

BELMONT COUNTY'S RICH HISTORY, GHOSTLY TALES & PARANORMAL ADVENTURES ARE SURE TO GIVE YOU A FRIGHTENINGLY GOOD TIME



GHOSTLY LEGENDS & LORE TRAIL INCLUDES 12 LOCATIONS IN BELMONT COUNTY FOR GHOST HUNTERS, HISTORY INVESTIGATORS AND THE PARANORMAL-CURIOUS TO EXPLORE - IF THEY DARE!

Belmont County's most infamous ghost story is the tragic tale of Louiza Fox, a 13-year old murdered by one of America's first known serial killers, Thomas Carr.

They were set to be wed, but Louiza's parents refused permission for their marriage. Thomas took his anger out on Louiza and on January 21, 1869, he kissed her goodbye, slit her throat with a razor, stabbed her 14 times, and left her lifeless body in a nearby ditch. Louiza's brother witnessed the incident and Thomas was apprehended for her murder. He was sentenced to death and was the first legal execution ever carried out in Belmont County. Louiza and Thomas's ghosts are said to haunt the murder site.

These are just a few of local legends and spooky tales that fill the hills and valleys of Belmont County where pioneer cemeteries, historic towns, and wooded countryside are repositories of bygone events that linger like spiderwebs.



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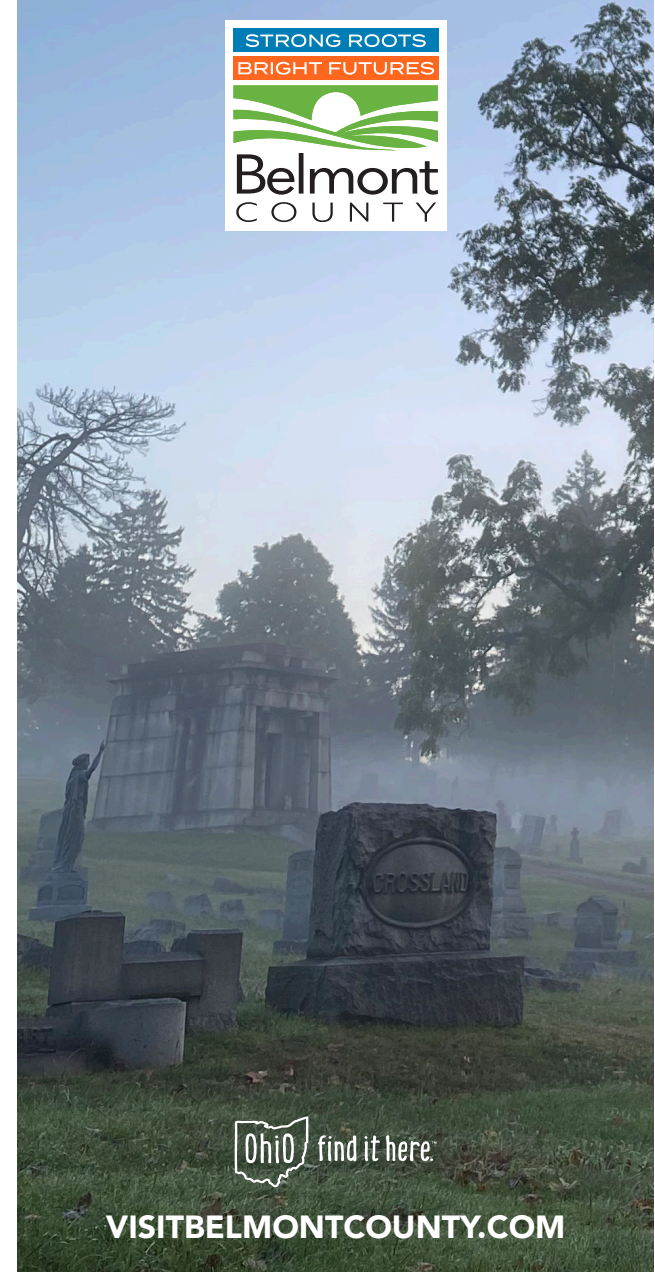
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LOUIZA FOX BURIAL SITE SALEM CEMETERY, EGYPT VALLEY

**TOWNSHIP ROAD 343, HENDRYSBURG
GPS: 40.08920, -81.15360**



The burial place of Louiza Fox. In Carr's highly publicized and sensational trial, the judge ruled that township trustees care for Fox's grave for eternity.



LOUIZA FOX MURDER SITE

**35615 STARKEY RD., BARNESVILLE
GPS: 40.104476,-81.174702**

The ghost of Louiza Fox is said to haunt the area where she was brutally murdered by her suitor, 22-year-old coal miner Thomas Carr, in 1869. Louiza has reportedly been seen weeping at the murder site and her grave in the nearby Salem Cemetery. People have also claimed to see Carr's ghost near the murder site.



THOMAS CARR BURIAL SITE METHODIST CEMETERY

**NEWELL AVE., ST. CLAIRSVILLE
GPS: 40.08209, -80.89995**

Convicted just five days after apprehension for the brutal slaying of 13-year-old Louiza Fox, Carr was hanged over a year later and is believed to be buried in old Plot No. 137, Grave No. 2, listed as "Unknown Grave." Dating back to 1809, the cemetery contains the graves of three Revolutionary War veterans and several noted individuals.



EGYPT VALLEY

**TOWNSHIP ROAD 343, HENDRYSBURG
GPS: 40.11547637455596, -81.11424140560152**

Egypt Valley is not only known for Louiza's murder, but for other spooky tales, including a disappearing house, the ghostly severed hand of a truck driver, reports of hellhounds roaming the hills at night, and a Bigfoot sighting in 1984.



OLD EGYPT CEMETERY SALEM CEMETERY, EGYPT VALLEY

**TOWNSHIP ROAD 343, HENDRYSBURG
GPS 40.08640, -81.14110**

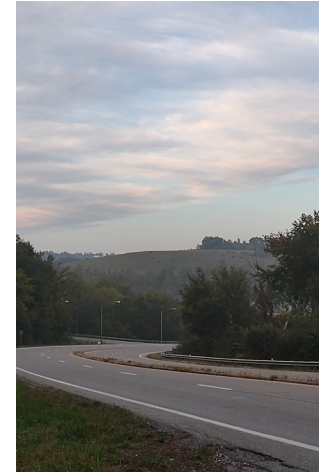
The Old Egypt (Circle) is reportedly haunted by "devil" dogs that guard it and can be heard howling in the woods nearby at night. The cemetery is also said to be haunted by witches buried there. Legend says if you walk around the entire cemetery six times, you will become invisible. The cemetery is also said to be haunted by the ghost of a truck driver who died in a crash. He lost an arm that was never found, and the sounds of fingernails tapping on gravestones can supposedly be heard in the cemetery at night.



LADY BEND HILL

**COUNTY ROAD 100, BETHESDA
GPS: 40.05940457693271, 81.11932817122548**

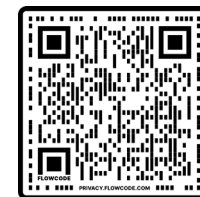
Like any good ghost story, there are several versions of the Legend of Lady Bend Hill. They all tell a tragic love story of a wealthy young woman who was killed while traveling on the treacherous roads near Morristown in a desperate attempt to unite with her lover.



THE DARKNESS ON CHURCH STREET

**405 W. CHURCH ST., BARNESVILLE
GPS: 39.99063814612853, -81.1826095805848**

There are many documented strange happenings between 1970-2000 in this old house on Church Street. Guy McCort wrote a book describing the terrifying story of how a family endured living in a home riddled with poltergeist activity. At least four murders have occurred here, and a known axe murderer lived there and performed macabre rituals.



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FORMER BELMONT COUNTY JAIL AND SHERIFF'S RESIDENCE

101 E. MAIN ST., ST. CLAIRSVILLE
GPS: 40.080497270883214, 80.90073926944274

The 132-year-old Belmont County Heritage Museum, the former sheriff's residence, and the attached three-story stone jail have been the site of many violent events. The hanging of Thomas Carr occurred on this property. Nathan Brooks, the 17-year-old who murdered his parents in Bellaire, was just one of many criminals who were held here. The Heritage Museum is open for tours, but the County Jail has been closed for years.

"The Devil in Bellaire: The True Story of Nathan Brooks," is a documentary featuring the satanic true crime case that rattled Bellaire into canceling Halloween.



THE CHAIR AT SCOTCH RIDGE CEMETERY

PEASE TWP., MARTINS FERRY
GPS: 40.13035, -80.76064

The chair, an easily recognizable piece of the tombstone of Thomas and Jane Mitchell, sits in Scotch Ridge Cemetery, right outside of Martins Ferry. A curse was inscribed on the book attached to the seat.



SITE OF THE ROTHERMUND HAUNTING

2ND AVE. & MONROE ST., MARTINS FERRY
GPS: 40.00293147414105, -80.74473337492131

The Rothermund Ghost terrorized those living in the large, two-story brick house initially owned by German (Prussian) immigrants Augustus Rothermund and Hannah (Spect) Rothermund at the corner of Second and Monroe streets in Martins Ferry.

The hauntings, believed to be caused by the frustrated ghost of Augustus, included the parlor organ playing by itself, a water pitcher moving, locked window shutters, doors flying open, and footsteps on the stairs. The paranormal occurrences, usually targeted at the women in the house, caused families to move out. The Rothermund property was sold at a sheriff's sale in December 1892 and was later razed to make way for Route 7.



THE BELLAIRE HOUSE

1699 BELMONT ST., BELLAIRE
GPS: 40.00293147414105, -80.74473337492131

At first glance, the Bellaire House may seem like any other old house, but much more lies behind its doors. This house sits atop the perfect combination of 'horror,' as it is built above a cursed coal mine, where an explosion killed 42 men, sacred Native American burial caves, and where numerous battles from the French and Indian war took place. Paranormal investigations suggest there has been 'demonic activity' and assaults inside.

The Bellaire House has been featured on Paranormal Lockdown, on TLC, 'Buzzfeed Unsolved' on YouTube, and The Bellaire House Movie: The Heatherington Family will debut on Tubi this Halloween.



BELMONT CASKET CO. FACTORY

4000 BELMONT AVE., SHADYSIDE
GPS: 39.9677174552795, -80.74743341966158

The former Belmont Casket Company in Shadyside was responsible for manufacturing Marilyn Monroe's casket following her death in 1962. The shell for the casket was stamped out at the Columbus plant and then sent to Belmont County to be assembled and finished. Most caskets were stamped and wholly manufactured in Shadyside alone. The factory closed in the early 1980s, but the structure still stands.



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