What are some creepy毛骨悚然 facts about American history?::

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1. Definitely确定的，肯定的 not uncommon普遍 in that era时代, and more weird奇怪 than creepy, but the American Civil War meant意味着 a huge upsurge剧烈的增长 in prostitution卖淫:
2. In 1864 there were 450 brothels妓院 in Washington, and over 75 brothels in nearby Alexandria, Virginia弗吉尼亚. A newspaper estimated估计 there were 5000 public women in the District地区 and another 2500 in Alexandria and Georgetown, bringing the total总数 to 7500 by the war’s third year.
3. However, it was the towns located just outside the camps军营 where prostitution was most prominent突出的. These small towns were overrun侵占 by the sex trade性交易 when army troops set up建立 nearby camps. One soldier wrote home to his wife, “It is said that one house in every ten十分之一 is a bawdy下流淫秽 house—it is a perfect Sodom. 索多玛（罪恶之地）” 侵占overran overrunsodom
4. I suspect怀疑 our anonymous匿名 soldier went to town to conduct做=do his own investigation on that statistics统计学.

Trying to provide some order秩序 over the debauchery道德败坏, in Tennessee George Spalding inadvertently无意的 created the first legalized prostitution system: fearing the imminent临近的 outbreak爆发 of venereal性 diseases病, he created a system of licensed执照 prostitution:

1. That a license be issued颁发 to each prostitute妓女, a record of which shall be kept at this office, together with the number and street of her residence住所.
2. That one skillful surgeon外科医生 be appointed委任 as a Board委员会 of Examination检查 whose duty it shall be to examine personally every week, each licensed prostitute, giving certificate证书 of soundness身体健康 to those who are healthy and ordering命令 those into hospital those who are in the slightest轻微的 degree diseased疾病.
3. That a building suitable适合 for a hospital for the invalids病人 be taken for that purpose, and that a weekly每周 tax of fifty cents be levied levy征收 on each prostitute for the purpose of defraying支付 the expense费用 of said hospital.
4. That all public women found plying从事 their vocation工作 without a license and certificate be at once arrested and incarcerated投入监狱/囚禁 in the workhouse for a period of not less than不少于 thirty days.
5. By making prostitution much safer than before, the system had the truly unintended无目的 consequence结果 of attracting吸引 even more women to Nashville.[4]

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1. New England residents居民 blamed归咎于 a 19th century outbreak of tuberculosis肺结核 on vampires. Because of the way tuberculosis spread传播 between family members, people thought that people who had it were draining排水 the life from those around them. In order to stop vampires from attacking bodies were exhumed挖出来 and the internal organs器官 burned.
2. Elmer McCurdy was a robber强盗 who’s mummified制成木乃伊 body became a sideshow穿插的小节目and carnival狂欢 attraction吸引 for decades after he was killed in a shoot out枪战 in 1911. His remains遗体 were identified鉴别 after they ended up at The Pike amusement娱乐 zone in California in 1976. McCurdy was originally最初 displayed展示 as a way to make money for the funeral home殡仪馆 tasked分配任务 with his body, and was sold to different locations地点.
3. Former president George H.W. Bush died recently at age 94, but he only narrowly avoided being eaten by cannibals食人者 at age 20. As a naval海军 aviator航空兵 during WW2, Bush’s airplane was shot down over the Japanese island of Chichijima. His nine fellow同伴 aviators were captured and eaten by the Japanese. Bush was the only one able to avoid capture.
4. Andrew Jackson committed many atrocities暴行 against Native Americans during his presidency总统任期. He liked to keep track of how many were killed by collecting their noses and scalps头皮. Over 800 corpses尸体 were mutilated肢解 in this way.