

COURT DECLARES EDGAR HOLLOWBROOK LEGALLY DEAD

Property Rights Settled After 21-Years Brother Robert to Inherit Estate

After twenty-one years and four days of uncertainty, the saga of Edgar Hollowbrook's mysterious disappearance has reached a legal conclusion. Judge William Blackwood of the County Circuit Court, in proceedings held this morning, declared the missing inventor legally deceased, finally settling questions about the fate of his estate.

According to the terms of Hollowbrook's will, filed with attorney Franklin Pierce in 1935, the estate will pass to his brother, Robert Hollowbrook, following the mandatory 21-year waiting period for declaring a missing person deceased. Robert Hollowbrook's son, Thomas, will serve as executor of the estate.

"While this brings legal closure, it doesn't answer the questions that have haunted our family for over two decades," Robert Hollowbrook said following the hearing. "We may never know what happened that stormy night in 1939."

The declaration comes despite numerous reported sightings of Edgar Hollowbrook over the years, none of which have been substantiated. The most recent alleged sighting occurred in 1958 when a local teenager claimed to see a figure matching Hollowbrook's description in the mansion's observatory. Investigation revealed the property had been securely locked at the time.

Thomas Hollowbrook, speaking on behalf of the family, announced that while they will take legal possession

of the property, they have no immediate plans to occupy the mansion. "The house will remain closed for the foreseeable future," he stated. "We will maintain the grounds and exterior to prevent deterioration, but the interior will remain as it was the night of my uncle's disappearance."

The decision to leave the house largely untouched has met with approval from local historical preservation advocates. "Hollowbrook House represents a unique piece of our architectural and scientific heritage," said Margaret Wheeler of the Whispering Hollows Historical Society. "We're grateful to the family for their commitment to preserving it."

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Police Chief Raymond Sullivan, who as a junior officer participated in the original investigation, expressed mixed feelings about the court's declaration. "Legally, this case is closed," he noted. "But for those of us who remember that night, the mystery of Edgar Hollowbrook's disappearance remains unsolved."

The mansion, which has stood empty since 1939, continues to draw curious visitors and has become something of a local landmark. The Hollowbrook family has requested that the public respect their privacy and refrain from trespassing on the property.

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MODERN SCIENCE STILL BAFFLED BY PHENOMENA OF SEPTEMBER 1, 1939

Electrical Experts Review Hollowbrook Case as Legal Chapter Closes

As the courts bring legal closure to the disappearance of Edgar Hollowbrook, the scientific community remains intrigued by the unexplained phenomena reported on the night of September 1, 1939. The case has attracted renewed attention from electrical engineering experts who have studied weather and atmospheric conditions from that fateful evening.

Dr. Harold Mitchell, professor of electrical engineering at MIT, recently completed a comprehensive analysis of the reported events. "The descriptions provided by witnesses don't align with any known natural electrical phenomena," Mitchell explained. "The combination of the intense blue light, the sustained luminescence, and the subsequent electrical damage to Hollowbrook's equipment suggests something beyond ordinary lightning strikes or electrical storms."

Of particular interest to

researchers is the testimony of Thomas Griffin, the night watchman who witnessed the event. Griffin, now retired and living in Florida, maintains the accuracy of his original statement. "That light wasn't natural," Griffin insisted in a recent telephone interview. "I've seen plenty of lightning storms in my day, but nothing like what came from that observatory tower."

The unusual electrical surge that damaged Hollowbrook's laboratory equipment has also defied conventional explanation. "The pattern of electrical damage was unlike anything we typically see in lightning strikes," noted William Harrison, chief engineer for Eastern Electric Company. "Some components were completely fused, while others right next to them remained untouched. It doesn't follow the normal rules of electrical conductivity."

Eleanor Thackeray, one of the few living witnesses to