

Elizabeth Fultz, a compassionate woman who saw them not as enemy soldiers, but as young men in need of help used to sneak food in to them. In fact, one soldier expressed his gratitude by making her a crucifix. Did the man also vow to stand guard over his angel of mercy, refusing to let death keep him from his post? It is unknown.

The spirit inhabiting Fultz House remains a mystery, but whoever it is, they like to keep the lights on. Whether it is Bennett Fultz, who chooses to stay in his beloved home instead of venturing into the great beyond, nobody knows for sure the identity of the Fultz House spirit. What we do know, is that whoever walks through the house late at night, and whose presence is felt in the daytime, is a friendly ghost, looking out for all those who come to the Museum to learn about Sackville's heritage.











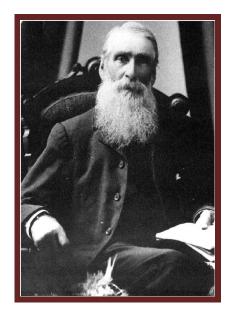
Many children and youths, and some adults, have often asked whether the Fultz House is haunted and has any ghosts.

A number of odd peculiarities over the years cannot be explained. Late at night, when most Sackvillites are snuggled safely in their beds, something is turning on the lights at the Fultz House Museum. The lights have been known to generally come on after midnight. Knowing that the last person out had closed up and turned off all the lights makes the situation of the lights glowing through the night on the second floor, even stranger.

"For lack of any other explanation, volunteers have concluded the 148 year-old building is home to a restless spirit," suggests local historian Michael D. Smiley.



Bennett Fultz, the man who built the house, is believed to be the spirit who walks the hallowed halls of the house. If it is Bennett who roams the rooms of his old house, it would seem that he is struck by the novelty of electricity, which was installed in the home about 20 years after he died.



Bennett Fultz

"Late at night when I am alone in the museum, I have felt as if I was being watched. The lights have flickered; the floor has creaked, almost as if there were feet moving across the wooden planks above my head. I have walked into rooms, and thought I saw someone, only to find the room deserted," commented a long-time, unnamed Museum volunteer.

Even visitors have reported strange sightings. One woman went upstairs and stopped dead in her tracks, and promptly asked if the house was haunted. She was visibly disturbed by the experience and quickly left the home.

On another occasion, a young woman held a small boy in her arms on the outer yard, and spotted a lady in white, who has been known to walk the grounds of the Fultz House, as it was here, many years ago, that she passed on to the other side, after an accident.

Elizabeth Fultz, the wife of Johann Fultz, who was the first Fultz family member to settle in Sackville, nursed many people back to health in the house. Local historian Michael D. Smiley suggests that "...perhaps the eerie phenomenon is the act of a patient who was beyond her help. Or maybe the Fultz House ghost is a loyal French soldier, still standing watch at the home of Sackville's own Florence Nightingale."

