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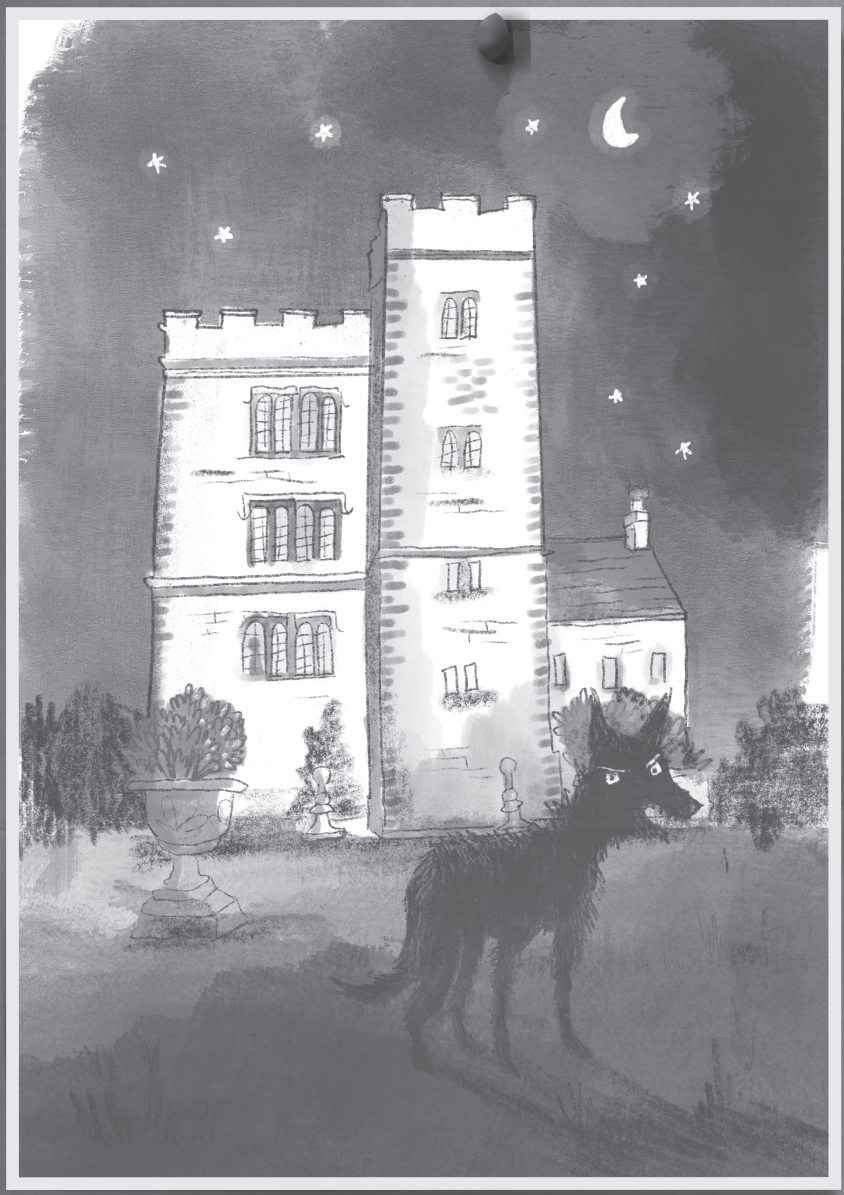


GHOSTS

- TWO MONKS
- A LITTLE BOY
- THE WHITE LADY
- JOHN MILITON
- MURDERED SAILORS
- A DEMON DOG
- A LITTLE GIRL

PARANORMAL ACTIVITY

- FOOTSTEPS AND CRIES
- STRANGE BALLS OF LIGHT
- CLOTHING BEING PULLED AND TUGGED
- SOUNDS OF A LITTLE GIRL SINGING
- APPARITIONS



THE HISTORY



Pengersick Castle

Pengersick Castle is situated on the south coast of Cornwall and was built in the sixteenth century, although the site had been home to the Pengersick family since the twelfth century. Pengersick means 'head of a marshy place' and

no wonder, as the stream that runs to the sea contributes to the marshland nearby. Although much of the building has now gone, the castle keep is still intact and dates from 1510.

Henry Pengersick inherited the property at Pengersick from his father Roger in 1329. It's alleged that Henry had a hatred of men of the Church, and that he became violent one night when the local priest, David de Lyspein, and a monk turned up on his doorstep to collect tithes. Henry flew into a terrible rage and violently attacked them. He was excommunicated from the Church for this crime and the villagers steered clear of him, once they knew he was capable of such rages. Henry died in 1343, but his infamous ghost is said to have been seen in and around the property ever since.

The Pengersick family held the estate for

several generations before many of them died in the Black Death in the fourteenth century. The remaining heiress married into a prominent family, who built the present castle in 1510.

During the reign of Henry VIII, the castle was owned by a man called John Militon. It is alleged that he was a murderer who fled justice and hid himself in the remote castle at Pengersick. He improved the castle's defences and he lived there for the rest of his life, never leaving his tower for more than a quick stroll. Rumours about him were rife and it's claimed that he was interested in the Dark Arts and that he used black magic to summon a demon dog. It is also said that he tried to poison his wife's drink, but the cunning lady knew what he was up to and switched the goblets. What truly happened that day, no one knows for sure. But both husband

and wife seem to have survived any attempted poisoning, as records show they died separately some years later.

Another of the castle's legends concerns the treasure of a lost ship, *Santo Antonio*, a Portuguese vessel that went down not far from Pengersick Castle. It's believed a huge amount of wealth was aboard the ship . . . strangely enough, all of it went missing. Allegedly, lepers lured the ship onto the rocks and then made a dash to collect the booty. Some of the shipwrecked sailors tried to escape, but they were then killed at Pengersick Castle. We will never know the truth, but it's rumoured that John Militon used the treasure to restore part of his castle.

