

## IRISH APPARITION

In 1873 Patrick G. McGloin bought the home his Uncle Jimmy had built on Round Lake in 1855. Now, “Uncle Jimmy” was the impresario James McGloin, who, with his partner, John McMullen, had brought Irish settlers to the San Patricio Colony in the 1820s. Pat and his wife, Mary, restored the old home and lived there for many years.

One night Pat had gone to milk the cows, and Mary settled down on the gallery of the old house to wait for him. As she gazed at the placid lake, she saw “a fairy-like lady dressed in green, skimming so smoothly along that she might have been on solid ground.” Skeptical about ghosts, Mary spoke aloud, “If you must have this time to skim the lake, I’ll stay in my kitchen, and well may you have it.”

When Pat came in, Mary told him what she had seen, and he related a family story. Seems that, as a young man, his Uncle Jimmy had strolled beside the lakes in Ireland with a beautiful girl wearing a new green dress. Jimmy failed to notice it, and she said to him, “When I die, I’ll haunt you, and it will be on a lake, and I’ll be wearing green.”

Well, the girl might have lived so long, but James McGloin died in 1856, so she missed getting to haunt him personally by at least twenty years!

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