the living. Afterwards, guests will participate in a professional paranormal investigation of the Railroad Station.

Previously, the Paranormal Activity Research Association investigated the station and many unnatural phenomena, including twenty three “EVPs” or spirit voice anomalies, electromagnetic field fluctuations, and unexplained smells. Recently, a tourist walking past the building took a picture of what appears to be a transparent women’s face peering out of an upstairs window.

According to historian Gerry Bennett, author of “The Gettysburg Railroad Station,” the station is steeped in Civil War and local history. Constructed in 1859, the station served as the western terminus of the Gettysburg Railroad line to Hanover, Pennsylvania. As wounded and dying soldiers flooded into town during the Battle of Gettysburg, it became one of the battle's first field hospitals. It was in the station cupola that several wounded soldiers witnessed and gave accounts of the Union repulse of Pickett’s Charge on July 3rd, 1863. In the days following the battle, the station came to be known as a symbol of hope and a window to the outside world, transporting over 15,000 wounded soldiers out of Gettysburg. Just months later, on November 18th, 1863, Abraham Lincoln passed through the train station upon his arrival in Gettysburg. The

following day, he delivered the Gettysburg Address at the dedication ceremony of the Soldiers' National Cemetery. The station provided rail travel for nearly 84 years, until its closing in 1942. Today, it remains as one of only two train stations in Pennsylvania that were used by President Lincoln.

The *Paranormal Activity Research Association* or "P.A.R.A." was co-founded by Brett Nease and Kathy Rothenberger and is dedicated to the research and documentation of paranormal activity. P.A.R.A. also educates the public through speaking engagements and their seminar programs. The group has been featured on radio, local and international television and numerous news publications. For more information about P.A.R.A. please reference their website at **www.callpara.com** or email **Getpara@aol.com**.

Tickets are available at the Historic Gettysburg Railroad Station, 35 Carlisle Street, Gettysburg, PA, 17325, between the hours of 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. daily. Tickets are limited to 30 and sold on a first come, first served basis to those 15 years of age or older at \$35.00 per person. Light refreshments will be provided. Proceeds from this event will benefit the operations of the station. Questions can be directed to (717) 337-8233.

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