

SCREAMING BRIDGE

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"Well, as far as I know, (pause) supposedly one night this couple was driving out over the bridge and they had a baby and they stopped on the bridge and (pause) some guy attacked them or something and killed the baby and every night you supposedly hear the lady scream something about her baby."

visit: "It was during the daytime though and we drove across it, you know. We didn't hear anything because the lady only screams supposedly at midnight, each night."

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ORIGIN: "What I've heard is that when you go to the screaming bridge with a baby in the car that there was a lady a long time ago who was killed in an accident and her baby was too but when you go to screaming bridge with a baby then she comes up out of the water and she tries to claim it is her baby and that's about it."
(informant laughs)

Dallas Wyatt
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origin: "The reason it's called screaming bridge is because this lady was out there with her baby and somehow they fell off the bridge. She lost her baby and she goes hunting for it supposedly and when she can't find it and she starts screaming."

visits: "I've been out there a couple of times and nothing has went on. It's not very scary. I've even painted on it with a spray can. So nothing happened."

"Well I've heard once where a car load of boys went out there at night, about midnight, and this one boy brought a baby doll with him and he said they got out of the car and he said to the lady 'Now here, here's your baby' and so they heard this screaming and they hopped back in the car and were gonna take off and their car wouldn't start. They heard this clawing noise and finally when they get out of there they looked and on the back window was a handprint."

Sue Leonard
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"Once there was this lady who had to get to Connersville real quick and she was taking the back roads home. She went across this one bridge and this car chasing her and she's very scared. She came to this bridge and she couldn't slow down or nothing.

They went driving to their house and as they were going over this bridge, she lost control of the car and it busted through the side and went into the river. They both were dead and they couldn't find the baby, but they went ahead and buried her. Because they didn't find the baby, they, as the saying goes, at midnight, if you go across the bridge, you'll hear the woman screaming and she won't let you pass. She'll stop you and ask you 'have you seen my baby?'

visit: "One time some girls and guys all got together and went in some jeeps and another car went out there and we were going to paint the bridge. We started painting it and you kind of get scared. It was getting closer to midnight and everybody started wanting to leave. So everybody left and me and this guy was by ourselves and I was really getting scared and he wanted to take a walk down to the river but I didn't go. I went back to the jeep and we took off."

"I went another time with my boyfriend and we were going to get out of the car and stop but we got scared and just went on across." (informant laughs)

Richard Bartlett
212 W. 24th St., Connersville, Ind.
factory worker
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Muncie, Ind.

visit: "The first time I ever heard of this bridge was about two years ago from the fella that ran the machine next to mine at work. They told him about it and this is supposedly happens around midnight. This guy was kind of a sissy-type fella so I had him repeat it to me. He had a Torino about a year old and he went out there about three minutes till midnight, him and another fella and, as he was crossing the bridge, he went to put his brakes on and he didn't have no brakes. He went on to pump them up or whatever they do and they worked when he got on the other side so the next day he took it into his mechanic in town and they checked his car completely over and said there wasn't any reason at all for a brake failure."

Curt McGuire
RR 2, Connersville, Ind.
factory worker
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Baptist
Connersville, Ind.

"Screaming bridge got its name by some woman had an accident on this bridge and her and her baby died and supposed to be at twelve o'clock she's supposed to come there every night and be crying for her baby. She is looking for her baby and she'll come up to the cars and say 'have you seen my baby? Where's my baby' and she'll be crying."

visit: "It's up there around Dublin, Indiana (a small town near Connersville) and went up there once and we went up there and my brakes went out. We didn't know what was going on and at the time we thought maybe that had something to do with it but later I found out that it was the master cylinder that went bad on the car."

Comment: Richard Bartlett and Curt work together at Philco-Ford.

Billie White
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origin: "The story I heard about the screaming bridge is that once there was this lady and she had this child and she was driving down the road and she came across this bridge and she had an accident. It was a really bad wreck and I guess the