

WOMAN IN WHITE SEEN IN CARNATION CEMETERY

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Subject: Carnation, Wa - Haunting

Hello,

... I grew up in Carnation, Wa. I attended Carnation Elementary, which is built adjacent to the Carnation Cemetery. growing up, my friends and I experienced some of the phenomena that was explained on your website. Namely, seeing figures in the corner of my eyes and then disappearing (at the cemetery). However, this is not the reason why I felt the urge to e-mail you. It was the last paranormal background (5. seeing a woman in a white dress numerous times. along with a boy) that compelled me to write you. I had a friend who lived on Carnation-Fall City Road, who I would hang out with and sleep over at his house on the weekends. The house is located right off the road when you're heading out of town (past Remlinger's Farm, on the left, towards Fall City) and it has acres of woods behind it (leading towards Tolt River). I lived in Swiftwater housing developments and would walk over to his house (during the day, of course) and I used to get the most unsettling feeling in those woods. Anyhow, one night I was sleeping in his room (he had a bunk bed, I slept on the bottom) and we had a movie on as we were falling asleep. After falling asleep, I woke up in the middle of the night and the TV was still on, but it was all snow, so I reached over and turned it off. I woke up once more shortly after that (I sleep on my side, with my left knee on the bed, inherently facing towards the door) to see an old woman standing in the doorway. Now, let me explain what was so unbelievable about what I saw.

1. Perception: In reality the door was about a foot past an arms length away from me, but when I saw the old lady in the doorway it seemed as though she was about 30 feet away, it doesn't make any sense in retrospect.
2. Proportion: She was disproportionately large. She was hunched over in the doorway, with her hand on the top of the doorframe. This would put her at about 8 and a half feet tall in reality. I remember she had long, black, stringy hair and her hands had extremely long fingers. She was crouching in and starring right at me. She was also wearing a white cloak / nightgown. She didn't move at all.
3. Aura: She seemed to have a light, or luminosity, coming off of her. Years after my experience, while in High School, I went into the room and turned off all the lights and stuck my hand in front of my face and I couldn't see my hand (to illustrate how dark it was). Moonlight couldn't have accounted for the detail in which I saw her. Yet, she had this pale white aura which accentuated all of her details and engrained a mental picture of her in my head forever. I remember the contrast between the aura and the shadows is what made her physical features so noticeable. Her face didn't have any detailed features, just shadows of where features once were, it seemed. For instance, her eyes were just dark circular shadows like that of a skull.
4. I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE: Two of my friends experience the same exact old lady in the doorway. While on spring break with my friend in 8th grade, we were talking about dreams and ghosts, etc. and I was about to tell him about what i saw, when he cut me off. "I saw an old lady in the doorway, at his house!" Immediately, I was skeptic. However, I didn't tell anyone about the ghost to that point! I just thought it was a dream, the only mention I ever made of it was the next morning after it happened, I told my buddy that I had a dream that there was an old lady in his doorway the night prior. His reaction was, "Weird." and that's the last I made mention of it, until finding out that my other friend saw the same thing (old lady, black hair, standing in doorway, hand on door frame). The only thing we couldn't agree on was that he thought she had a black cloak on, but I saw a white cloak. The friend who's house I saw the ghost at, had a stepbrother, who saw the same thing. Neither one of my friends like to talk about it.

Anyhow, I stared at her for about 10 seconds or so and closed my eyes in fright, I thought about screaming or kicking the bed to wake my friend up, but I was afraid if I tried to scream I wouldn't be able to make noise (or move) and she would know that I saw her. When I opened my eyes, she was gone and I went back to sleep. I've always been sensitive to things of paranormal nature and know for a fact that what I saw was just that. I've had multiple other ghost sightings, but nothing else has ever come close to this. It is the single most unexplainable thing that has ever happened to me. This experience has given me faith that there is in fact an afterlife. It's funny too, because I am extremely skeptical when hearing others ghost stories because I always compare them to mine. I have spent the last hour writing this and just thought it was peculiar that an "old lady in a white dress" was spotted at the cemetery. I would very much like to talk to whoever saw her and share my experience. More specifically, I am curious if the old lady referenced on your website was seen WITH a boy, or if they were seen on separate occasions. I didn't see any boy. I'm sure there are details I have left out but if you would like to know anything else about my experience, feel free to contact me. Thanks for reading.