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# The Legend of Miss Jean Wallace

On Sept. 30th 2006, Barry County Genealogical and Historical Society presented a memorial service and new headstone to commemorate the Mountain Maid of the Ozarks, Miss Jean Wallace. Although she died tragically in 1940, Wallace was an enigmatic and brave woman of simple means who was visited by hundreds of locals, and State Representatives, seeking the help of her gift of clairvoyance for nearly 50 years. From a humble one room cabin on homestead property near Roaring River (now Cassville, Missouri), Jean Wallace gained notoriety for her accurate visions of both the future and past of everyone she met instantaneously and without effort.

Jean Wallace claimed to have her extrasensory "sight" from a young age, and that her father, a descendant of the historical Wallace's of Scotland, had a similar "sixth sense".

Jean moved to her quiet piece of ground in the Ozarks from New York City in 1892. There are speculations, and different accounts of her motivation to so alone - a highly atypical life choice for women in the late 1800's. However, it is known that she worked as a nurse in NYC and if you allow for the existence of her

clairvoyance, you may understand her decision to move and live out her days alone "out in the sticks". Wallace would have known the fate of her patients, and perhaps, felt their fear, pain, and every emotion - day in and day out - to say nothing of the sheer amount of people she would encounter daily by living in the Big Apple. As for the alone part, Miss Wallace was quoted to say, "Who would want a wife who knew everything her husband had ever done, thought, or was going to do?"

Miss Wallace may have planned to live a secluded life, but the world found her. She was a beautiful, mysterious, head-strong, and extremely intuitive newcomer from the East Coast -her presence did not go unnoticed. As she tentatively began talking with neighbors or towns people over the years, they whispered of her answering questions they had not spoken, knowing where lost items would be found, or knowing the outcome of an event before it's happened. Since Miss Wallace lived alone, except for a herd of cats, these whispers could have grown to suspicion and outrage. However, she vowed to "use my God given powers for Good, and not for profit" and her predictions genuinely helped people, thereby



gaining trust and a place in the heart of the community. As personal stories and antidotes of the Mountain Maid spread, entrepreneurs, Congressmen, and people from hundreds of miles away walked 200 feet up a worn dirt path to meet Miss Jean Wallace. By all accounts of those who met her, Miss Jean's predictions never missed. She described her visions to be, "like walking along a road. You can see quite a distance behind you and quite a distance ahead, but further away, things begin to get dim, in either direction."

The Mountain Maid, Ozark Seer, Witch of Roaring River...regardless of which nickname is in fashion; Miss Jean Wallace remains legendary.