

On January 15, 1983, I was a guest at the home of George "Frolic" Weymouth at the Big Bend in Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania.

Shortly after I arrived, I went to the ground floor where the kitchen and a large dining area is located. I walked into the dining room and stopped as I sensed happenings from many years before. I said, "George Washington was here, and the floor was then dirt."

"Frolic said, "You are standing where we found an Indian buried, and when we fixed this room we left him in the place we found him."

He also said that Washington had written his wife about this place, but that he doubted if Washington visited here as this was a loyalist house.

I had also heard that the seat which Martha Washington sat on while having her portrait painted is on the second floor of this house.

I was a guest here for several days, and one evening as I sat on a chair with my feet near where the skeleton was, I felt a cold chill and suddenly saw the whole story unfold in my mind, like a movie.

It was apparent to me, that the bones in the grave were not those of an Indian, but a sixteen-year old boy who was in Washington's army. I saw that the boy was very close to Washington, and did many little chores for him--like shining shoes etc.

The boy seemed to be suffering from a fever which he could not handle and it was getting worse. The boy confessed to

General Washington that he was a run-away and that he knew the loyalist family living in the Bend and that they would help him if he went to them. It was apparent to me that it was really the boy's sweetheart who was living in the house with her parents and a brother.

General Washington gave his permission and the boy went to the house and was met by the family there. They realized that he was very sick, and tried to help him. The fever would not break. A day or two after he arrived at the house he died.

He had told the family that he was in the area with Washington's army. The girl then took the risk of going to see Washington to tell him what happened. Because of the boy's devotion, Washington himself escorted the girl back to the house and identified the boy. Because of the hot weather and the fever, the boy was buried here. Washington wrote and signed a paper which he gave to these people to give to the parents of the boy. This paper has never been destroyed. I believe that it is still in existence.

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