

Myths, Murders and Mysteries

‘All for Love...’

‘All for love and nothing in reward’

Edmund Spenser (c1552 - 1599)



The Passenham Mill Ghost

Nancy Webb of Passenham lost her husband in the Crimean War (1853 - 1856); her new-born son died shortly after. She threw herself in the Mill Race where she was mangled by the wheel. On the night of the October Deanshanger feast, a figure bearing a child in her arms is said to plunge into the Mill race, her white dress floating on the water...



The Miller's Daughter at Bradwell Mill

About 1685, the miller's very pretty daughter was courted by two youths. One killed the other in a fit of jealousy and was hanged for his crime. Later the girl was found dead in the mill...

Sources: <http://www.mkheritage.co.uk/wdahs/pass/docs/mill/mill.html>; and an original tape by Ken Hollinshead on http://dutch.open.ac.uk/schools/lovat99/iron_bridge/ghost.html

The Iron Bridge Swans

Louisa, daughter of the family at Tyringham Manor, fell in love with a woodcutter. They ran away when her father refused to let them marry but were drowned in the river. The following spring, two swans were seen at the Iron Bridge with a bundle of clothing, said to be their ghosts with their love-child. Swans would come every year from Tyringham to nest, and one of their cygnets would die - always a male...