



## **Things That Go Bump in The Night The Carolina Inn Offers Ghost Tours and Special Halloween Packages**

(CHAPEL HILL, N.C.) Join the staff of Haunted North Carolina for an evening of frighteningly spooky entertainment on Halloween Night, October 31, 2009, at The Carolina Inn, voted one of America's Top 10 Haunted Hotels by about.com.

In 2007, the ghost hunters from Haunted North Carolina set up super-sensitive microphones, digital cameras, infrared video cameras and electromagnetic sensors in three guest rooms at the historic hotel. Over a period of four hours, the equipment captured:

- Sounds of footsteps in an empty and secured room
- An orb-like object moving through the air in one of the rooms
- The faint sound of notes from a piano. (There were no pianos nearby, and no piano anywhere in the Inn was being played at the time.)
- A few softly spoken words including what sounds like "hey" and "might have won."

Dr. William Jacocks, a physician with the International Health Division of the Rockefeller Foundation, retired to Chapel Hill and lived at the Inn from 1948 until his death in 1965. He was a kind, gentle man who liked riddles and jokes, and he still seems to enjoy teasing guests who stay in his room by locking them out now and then. Once, the room's door had to be taken off its hinges because it couldn't be unlocked. Tour Dr. Jacock's room at the special Halloween event.

If you dare – the special evening begins with dinner and a presentation by Jim Hall of Haunted North Carolina followed by a tour of the haunted areas of The Carolina Inn including the suite of Dr. Jacocks. The Carolina Inn offers special overnight and dinner Halloween package treats.

An Evening with Dr. William Jacocks features one night's lodging, dinner, presentation, tour and breakfast the next morning for \$169 single occupancy and \$110 double occupancy. Rates are per person and include taxes and service charges.

Dinner with Dr. William Jacocks features dinner, presentation and tour for \$59 per person, including taxes and service charges.

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### *About the Carolina Inn*

*Recognized as one of America's "cultural resources worthy of preservation," The Carolina Inn is listed on the National Register of Historic Places with elite status as a AAA Four Diamond Award Hotel and Mobil Four Star Award-Winning Dining at the Carolina Crossroads Restaurant. From the day it opened in 1924, the 184-room Inn has played an important role in the life of the University of North Carolina and the Chapel Hill community. As one of only four hotels in North Carolina built before 1925 to remain in continuous operation, it has long been one of the most popular sites in North Carolina for special events, weddings, business meetings, and academic conferences with over 13,000 square feet of flexible meeting and event space. In addition to having a rich cultural history, The Carolina Inn is architecturally significant, blending elements of antebellum Southern plantation houses with Georgian and neoclassical features often found in the Northeast. The original front of the building was modeled after the Potomac River front of Mt. Vernon. The Carolina Inn is one of more than 30 independent, upscale and luxury hotels, resorts and golf clubs in the United States managed by Destination Hotels & Resorts, the fourth largest independent hospitality management company in the country.*