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UPSCALE RENOVATIONS AT JACOBS HILL



CAN NEW BUSINESS OVERCOME "FOLKLORE"?

Ask real estate developer Sidney Jahn about the ghosts at Jacobs Hill, and the Frederick based businesswoman is hesitant to answer. "It's folklore," Jahn says, "But what we're attempting to build here among these picturesque fields and sheltered woods is a retreat. It's going to be the finest quality bed and breakfast." That folklore Jahn mentions has a different view of the woods, as a place sheltering witches and wolves.

And these are the same fields where the ghost of Tertius Pottage, one time butler and erstwhile murderer of the esteemed Jacobs name, is said to have met his end some eighty years ago.

Nevertheless, Jahn is committed to her vision of a new future for the infamous home, located off of State Route 32 in West Friendship. This comes despite numerous setbacks in construction, including workers who claim to return each

morning to find their work from the day before undone. Howard County Police are investigating potential vandalism. Meanwhile, Jahn ordered three guard dogs left on the property overnight, just over a month ago. Workers returned the next morning to find two of the dogs dead, having leapt from the second story tower window. The third dog appeared rabid, and was immediately put down.

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