



## President Lincoln and Other White House Ghosts

Perhaps the most famous and the most talked about haunted house in the world is the United States White House in Washington D.C. Not only have many books been written on the subject of White House Ghosts, but many news reports as well.

The most famous and the most frequently seen phantom visitor seems to be President **Abraham Lincoln**. Lincoln has been seen by presidents, dignitaries (including Winston Churchill and Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands), overnight visitors, and a great many of the White House staff. Lincoln is most often seen in his bedroom, which is the only room in the White House that has been named for a president. Many have also seen President Lincoln in the Oval Office staring out the window in deep thought. Mr. Lincoln is said to be most visible during times of turmoil or when the country is at war. Maybe he gives the current presidents council without them even realizing it.



*Lincoln's Bedroom. the White House*

President Truman may have been a spectator to something unusual in his home while he occupied it. When asked if he thought the White House was haunted, he replied, "Sure as shooting!"

President Lincoln is not the White House's only resident ghost. **Abigail Adams**, wife of President John Adams, has been

seen by many hanging laundry in the East Wing. She has also been seen walking the hallways of the house, usually carrying a basket of laundry. (She must have been a very clean person!)

**Dolly Madison**, First Lady to James Madison, has also been seen around the Rose Garden. Apparently she shows herself on a regular basis to the White House gardeners. Just to be safe, Dolly's rose garden remains much the same as she left it.

**William Henry Harrison** has also been seen wandering around in the attic, reportedly still looking for cold medicine. He died of a severe cold only a month after he moved into the White House.

A former White House Page has been seen still on duty, long after his death.

Phantoms roam the White House grounds as well. **A British soldier** from the War of 1812 is said to be seen walking the grounds at night. Could he be the soldier to throw the first torch to the great house, which caused it to burn down ?