

**The Unfilled Hole:** Directly in front of the Camden Public Library in the Old Courthouse, this is reputed to be the site of public hangings. Sitting under the pecan tree to the left of the building you can sometimes feel cold spots. You can also see the hole that will not stay filled.

**The Light in the Water at the Gees Bend Ferry:**

Signs clearly mark the way to the ferry on the Camden side where the lights can be seen at night. The ferry only runs in the daylight hours, but visitors can come to the site to see if the light is showing at night. N32°03'20.7"W087°18'13.0"

**The Slave in Chains:**

At the intersection of County roads 59 and 24, the sounds of the rattling of chains can clearly be heard at night. Many local residents have heard them. Visitors should pull to the side of the road and not stop in the road if they wish to listen. N31°55'22.0"W087°00'19.7"

**Resources:**

Many resources are available at the following websites:  
[www.alabamafrontporches.com](http://www.alabamafrontporches.com)  
[www.blackbelttreasures.com](http://www.blackbelttreasures.com)  
[www.cahawba.com](http://www.cahawba.com)  
[www.holmesteadcompany.com](http://www.holmesteadcompany.com)  
[www.selmaalabama.com](http://www.selmaalabama.com)



Sturdivant Hall: Selma, Alabama

**The Burford House**

**Ghost:** This is a private residence. Members of the family are well acquainted with the ghost. There is a circular driveway where visitors can drive through without disturbing the family's privacy.

**The Purefoy House:** This house, located in Furman, involves a well where a slave was reportedly buried alive. The story is told in *13 Alabama Ghosts*. It is a private residence for driving tour only. N32°00'17.5"W086°58'17.2"



Live Oak Cemetery, Selma, Alabama

**Alabama's Front Porches:**

*famous for great Southern food, hospitality and architecture, beautiful pastoral landscapes, a rich cultural and agricultural heritage, outdoor recreation opportunities and some of the finest antiques around.*

*Come join us on our front porch and sit a spell.*

**The Ghosts of the Black Belt**

Visit any town in Alabama and you will most likely hear a local ghost story. You will hear stories of civil war soldiers, haunted riverboats, spectral visitors at university campuses and many tales of apparitions that either met an early or unwarranted death.

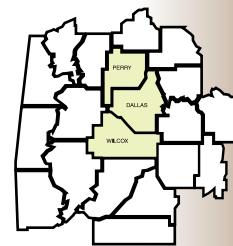


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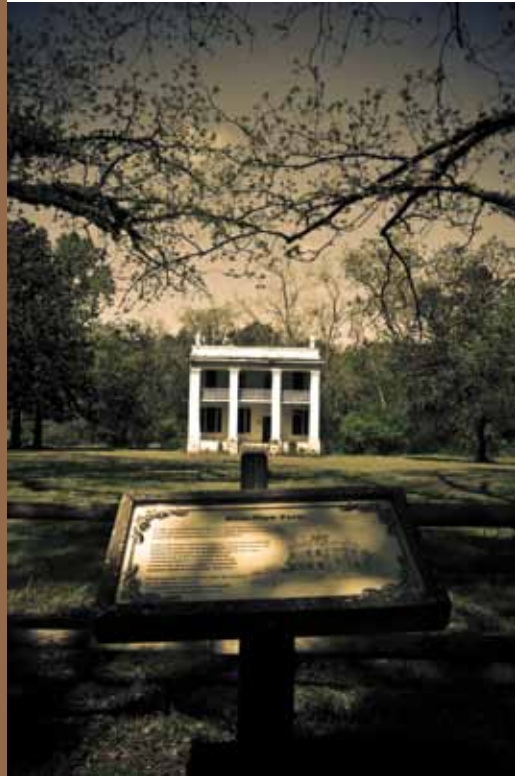
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# Alabama's Black Belt Ghost Stories



Kirk View Farm, Old Cahawba

## Dallas County:

**Old Cahawba:** To see the ghost sites at Old Cahawba, check in at the Visitors' Center. Or come to the annual October Haunted History Tours. N32°19'10.3"W087°06'16.1"

**Tally Ho:** This Selma restaurant was originally a hunting lodge and purportedly a speakeasy during prohibition. The ghost, named Betty, was reputed to be a party girl during the early days. Others say she worked here. Her lilac perfume can still occasionally be smelled. She turns off the light and causes the chandelier in the main dining room to sway in front of guests. Open evening hours Wed. through Sun. N32°26'23.7"W087°01'53.1"

**Old Depot Museum:** Originally a munitions depot during the Civil War, it became the Selma Train Depot after the war. The ghost who lives here causes the elevator to go up and down by itself and opens the door. Paranormal investigators *Ghost Hunters* have visited. Open daily. Admission charged. N32°24'31.5"W087°00'50.6"

**Vaughn Smitherman Museum:** First a girls' school, then a military school, and even served as a hospital

during the Civil War. It continued operating as a hospital into the late 20th Century. *Ghost Hunters* have investigated here. Open daily. Admission charged. N32°24'19.2"W087°01'32.4"

**Sturdivant Hall:** Selma's official antebellum mansion and house museum. The Ghost who haunts the house is said to be that of the original owner. This story is told in Kathryn Tucker Windham's *13 Alabama Ghosts and Jeffrey*. Open Tues. - Sat. or by appointment. Admission charged. N32°24'47.2"W087°01'43.0"



Live Oak Cemetery, Selma, Alabama

**Kathryn Tucker Windham House:** This private 1950's residence of Alabama's Storyteller is home to Jeffrey—the Jeffrey of *13 Alabama Ghosts and Jeffrey*.

**St James Hotel:** The ghost of Jessie James is said to inhabit a 3rd floor room. He was jailed here and it is said that he had such a good time he chose to remain. The town's ladies fought for the chance to bring him food because he was so charming and appreciative. The room is available by request. N32°24'25.0"W087°01'04.7"

**Baker House:** A private residence. The ghost is reputed to be a Union Soldier who died here during the Civil War.

## Perry County:

**Carlyle Hall:** Featured in *13 Alabama Ghosts and Jeffrey*, it is the story of the ghost of the woman whose husband went to war telling her that if something happened, a rider would come on a black horse to bring her the news

Gaines Ridge Dinner Club, Camden



and if he was okay, the rider would come on a white horse. A rider mistakenly arrived on a black horse and the wife committed suicide by jumping from the tower at the top of the house.

**Holmestead Farm:** This is the oldest working farm in Alabama. The ghost lives in a private residence, but the farm is open for tours by appointment. Admission charged. N32°40'25.4"W087°23'47.7"

## Wilcox County:

**Gaines Ridge Dinner Club:** There are a two ghost stories and a "ghost truth" told by Mrs. Betty Kennedy, the owner. Open Wed.-Sat. nights and by appointment for tour groups. N31°59'24.1"W087°15'29.3"

## What was that bump?

Anytime is a good time to enjoy a spooky adventure, but each October brings the Haunted History Tours.

## Old Cahawba's Haunted History

At Old Cahawba, you don't have to believe in ghosts to hear the past speaking to you. On this rare moon lit tour, you will be shuttled to this ghost town's most haunted locations. Learn the art of "ghost hunting."

## Selma's Haunted History

With more than a century of history predating the Civil War, our past will come back to haunt you! From the fate of fallen Civil War soldiers to strong willed spirits, Selma has plenty of stories to tell.