



an electronic voice phenomenon that is a sound caught on tape but not always heard by ear — first of a baby crying and then of a voice saying, "I'm Maggie." In addition to Maggie, some of the more "active" spirits include a little boy named Newton, a Native American and one woman they believe to be a prostitute from the days when the house was a speakeasy and a brothel. "One is named Isabella and we have a photograph caught of her coming down the steps," Moisey said. "That's the thing — we have hundreds of EVPs but we also have photographs and videos. People can call me as crazy as they want, but we have the evidence."

For the past several years, Hauntings Research has put together a DVD of the evidence they've gathered during their investigations. Every October, Larimer Mansion hosts ghost tours that fill up quickly; last year more than 400 people came through the house. This year they celebrate the home's 225th anniversary and all proceeds from the tours will go toward the creation of a history room. Moisey believes the house is slowly telling its story, and adds that she's never felt fearful. "We like to say we

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Most battlefields are said to hold the spirits of soldiers who were killed there, and Bushy Run is no different. People claim to see a man dressed in Scottish Highlander attire walking around the site (and not when reenactors are in the area), looking as if the battle is still raging. Lauren Buches of Westmoreland Heritage is a longtime volunteer at the battlefield and said that on the anniversary of the battle between the natives and British forces in August 1763, people have claimed to hear bagpipes playing at dusk. One year, she said, during a reenactment on the anniversary of the battle, one "native" camping overnight on the battleground had a dream so vivid of arms reaching through the dirt and trying to pull him under that he left in the morning and never returned.

The theory, she said, is that it was the ghost of one of the British soldiers still fighting his enemy (some of the British dead are supposedly buried on the grounds, although they've never been found, Buches said).

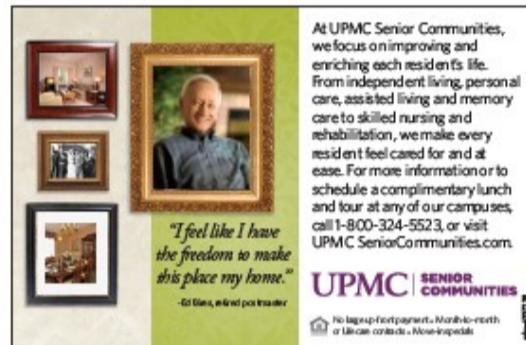
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People claim to have spotted a soldier holding a rifle at the old stockade. It's also the place where Trotter's Curse originated following a deadly mistake in 1792. General Mad Anthony Wayne was stationed at Fort Fayette, near Fort Pitt in what is now downtown Pittsburgh, and often spent his downtime by drinking. White said. It was on one particularly inebriated evening that a camp aide by the name of Sergeant John Trotter asked Wayne for permission to take leave to return home for a few days. Wayne agreed, but didn't remember a thing about it the next day when he called for Trotter only to find the sergeant missing. Assuming he'd deserted, Wayne ordered three of his men to find him and shoot him. They caught up to him at Hanna's Town and



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