

# NEWS from the Paranormal Investigators of Milwaukee

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## Special points of interest:

PIM is very happy to announce that we are now recognized as a tax exempt 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization by the Federal Government. PIM has been investigating and educating about the paranormal since 2007 and we look forward to many more years under our new Non-Profit status!

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## Tinker Swiss Cottage

In 1865 on a limestone bluff overlooking Kent Creek in Rockford Illinois, the construction of the beautiful “Tinker Swiss Cottage” began by Robert Tinker. Mr. Tinker’s inspiration for the cottage came during his tour of Europe in 1862 where he fell in love with the architecture of Switzerland.

On the side of the cottage you will find a suspension bridge that Mr. Tinker constructed as a passage across the river to his wife Mary’s mansion and grounds. In 1906 the railroad bought Mary’s estate and the couple remained in the cottage. It took many years for the Tinkers to finish their cottage and eventually it was perfected with the addition of over 27 acres of trees, winding pathways, flowerbeds, and gardens. A three story Swiss inspired barn was added to the property which was home to many cows, chickens, and horses.

The only human occupants of the cottage were Mary and Robert. After Mary passed away married her they adopted a “Teddy”.

Jessie re-home until her She left the the Tinker sessions to the District. It opened as a 1943 and is What is most about the mu-



amazing interior. Many elements of the house were inspired or designed by Robert Tinker himself including the walnut spiral staircase made by Mr. Tinker out of a single piece of wood. The museum contains all the original objects from the family from furniture, artwork, clothing and diaries.

By now you might be asking yourself why we are giving you this history lesson. Well on July 26th PIM will be hosting a public investigation at the Tinker Swiss Cottage. Tickets are only \$30 each and includes a 3 hour investigation from 7:30 to 10:30. PIM has investigated the cottage before and those reports can be found on our website under the Cases tab. It has also been featured on the show Ghost Hunters back in December 2012.

To purchase tickets please visit Haunted Rockford’s website [www.hauntedrockford.com](http://www.hauntedrockford.com). If you have any questions pleas contact Noah at [noahl@paranormalmilwaukee.com](mailto:noahl@paranormalmilwaukee.com). We hope to see you there!

After Mary in 1901, Robert niece Jessie and son named

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## Modjeska Theatre Event

PIM would like to send a big thank you to everyone who helped with the cleaning of the Modjeska Theatre. With your help the Modjeska will be ready for it's grand reopening this coming October. It is so wonderful that this beautiful and historic building will be up and running again soon!!

PIM has had a chance to investigate this wonderful location and now wants to extend an invitation to you to do the same. On October 24th PIM will be hosting a public investigation and short presentation at the Modjeska Theatre! Tickets are \$40 per person and can be purchased on the EventBrite page which we have a link for on our website. We hope to see you all there!

### The John Krahnicles by John Krahn

Have you experienced waking up only to find yourself unable to move, talk or yell for help and observed a ghost or alien figure at the foot of your bed? Perhaps an entity holding you down or choking you? Well folks, you are not alone. You are not being visited or attacked by a ghost, demon, succubus or incubus. It is called sleep paralysis. It is one of those things that is not common but not rare either, however, most people are not familiar with it. Having experienced it many times myself, I can say it is one of the more terrifying things I have experienced. What happens is when you sleep, your brain releases a chemical that more or less paralyzes you and keeps you from moving around excessively so as to not disturb your sleep. However, sometimes a person wakes up abruptly before the chemical wears off. Sleep paralysis can occur either just as a person is falling asleep or as they are waking up. Very vivid hallucinations typically occur during this phenomenon which adds to the perception that something paranormal is occurring. Sleep paralysis can also affect a person's voluntary control of breathing, which in conjunction with the hallucinations, can make someone believe they are being choked or have an entity on their chest. Typically, this lasts for approximately a minute. I personally suffer from Recurrent isolated Sleep Paralysis, which unlike most people who may experience it once or twice during their life, I experience it repeatedly and it can last 15 minutes to an hour. Some factors which can make sleep paralysis more likely to occur is insomnia, too much stimulants, various medications, and sleeping on your back. Sleep paralysis can be very terrifying, but it is definitely not paranormal. For more information regarding sleep paralysis please consult <http://www.webmd.com/sleep-disorders/guide/sleep-paralysis>.

#### Upcoming Events/Investigations

- On June 28th PIM members Gravy, John, Denys, Missy and special guest Allison Jornlin from Milwaukee Ghost Tours investigated the Modjeska Theatre. This was PIM's second time at this location and it was a very interesting night with some very strange occurrences throughout the theatre. Evidence review for this investigation is still on going but to read the report from PIM's first visit please check out our website under the "Cases" tab. PIM will post on Facebook and Twitter when the report for the second investigation will be available on our website.
- The Tinker Swiss Cottage event is scheduled for July 26th. For more information see article on Page 1.

**PIM offers scientific investigations of suspected paranormal activity in homes, businesses, and historic sites. We pride ourselves on providing confidential, professional services free of charge.**

**To have PIM conduct an investigation for you, contact Noah Leigh (Lead Investigator) through our website or by the phone number listed above.**

**We look forward to meeting you at a public event, investigating with you, or just hearing from you on Facebook or Twitter!**