

Agatha Raisin: Haunted Mansion

1 Old History

After the Royalists were defeated at Titley's Knob during the English Civil War, the Royalist Sir Geoffrey Lamont went on the run with his manservant and took refuge at Ivy Hall. Ivy Hall was the residences of fellow Royalist William Braseph who was happy to help Geoffrey. Lamont trusted all of his possessions, which included a priceless treasure (they didn't say what this treasure is). The manservant was caught hours later but did not have the treasure.

This lead people to believe the manservant stashed the treasure somewhere in Ivy Hall.

Later Geoffrey was shot with a musket in Ivy Hall. That musket is still in Ivy Hall.

1. Some people think the treasure is a myth.
2. There have been *extensive* searches of Ivy Hall looking for the treasure, which have not turned it up.
3. Agatha thinks there may be a secret passage which may lead to the treasure. She thinks this since Olivia Witherspoon was found dead in Ivy Hall and either (a) she got drunk and fell (this has been disproven) or (b) she was murdered. There are no broken locks so there may be a secret passage.

2 Recent History

Olivia Witherspoon claims that there are ghost-like noises and mists and such in her house. She *does not* believe this is a ghost, but instead that someone is trying to scare here.

Possibilities:

1. Olivia is doing it. Some of the townspeople think this, but I don't see a motive.
2. Olivia's Daughter Carol is doing this to scare her mother into dying. No real motive—Carol has been disinherited. Also, Olivia might be broke.
3. Olivia's Son Harry. He does inherit. Also, Olivia might be broke.
4. Percy Fleming who wants to buy Ivy Hall. Olivia was dogmatic about not selling it.

3 Agatha and Company

1. **Agatha Raisin** Now a formal Detective.
2. **James Lacey** Agatha's Boyfriend. Likes to do re-enactments with miniatures.
3. **Roy Silver** Helps out Agatha.
4. **Bill Wong** Competing or collaborating detective.
5. **Sarah Bloxby** Helps out Agatha.
6. **Toni Gilmour** Sub Maid but very bad at it. But used to work for banks and other place that give loans, and has a very good memory so has been helpful.
7. **Charles Fraith** Wealthy person, blue-blood, but helps Agatha solve murders.
8. **Beryl Boggle** She and her husband are long time residents of Carsley.

4 Other Characters

1. **Olivia Witherspoon** Very bitter cruel old women who hassles the townsfolk with complaints. Everyone hates her. She ends up dead. It looks like an accident but forensics shows it was murder.
2. **Carol Witherspoon** Daughter. Estranged. She left home knowing she would be cut off, and she was. She found the body.
3. **Harry Witherspoon** Son. Also Estranged but not cut off since Olivia thought he would come back. He is very involved with the English Civil war Reenactment. He claims he has power of attorney for his mother, but he does not. Alibi: Was at the Mutton and Mead Party.
4. **The Cross Swords** An organization putting on the Re-enactment.
5. **Percy Flemming** Dot com Rich- wants to buy Ivy Hall.
6. **Florian Devere** History expert and also a TV personality a a historian.
7. **Barry Briar** Landlord of The Hedderbon Arms which I think is the bar.

5 Misc

1. There is a English Civil War Re-enactment taking place. They want to use Olivia's grounds, but she won't let them. Hence they are having it on Sir Charles Estate (Charley Fraith- Agatha's friend).
There is an attempt to get more women involved but it does not work.
Mrs. Boogle is in charge of costumes for the re-enactment.
2. Agatha' car is vandalized as a warning to leave town.
3. Harry thought his mother had dementia.