



OLD WETHERSFIELD, CT

Colonial Wethersfield, the site of a “witch panic” decades before Salem’s trials, served as the setting for Elizabeth George Speare’s award-winning 1959 work of historical fiction, *The Witch of Blackbird Pond*.

The pond itself, accessible at the far north end of Main Street, now goes by the name of Wethersfield Cove.



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Although a garlic clove is a reliable defense against vampires, Wethersfield's signature red onion confers no such protection...



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Ichabod Crane, the legendary schoolteacher from Sleepy Hollow chased by a headless, pumpkin-headed horseman?

Some historians believe his character was inspired by real events... in a Connecticut town famous for its red onions.



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LEATHERMAN'S CAVE
(ONE OF 100+)

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From the 1850s to the 1880s, the mysterious Leatherman roamed Connecticut and New York, residing in at least 100 different rock shelters and caves along his 300+ mile route.

He assembled his outfit from scrap leather, spoke rarely (and mostly in French), and grew in fame as he trekked through a regular circuit of towns, including nearby **Berlin**.

Many villages exempted him from “anti-tramp” laws, greeted him with kindness, and even left food for him on their doorsteps.

Despite historians’ efforts, his name and motives remain a mystery.



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CONNECTICUT HISTORY

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Decades before Salem suffered its witchcraft panic, Connecticut held dozens of witch trials from 1647 to 1663.

Among the convictions were Joan and John Carrington, a Wethersfield couple executed in 1651.

In May of 2023, the Connecticut State Senate passed a resolution to formally grant absolution to the twelve people convicted of witchcraft in the 17th century.



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