

Annual Fright Court Episode of All Things Judicial Focuses on the Old Beaufort County Courthouse



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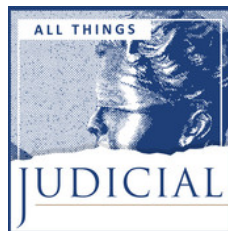
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The Historic Beaufort County Courthouse, built in 1786, is the second oldest courthouse in North Carolina.

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RALEIGH — Each Halloween season, All Things Judicial releases a [special episode called "Fright Court,"](#) where the focus turns to ghostly legends associated with North Carolina's courthouses. The second oldest courthouse in the state, built in 1786, is located in [Beaufort County](#), in the City of Washington. Allegedly, this courthouse is haunted by the ghost of a defendant named [Reverend George Washington Carawan](#), who was tried for murder in 1853. We interviewed Terry Rollins, Youth Services Librarian at the [Brown Library](#) in Washington, to get the full story about this remarkable case.



"(After the trial) people started reporting something very strange occurring in this building," said Rollins on the podcast. "Those stories have persisted decade after decade, and year after year, since 1853."

The second segment of the podcast involves former [Supreme Court of North Carolina Associate Justice George Brown](#), and his wife Laura Ellison Brown. The justice and his wife were local benefactors in the City of Washington, who after their deaths, bequeathed their estate to establish a public library. The Brown Library found a permanent place on the justice's old homestead, but some report that the Browns continue to visit the library almost 100 years after their deaths.

The reports of hauntings in North Carolina's courthouses are unverified. However, witness claim that they are true. Are some of North Carolina's courthouses haunted? Listen to the podcast and you be the judge.

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MORE INFORMATION

All Things Judicial is a podcast about the important role of the North Carolina Judicial Branch in state government. The podcast follows a bi-monthly release schedule with each new episode available for download every other Wednesday and can be found on all podcast apps and on [NCCourts.gov](#).

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