

Historian Puzzled over rural legend of the Black Barn

"IT'S RIGHT THERE. IT'S ALWAYS BEEN THERE. ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS LOOK."

"PEOPLE LAUGH IT OFF AS JUST ANOTHER RURAL LEGEND. A GHOST STORY. BUT IT'S NOT. IT'S FACT. THE BLACK BARN'S HISTORY AND GIDEON FALLS' ARE ENTWINED."

"THE FIRST RECORDED MENTION OF THE BARN GOES BACK TO 1794. THERE ARE RECORDS OF 'A BUILDING, NOTHING MORE THAN A BARN OR STABLE, MADE OF STRANGE DARK WOOD, THAT APPEARED, AS IF OVERNIGHT, FROM THIN AIR.' SOON AFTER, A SERIES OF FIRES AND DEATHS PLAGUED THESE EARLY PILGRIMS."

"BUT IT'S NOT JUST SOME HAUNTED HOUSE. IT HAS POWER. TERRIBLE POWER.. IN 1969, A LOCAL MAN WAS ARRESTED FOR KILLING SEVEN TEENAGERS. THE POLICE FOUND DRAWINGS OF THE BLACK BARN FILLING THE WALLS OF HIS CABIN."

"AND THERE ARE SO MANY OTHER ACCOUNTS. MANY DON'T REFERENCE THE BARN DIRECTLY, BUT YOU CAN READ BETWEEN THE LINES. LOOK LONG AND HARD ENOUGH AT THE WORST MOMENTS IN GIDEON FALLS' HISTORY AND YOU'LL FIND CLUES TO THE BARN."

Local Cult Leader Arrest

I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT IT REALLY IS. OR WHERE IT CAME FROM...THOUGH I HAVE THEORIES. ALL I DO KNOW IS THAT IT IS A THING OF EVIL. AND IT MUST BE STOPPED!



SOME SORT OF SECRET CLUB?

SIGH... WE'RE FAR MORE THAN A CLUB, FATHER. WE ARE THE GUARDIANS. WE ARE ALL THAT STANDS BETWEEN GIDEON FALLS AND THE BLACK BARN.

UH HUH, RIGHT, AND DEPUTY BALLARD IS ONE OF THESE... PLOUGHMEN? AND YOURSELF?

YES, AND FATHER TOM WAS TOO.

FATHER TOM BELIEVED ALL OF THIS? I FIND THAT HARD TO BELIEVE.

Mysterious disappearing black building.

IS IT EASIER TO BELIEVE THAT HE JUST KILLED A WOMAN IN COLD BLOOD? A MAN OF GOD? A MAN WHO GAVE EVERYTHING HE HAD TO HELPING THIS COMMUNITY FOR THIRTY YEARS?

SO, YOU THINK HE'S INNOCENT OF KILLING MRS. TREMBLAY?

I KNOW HE IS, FATHER.

AND TELL ME, DR. SUTTON, DO YOU STILL PRACTICE MEDICINE?

The mister...
of the
Black Barn

missing kid prob
barn

NO. NOT FOR SOME TIME.

MAY I ASK, WHAT MADE YOU STOP?

THAT'S--THAT'S A LONG STORY, AND BESIDES, I DON'T THINK IT'S RELEVANT, FATHER. WE HAVE MORE IMPORTANT THINGS TO DISCUSS HERE.

NO, I DON'T THINK WE DO, DOCTOR. I THINK THIS WHOLE--MYTHOLOGY YOU'VE CREATED HERE IS VERY TROUBLING, AND I BELIEVE THAT YOU BELIEVE IT, BUT--

YOU'RE THE MAN OF FAITH, FATHER. I NEED YOU TO BELIEVE! WE NEED YOU!

Mysterious disappearing black building.

kidnapped child

I BELIEVE IN GOD, DOCTOR. NOT SCIENCE FICTION. I'M SORRY.

DON'T LEAVE!
YOU SAW IT,
FATHER! YOU
SAW IT! HOW CAN
YOU JUST WALK
AWAY?!

I SAW
SOMETHING
THAT NIGHT,
BUT GIVEN THE
CIRCUMSTAN-
CES...

TELL ME,
DOCTOR...HAVE
YOU EVER SEEN
THIS BLACK
BARN?

IT WAS THE
BARN! THE BLACK
BARN HAS RETURNED!
WE HAVE TO
PREPARE!

NO, BUT THAT
DOESN'T MEAN
I DON'T KNOW IT'S
REAL, ISN'T THAT
WHAT FAITH IS AFTER
ALL, FATHER
FRED?

I'M STARTING
TO WONDER THAT
MYSELF, DOCTOR.
GOOD NIGHT.

