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Our OHA Ghost Walk Adventure...

October 11, 2012



My son and I went on the Liverpool Ghost Walk on Saturday... It was so much fun!

As I mentioned in my Ghost Walk Post, it was put on by the Onondaga Historical Association.

We stopped at 5 locations around the Village and had encounters with several "Ghosts" from Liverpool's history.

The actors were fantastic and gave such realistic "shows" at each stop. They portrayed beautifully what life was like for each of them in their time period.

I wish I could remember all of the details that each one gave. There was so much great information. I've listed the names of each of the characters as best I can remember...

First, we met at Liverpool Methodist Church, or as most know it, the church with the purple doors. It is the oldest church in Liverpool.



The Constable started us off on our journey... He warned us to keep clothed and watch out for dead horses on the beach... Among other things 😊



At our first stop we met Pierre Esprit [Radisson](#), a French man who traveled here in the mid-1600's and became a captive, and later an adopted member of a native tribe.

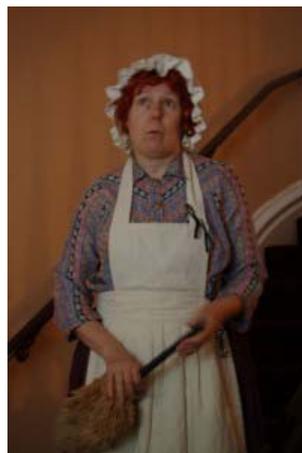


Unfortunately at our second stop, I was so enthralled with the emotional performance by the actors, I didn't get a picture! So I took a picture outside of The Willow Museum, where their story took place.



The "ghosts" in this story were a young couple who had just married and moved to Liverpool to start a new life. Shortly after they settled and began their new life, they ended up getting into an accident on the lake and drowning in the lake. Their names were Louisiana and Harvey Holly.

The third encounter we had was at the Gleason Mansion, with the maid of the house, Betsey Davin. She was quite a character. She had a very entertaining personality, with her Irish accent, and knowledge of EVERYTHING in the house!



At the mansion, we then met Martha Gleason, the sister of the mansion owner, Lucius Gleason, a wealthy businessman in the area.



At our fourth encounter, we met Frank Brown Jr. Who told us stories of his father, Frank Brown Sr. as well as stories of his childhood. He described vividly the days of slavery that his father endured.



The last visit we made was to a back porch where we met William Miller, and a child-follower of his. He became the leader of a movement, or “cult” as some would say, known as the “Millerites”. William Miller was determined to convince people that he knew the moment of the end of the world. The young girl, Gracie Crawford was determined that he did not. She let him know it too! They were quite amusing.



It really was a great experience on a great day. The Village, as always, was beautiful to walk around. We heard great stories about the history of Liverpool, and the characters will live forever in our imaginations!

If you would like to go on a Ghost Walk through the Onondaga Historical Association, visit their website at cnyhistory.org.

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