

THE WOLF MAN OF CONVERSE

The town of Converse near San Antonio has its own wolf man legend, which dates back to 1965.

Seems there was a retired military man who lived there with his 13-year-old son. The father loved hunting, but the son was a studious young man with little interest in guns or hunting, in spite of his father's efforts to attract his son to the sport.

One day, the father handed him a gun and told him not to come back until he had "shot something."

Shortly after dark, the boy returned shaking and quivering and told his dad that he had seen a wolf-like creature, two-legged; it had been stalking him in the low cedars, and he'd barely escaped, he said. Thinking his son was only making excuses, the father sent him back out again.

He didn't return all night or the next morning, so the father rounded up some neighbors to look for him. As the search party shuffled through the woods near Skull's Crossing, one of the men signaled the others to come around, and all of them saw it: a half-man, half-wolf creature feasting on the remains of the boy's bloody body. Startled by the men, the creature escaped into the woods.

The wolf man of Converse has not been seen since, but, apparently, it is not at rest. Sheep disappear from the area all too often, and, during full moons, the nearby creek is said to run blood-red.

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