

Annie's Doll Beneath Edinburgh

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A modern ghost story beneath Edinburgh left a very physical legacy: a growing collection of toys for a supposedly lonely child whose historical identity remains unconfirmed by research.

STATUS	A recorded story, with its history attached
CLASSIFICATION	STR
MATERIAL	Edinburgh, Scotland
DISPOSITION	PUBLIC / SOURCED STORY
CATEGORY	Strange Files
RECORD TYPE	Ghosts & hauntings
STORY HISTORY	Named psychic account from the 1990s

THE ACCOUNT

The Real Mary King's Close dates Annie's story to a visit by Japanese psychic Aiko Gibo in the 1990s. Gibo said she sensed a distressed child in a seventeenth-century room off Allan's Close. According to the attraction's account, the child missed her family and a lost doll. Gibo brought a replacement toy, and visitors subsequently left their own dolls, gifts and tokens. The haunting's most visible feature is therefore not a photograph of an apparition. It is a collection of things given to someone who cannot be shown to have received them.

FOLLOWING THE TRAIL

The operator publishes the account and also acknowledges that its research has found no named historical Annie. It mentions an unnamed child in local records as a possible connection, not an identification. This is a traceable modern reported experience in an older setting, not a proven seventeenth-century ghost narrative.

WHY IT STAYS WITH US

Its distinctive quality is the response. Instead of trying to drive a presence out, strangers try to make it less lonely. The accumulating toys turn a frightening story into a small, unusual ritual of care.

WHERE THIS TELLING COMES FROM

The story of Annie's Doll

The Real Mary King's Close

<https://www.realmmarykingsclose.com/experience/the-story-of-annies-doll/>

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