

Follow in the footsteps

of a young woman, Melanie Lanier, during the Civil War. At this time, Fort Warren housed Confederate soldiers as prisoners and several attempts were made to escape.

The most famous involved Melanie and Andrew Lanier, and thus begins the Legend of the Lady in Black. Use the map as you encounter choices along the way and aid her in her journey! Start your adventure at A

A dark and stormy night

In 1862, a young and recently married Confederate soldier named Andrew Lanier was captured and sent to Fort Warren on Georges Island as a prisoner. He sent a letter to his young wife Melanie who was so happy to hear that he was alive. A boat captain brought her to Hull, across from Fort Warren, where Melanie observed the fort guards with binoculars. One dark and stormy night, she cut her long hair, put on a soldier's uniform, hid an old pistol in her pocket and was rowed over to Georges Island.

The boat is swaying in the rough, foggy seas. It is hard to see the dock. Land on the dock to the:

B North at"B" on the map. OR C South at "C" on the map.

I he rope J

Looking up, she saw narrow windows and heard

- someone say, "Hang on!" Suddenly a rope made
- of sheets tied together was lowered down. Melanie
- grabbed on and was pulled up by Andrew. The young couple embraced.
- They now must escape. What do you think Melanie
- and Andrew should do? Help them either:
- F Dig a tunnel to the Armory, arm
- themselves and storm out of the fort.
- Go into the Armory at "F." OR
- G Dig a tunnel to the
- Powder Magazine, steal
- gunpowder and blow
- a hole in the fort's
- wall. Head to "G"
- and go inside.



A tune

Confident the guards couldn't see her, Melanie ran to the fort's walls and sang a tune that she and Andrew used to sing together. She repeated it louder as she walked around. Eventually, she heard the tune from inside.

Now she needs to get in; help her: \rightarrow D Head to the Demilune ϕ

> at "D" and enter the Prisoners' Cells through the Secret Passageway.



Great work, you're inside! Keep going!



- digging, but a guard heard a
- pickaxe hitting granite and alerted
- the Fort's leader, Colonel Dimmick.
- They were trapped! As Colonel Dimmick
- approached the couple, Melanie grabbed the
- old pistol, aimed and fired.

As the smoke cleared, Melanie realized that

the old pistol misfired and missed the Colonel. Andrew was dead, the love of her life gone.

Head to the center of the Parade Ground to uncover what happens next.

last request

Melanie was sentenced to death for treason by hanging but had a last request. She wanted to mourn her loss by wearing a black gown. The only fabric soldiers found were curtains hanging in Colonel Dimmick's room. Melanie sewed a dress, and was marched bravely to the gallows.

- Read as you walk across the Parade Ground to
- a spot said to be haunted by Melanie's ghost.
- Choose to visit the:
- (H) Dark Arch to see if you see or hear
- anything strange! Follow the map to "H." Walk through the Dark Tunnel if you dare.

I Corridor of Dungeons. Find "I" on the map and head over.

Hands from the dark

Stories of the Lady in Black began soon after that day in 1862. Though, as with all ghost stories, this story is hard to prove. One soldier felt hands grabbing his neck while on guard duty. He turned around and saw The Lady in Black! Later, a sergeant heard a woman's voice call out from the dark, "Don't come in here," but only men

were at the fort that day.

In the end.

Aside from being a spooky story, the Legend of the Lady in Black reminds us of the importance of Fort Warren during the American Civil War and the risks people are willing to take for what they love.





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SAFETY

- Watch your head when entering the Secret Passageway into the Demilune "D."
- Enter the **Dark Tunnel** in a line, use a flashlight and keep your right hand on the wall. No running or yelling.
- Be careful when entering the Corridor of Dungeons "I" through the small window at the top of the stairs. It's dark inside and the floor is uneven in places. Use a flashlight!
- Follow all signs, and stay out of fenced and closed-off areas of the fort. There is plenty more to explore!

