

GHASTLY GHOSTS!

For many weeks Hawthorne saw Reverend Harris at the library. He sat in his usual chair and read the newspaper. But the other people at the library could not see him! Hawthorne said nothing to the others.

He was afraid to talk to the ghost. He was also afraid to touch it. After about a month the ghost started looking at him.

'Why is Reverend Harris' ghost looking at me? Perhaps he wants to say something,' Hawthorne thought.

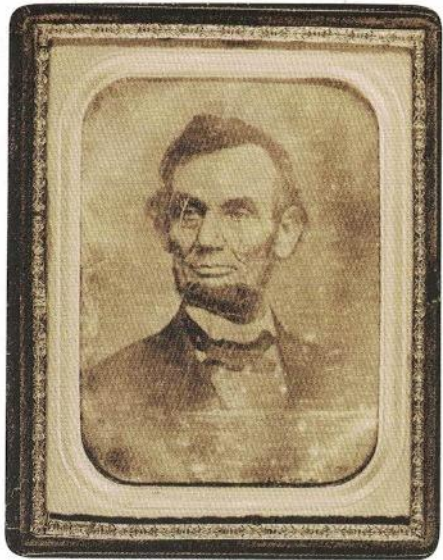
He was confused. He saw the ghost and did not know what to do. One evening he went to the library and Reverend Harris' chair was empty. Hawthorne never saw the ghost again.

For years he thought, 'Why did I see Reverend Harris' ghost? Why didn't the other people see him?'

Hawthorne thought about Reverend Harris' ghost for a long time, but he was never able to solve the mystery.

The White House in Washington D.C. is also a haunted house! The ghosts of assassinated American Presidents haunt it. Abraham Lincoln's ghost is the most famous. Lincoln was President of the United States during the American Civil War. Many Americans loved him, but he had dangerous enemies too.

He stopped slavery in America, but the southern states did not agree with this.



Abraham Lincoln

American Spooks



The White House in Washington D.C.

On 5 April 1865 Abraham Lincoln had a very bad dream. He was at the White House and he heard people crying in the next room. He got up and went to the East Room. He saw a coffin¹ in the middle of the room. Many people walked by the coffin.

'Who is inside the coffin?' he asked a man.

'The President of the United States, sir. An assassin killed him!'

'What?' said Lincoln. He looked inside the coffin and saw his own body. He was DEAD! He suddenly woke up. He was very scared about this dream. He told his wife and friends.

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