

# **Ghosts Of Long Island: Stories of the Paranormal**

*a new book by Kerriann Flanagan Brosky*

## **About the book**

The 30 tales that make up "Ghosts of Long Island: Stories of the Paranormal" by Kerriann Flanagan Brosky range from accounts of haunted mansions of the island's famed Gold Coast to the stories that surround the Fire Island Lighthouse on the South Shore and an abandoned yet mysteriously "occupied" 19<sup>th</sup> century windmill in The Hamptons. In addition, there are farmhouses, inns, cemeteries, trails and a lake – each with a haunted story to tell. Through historical research, photographs, eyewitness accounts and local lore, Ms. Brosky brings these locations and tales to life in vibrant detail.

"Ghosts of Long Island: Stories of the Paranormal" begins in Stony Brook at The Country House restaurant with the account of Annette Williamson, who has haunted the building since the American Revolution. Annette Williamson was murdered there, in what was then her family home. Author and local historian Kerriann Flanagan Brosky, with the assistance of Joe Giaquinto, a paranormal investigator, interviewed owner Bob Willemstyn and his staff, who described the many inexplicable events they have witnessed in the place. The book includes pictures of the building's exterior, photographed by Ms. Brosky at night, that show "orbs," or circular anomalies, essentially balls of light that are claimed to represent spirits of the departed. In addition, Mr. Giaquinto picked up EVPs – electronic voice phenomena – on his digital audio recorder while in the attic of The Country House. This and other EVPs cited in the book are available for listening at his Web site, [www.joegiaquintoparanormalinvestigator.com](http://www.joegiaquintoparanormalinvestigator.com).

Haunting the magnificent Montauk Manor, built in the 1920s by Carl Fisher, is the ghost of an Indian chief. The site, known as Signal Hill, is an Indian burial ground; it overlooks Massacre Valley. The graves were destroyed during construction of Montauk Manor, and through the years, people have claimed to see the spectre of an Indian chief in full regalia roaming the manor's halls.

In "The House on Strawberry Lane," Ms. Brosky tells the story of a Huntington farmhouse that has been in the Wanser family for generations. In this very spiritual recounting, family members of days gone by have made it known that their spirits live on and that they are there, at Strawberry Lane, to guide the family. Most recent to appear? Pat Wanser's deceased husband, to whom she was married 52 years. In addition to giving Pat signs of his existence, he has appeared to her grandson.

In Glen Cove's Winfield Hall, the fabulous marble mansion built by F.W. Woolworth in 1916, Ms. Brosky captured on film what she believes to be the ghost of Woolworth's daughter Edna, who committed suicide. Ms. Brosky was granted a private tour of the now-empty mansion by its owner, Martin Carey – brother of former New York Gov. Hugh Carey – who is endeavoring to restore the estate, a protected historical landmark, to its former magnificence. After the tour, Mr. Carey locked the building as he and Ms. Brosky exited, and Ms. Brosky took several photos of the mansion's exterior. Upon developing her film and printing her photographs, Ms. Brosky noticed a young woman sitting at a window of the mansion's first floor, although no one was in the building at the time. The photo of the mansion and an enlargement showing the woman at the window appear in the book.

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