

Halloween Legends and Folklore



North Carolina has a rich tradition in folklore, especially eerie unexplained natural phenomena and historical mysteries. How many of these are you familiar with?

Each legend is fascinating. Do your own google search to find out more about each.

Brown Mountain Lights, *Burke and Caldwell Counties*

Since at least 1833, as many as a dozen unexplained lights of a red, blue or yellowish color have appeared on Brown Mountain, northwest of Morganton, usually on warm summer evenings. The phenomena have been investigated to no avail and inspired countless songs and stories.

“Ghost Ship” Carroll A. Deering, *Dare County*

Though investigated by the FBI, the wreck of the *Carroll A. Deering* remains a mystery. The Coast Guard found the ship abandoned but wasn't able to reach it for days. When they did reach the ship, they found nearly everything missing (including all the crew), though dinner was on the stove. The Bermuda Triangle, pirates and a number of other explanations have been offered, but none seem to hold.

“Blood Shower,” *Chatham County*

After a Chatham County woman thought she heard a hard rainfall in February 1884, she quickly discovered that the liquid falling from the sky wasn't clear, but instead was a

“shower of pure blood.” Samples were taken by a UNC chemist who confirmed the liquid was indeed blood, but he was unable to offer a scientific explanation for the phenomena.

The Disappearance of Nell Cropsey, *Pasquotank County*

The nation was gripped by the sudden disappearance of the beautiful Nell Cropsey from her Elizabeth City home in November 1901. Cropsey was found dead in the Pasquotank River a month later, and her boyfriend, Jim Wilcox, was implicated from the crime though he maintained his innocence and was ultimately pardoned by Governor Thomas Bickett. The death remains a mystery, at least for some, to this day.

The Maco Light, *Brunswick County*

The legend of the Maco Light has its origins in a 1867 train wreck that occurred west of Wilmington. After the car he was riding in became uncoupled from its train, conductor Joe Baldwin attempted to signal an oncoming second train to stop by waving a lantern. He was unsuccessful and was killed in the resulting crash, and ever since, a flickering light has been seen close to the site of the crash.

Devil’s Tramping Ground, *Chatham County*

In western Chatham County, you’ll find a 40-foot perfect circle devoid of most vegetation. Though surrounded by normal vegetation, attempts to plant just about anything on the path through the circle have all failed and anything left there seems to mysteriously disappear. Local lore maintains that the circle is the result of Satan’s nightly walks in the area, where he paces in a circle.

The “Ghost Train” of Bostian Bridge, *Iredell County*

One of the worst railroad disasters in history took 23 lives in August 1891 when a speeding train jumped the tracks and flew off a 60-foot high bridge west of Statesville. A ghostly specter of the train is said to be seen each year on the anniversary of the tragedy.

The Lost Colony, *Dare County*

One of the country’s most gripping historical mysteries, the Lost Colony hasn’t been seen since its founder, John White, left Roanoke Island in August 1587 on a supply mission. When he returned in 1590, all White found was the word “CROATOAN” was carved on a post in where the colony once had stood.

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Top Halloween Candy in NC



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- **M&M's:** Ranked as the top seller in the state according to historical bulk sales data from CandyStore.com.
- **Reese's Peanut Butter Cups:** Named a top-purchased and most-ordered favorite across the state by delivery platforms like DoorDash and Instacart.
- **Snickers:** Consistently places among the top three favorite chocolate candies for trick-or-treaters in the Tar Heel State.

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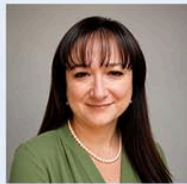
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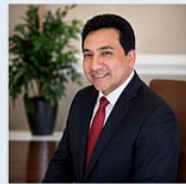
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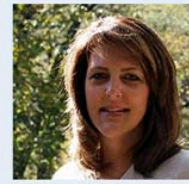
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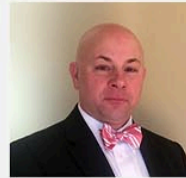
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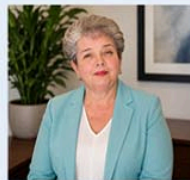
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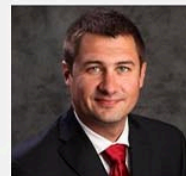
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