

THE HAUNTING - PROP DOCUMENTS

GAME AIDS FOR THE CLASSIC CALL OF CTHULHU SCENARIO 'THE HAUNTING'

In 2008 Kadath (Greg Phillips) on the <http://www.yog-sothoth.com> (YSDC) forums collated the work of a coterie of like-minded players to produce game aids in the form of prop documents for *The Haunting*. This document (available from YSDC's *Downloads > Utilities* pages) contains mock newspaper clippings, detailed and era appropriate maps and a photo suitable for use as the house at the center of the scenario.

What you will find here is updated and fleshed out versions of the newspaper related material. The material here is based heavily on the original version, but with additional editing and surrounding content. Credit for the original writing lies with Max_Writer. Additional material was written by myself, Matt Wilson, and inspired by many sources around the internet.

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Boston Daily Journal

No 517 - 1c

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1835

CONFLAGRATION STILL RAGES; NEW YORK BURNS

The fire that began two days ago in New York's Lower Manhattan still burns and severe cold weather continues to hamper firefighters efforts to halt the blaze. As reported yesterday much of Wall St, including the New York Stock Exchange, is now gone.

Yesterday saw the naval Marines called in to use gunpowder to destroy buildings in the path of the fire. So far the only two deaths have been reported. Investigations into the cause of the blaze are continuing.

BOOKSTORE BREAK-IN

Reports from the City Watch indicate that informations and witnesses are sought regarding a robbery from Windsor's Antique Books and Curiosities last tuesday. Among the the stolen books was a first printing of James Bruce's *Travels to Discover the Source of the Nile*. The Watch would appreciate any information relevant to their investigations.

WONDER PEP
Purest Colorado Mineral Water.
Apply Lodgers Alley
Lower East End.

BANCKER & HARRINGTON
CIRCUS!
Boston Common, December 19—
24.
A Christmas Extravaganza!

SOCIETY: COUNTRY CLUB IS THE SCENE OF LUNCHEON

Outstanding among the large and delightful gatherings at the Country Club during the early fall season is the one o'clock bridge-luncheon given Wednesday afternoon by Mrs. A. D. Carrington, Mrs. C .A. Squire. Mrs. L. L. Leberman and Mrs. Jerry Donohue.

Covers were laid for one hundred and six guests many of whom were from New York, Arkham and Kingsport. The club rooms were prettily decorated with autumn bouquets of seasonal flowers.

Prizes at bridge were awarded to Mrs. I. C. Thomas, first; Mrs. Gus Derby, second; Mrs. Eastman of Kingsport, third.

WEBBER HOUSE SOLD

Successful local merchant, Henry Webber, has sold his recently completed Sheafe Street property to one Walter Corbitt, esq. after falling ill recently. Mr Webber stated that he felt he would be unable to maintain the house and accompanying estate with his failing health.

Mr Webber only completed the house this past spring, but neighbors are hopeful that Mr Corbitt will be a fine addition to the area.

PORT WORKERS TO STRIKE

Workers at the port are planning to strike over poor wages and work conditions.

"We feel our wages are not suitable considering the risks and conditions we work under. Until Port Authority is willing to consider our requests, all loading of outgoing goods will cease" said a Union official.

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BOSTON HERALD

Friday July 2, 1852

DEATH OF HENRY CLAY

Henry Clay, the great Patriot, Statesman, and Orator, has departed from among us! He breathed his last at his apartments, at the National Hotel in Washington, D.C., on June 30 at about eleven o'clock A.M.

As soon as the event was known, the bells of the city told to all of its inhabitants the mournful news. Being announced at the capitol about the hour of the daily assembling of Congress, both Houses, without proceeding to business, instantly adjourned. On their re-assembling the honors due to the memory of the deceased were rendered with all solemnity by the Legislative Bodies.

STOWE TO VISIT BOSTON

Abolitionist Harriet Beecher Stowe, author of the renowned book *Uncle Tom's Cabin* is set to visit the Cradle of Liberty as part of the anti-slavery rally, Thursday of next week.

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NEIGHBORS SUE

Copps Hill area resident Walter Corbitt esq. has had suit brought against him by neighbors yesterday.

Neighbors of Mr Corbitt are petitioning to force him to leave the area "in consequence of his surious habits and inauspicious demeanor".

Mr Corbitt has made no statement in response to the lawsuit. He resides in the Sheafe St. address he purchased 17 years ago.

NAILS.

30 kegs assorted Nails; just recieved per s b Czar, from Pittsburg, on consignment S. RYDER & CO

QUALITY RIDING BOOTS.

Now available again at the Old General Store, Washington st.

PRINTING TELEGRAPH IN BOSTON SOON

The New York and Mississippi Valley Printing Telegraph Company announced today that it will be opening a new Printing Telegraph office in Washington St this June.

A representative of the company says that they are looking for skilled operators and service staff to fill the remaining vacancies. This is to be the largest New England facility north of New York.

DOUGHERTY EXHIBITION

Recently opened Tufts University is to host a gala exhibition of selected works of New England painter Thomas Dougherty. His chiaroscuro style has become noted amongst connoisseurs of recent American art.

Supporting the brooding landscapes of Mr Dougherty is works by local painter Walter Angell from his series *The Landscapes of my Dreams*.

PUTNAM ESTATE & CHATTELS FOR SALE

Michael Putman, Esq. has put his family's Putnam Estate in Byron St on public tender. Putnam stated his need to be urgently relocated to his hometown of Marblehead after news of an undisclosed family tragedy.

Mr Putman told the Herald that urgency has need of him accepting a lower offer than the property is worth. His business partner Mr Eugene Seaton will be handling his remaining affairs.

FINEST CAKES.

For your next function think only of SHELFIELD FINE CAKES in Pinckney Street.

BOSTON HERALD

Monday June 25, 1866

LAWSUIT FIGHTS CORBITT WILL

Former Neighbors have issued another lawsuit against local lawyer Walter Corbitt Esq, this time after his death.

The terms of Mr Corbitt's will specified that he was to be buried on the grounds of his house at 20 Sheafe Street, more particularly in the basement of the building. Neighbors have raised a lawsuit to prevent the burial from taking place.

Mr Corbitt's neighbors first sued him in 1852 in an effort to evict him from the area.

Mr Corbitt died June 20, 1866 at his home. Born January 14, 1789 in Boston he lived much of his life in the house. He leaves being no living relatives, and no funeral service was held.

PLAYERS SOUGHT

Jacques Alexandre, of the Massachusetts Players Society is looking to establish a local troupe of amateur theatre players to tour shows in the Boston area.

M. Alexandre is currently translating *Le Roi en Jaune* to English and wishes to have a troupe ready to perform by next summer. Interested persons should contact M. Alexandre at 12 Spring St if they can contribute talent or resources.

NIGHT WATCH OFFICER DEAD

Boston night watch officer Bradley Chambers was found dead in a Washington St alleyway this morning.

Officer Chambers was on routine patrol when he was apparently attacked. No motive is known, although robbery is suspected.

This is the third such unprovoked attack on a night watchman in the past month. On the 13th, officer Arbuckle was attacked but survived. His assailant is described as a tall man with cloak and cane, and long hair tied back.

Any information can be delivered to Night Watch office.

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WURSTES	
Frankfurters 12	3c
Bratwurst 12	4c
Knackwurst 12	3c
Liverwurst 6	3c

♣ HIGH SOCIETY ♣

SPLENDID SOIREE!

Mrs John Andrew, wife of our esteemed Governor, is to hold a soiree and garden party the eve of the city's July 4th celebrations.

Our correspondent has been told that a number of celebrated and well-renowned guests are invited, including the Mayor of New York City and his wife, Henry Bergh, the head of the newly-founded ASPCA, and noted academic Charles King.

GRAND OPENING

The new council chambers were opened to great fanfare this Monday as the new council arrived to begin the summer session. Mayor Lincoln was seen to be in attendance, and was persuaded with only a little grumbling to officiate the occasion, passing the scissors to Mrs Lincoln to cut the ceremonial ribbon amidst cheers and whistles.

Alternative accounts for Boston Herald, 1866

Keepers may wish to use these two clippings instead of the full paper.

OBITUARIES

Walter Corbitt (1789 - 1866)

Walter Corbitt departed this life June 20, 1866, at his home in 20 Sheafe St. Born January 14, 1789, in Boston, he lived much of his life in the house and was a lawyer. He leaves behind no living relatives.

No funeral services are planned for Mr. Corbitt and he has request to be interred on his property.

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Corbitt was also sued in 1852 and petitioned to leave the neighborhood "in consequence of his surious habits and unauspicious demeanor."

BLOODIED MADMAN RAMPAGES COPP'S HILL

Residents of the North End were startled when a man covered with blood rushed out of his home on Monday, screaming obscenities and babbling about 'burning eyes'.

The man was identified as Vittorio Marcario, a resident of Sheafe Street in Copp's Hill. It is uncertain what exactly happened to Mr. Marcario but police speculate he fell down a flight or perhaps even out a closed window.

Police apprehended Mr. Marcario after he aquired a knife from a butchers shop and was threatening locals. The arresting officer was unable to make out what he was trying to say.

Mr Marcario has been interred into Roxbury Sanitarium and no charges are being issued against him.

WIFE OF MADMAN COMMITTED TO ROXBURY

In a bizarre repeat of last fall's episode where a madman who terrorized the streets of the North End, a woman has been institutionalized.

The woman is Gabriela Marcario was was committed to Roxbury Sanitarium after she was found huddled on the front step of her house at 20 Sheafe St muttering about 'burning eyes'.

Last October, Vittorio Marcario, husband of Gabriela, burst from his house covered with blood. The madman evaded police for some time, eventually aquired a butcher's knife. He was finally subdued and later committed to Roxbury.

The couples' two children are with family in Baltimore

WHAT HAUNTS THE HOUSE IN SHEAFE STREET?

Monday, October 28, 1918

Something sinister seems to haunt a local Boston house.

Whatever it is has destroyed three families in the last 40 years. The two-story house at 20 Sheafe Street in the North End near Copp's Hill has been the site of fear, madness, death, and possibly murder since before the turn of the century. In 1880, a family of French immigrants by the name of LeDeux rented the property and moved in. What horrors happened to those people that year will ever be known save that a series of violent attacks of some kind left both parents dead and their three children crippled for life.

The house stood vacant for almost 20 years but in 1909, another family moved in. From the time they moved into the house, Mr. and Mrs. Jones fell prey to illness and sickness, almost as if the house itself were conspiring against them. Their children did not fare much better though all of them lived in the house for several years.

The terror reached a head when, in 1914, the oldest of the Jones children went mad and killed himself with a kitchen knife. The Jones family moved out after that, heartbroken at their loss.

A third family rented the house in 1917 but left after less than a month when all of them became ill at the same time.

Is the house haunted? Perhaps there is something wrong with the water or some disease still lingers there from when it was built. In any case, anyone who dares live there now had better be brave and strong for they take their lives into their own hands.

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