

The Romans Beneath Treasurer’s House

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An apprentice working on a boiler said a Roman column crossed a York cellar. The strangest detail was their missing lower legs, apparently hidden beneath the floor.

STATUS	A recorded story, with its history attached
CLASSIFICATION	STR
MATERIAL	York, England
DISPOSITION	PUBLIC / SOURCED STORY
CATEGORY	Strange Files
RECORD TYPE	Ghosts & hauntings
STORY HISTORY	Harry Martindale’s reported encounter, February 1953

THE ACCOUNT

Harry Martindale’s account begins with a trumpet. Working in the cellar of Treasurer’s House in February 1953, the apprentice heating engineer initially took the sound for something ordinary. Then, he said, a helmet emerged through a wall. Soldiers followed, including a mounted man, and crossed the cellar before disappearing into the opposite side. Martindale described the marching figures as visible only from the knees upward. In the story, they were following an older surface below his floor, unconcerned with the room that had since been built across their route.

FOLLOWING THE TRAIL

The National Trust preserves Martindale’s account alongside other reported cellar experiences. It also notes archaeological evidence for a Roman road beneath the property. The road is physical history; the marching column remains a witness account. One does not automatically authenticate the other.

WHY IT STAYS WITH US

The buried ground level gives the tale its memorable shape. These figures do not acknowledge a spectator, deliver a warning or seek revenge. The unsettling possibility is a piece of ordinary traffic continuing through a city that has forgotten its street.

WHERE THIS TELLING COMES FROM

The ghost stories of Treasurer's House

National Trust

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/yorkshire/treasurers-house-york/ghosts-of-treasurers-house>

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