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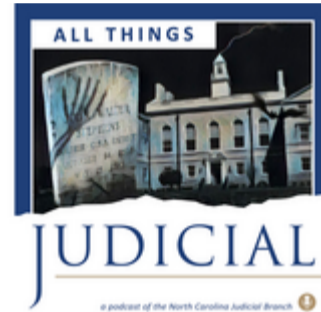
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Does state senator John Walter Stephens haunt the Historic Caswell County Courthouse? You be the Judge!

RALEIGH — In this [episode](#) of *All Things Judicial*, we feature our annual, award winning, Halloween episode entitled *Fright Court*. In the first segment, we feature Nelson Nauss, the Executive Director of [The Ghost Guild](#), a North Carolina-based paranormal research organization. Nauss shares four court cases involving claims of the supernatural, where the courts didn't necessarily rule-out the paranormal elements of each lawsuit. In the second segment, Roger Winstead of the Judicial Branch Communications Office narrates the story of John Walker Stephens, a state senator who was murdered in 1870 in the Historic Caswell County Courthouse.



"Could John Walter Stephens apparition be struggling to evade his torturous murderers by fleeing through that creaky courthouse storage room door," Winstead narrates on the podcast. "You be the judge!"

Fright Court is an annual episode of *All Things Judicial* which showcases unexplained occurrences and macabre historical incidents in North Carolina's courthouses. This popular [YouTube](#) and podcast series won a first place award for videography from the North Carolina Association of Government Information Officers in 2019 and 2020.

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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About North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts

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