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The Squire Castle was actually intended to be a chalet when Feargus B. Squire decided he wanted to build an English castle in the wilderness of Cleveland, Ohio. Feargus came to the United States from his homeland in England, bringing his wife with him. Apparently Mrs. Squire was not at all happy out in the woods and while temporarily living in the chalet, she lost her mind. Mrs. Squire's death, however, remains a mystery; some say she died in the chalet, while others disagree.

After his wife's death, Feargus Squire decided that he no longer wished to build on his 525 acre estate in Cleveland and sold the property in 1922. In 1925 the estate was purchased by the state of Ohio and was then turned into the Metroparks that it is today.

When acquired by the state, Squire's Castle was in complete ruins. The state fixed what they could; however, the castle is now only walls. The second and third floors are gone now, leaving the castle but a shell and the basement was filled in with concrete long ago.

In addition to the mysterious death of Mrs. Squire, others have reportedly died in the castle and in the surrounding wooded area. Many of these tragic deaths were self inflicted. Also, many strange activities have taken place in the area; devil worship, animal sacrifices and such and those activities, as well as the suicides may account for most of the activity there.

Paranormal activity has been reported at Squire's castle for decades and continues on today. Many have claimed to see the apparition of a woman walking past the second floor windows while she carried a lantern to light her way. What's so odd about that? There is no second floor, the castle is gutted. Also, it is believed that this same apparition is responsible for the screaming that has been heard by many at night, when no other living person could be seen.

Several other apparitions have been spotted roaming the grounds and the surrounding wooded area and many people have photographed numerous orbs about the place.

No one knows for sure if the female apparition is truly Mrs. Squire's spirit or not, but one thing is for certain, she has no intention of leaving anytime soon; her spirit continues to haunt the old gate house and many still claim to catch a glimpse of her every now and again.

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