



The Tower of London

Ann Boleyn is said to be one of the most enduring ghosts of the Tower, she haunts the vicinity of the White Tower, the King's House, Tower Green, and the chapel of St Peter ad Vincula, where her headless body was interred in an arrow case under the floor. She was executed in 1536, after Henry VIII had become tired of her.

In 1864 a sentry is said to have challenged a headless figure thought to be Ann Boleyn, his bayonet passed straight through her, and he fainted in shock. He was saved from court martial for being asleep at his post, on the word of other guards, who said they had witnessed a similar occurrence. In another account a Captain of the Guard is said to have seen a light source coming from within the locked empty Chapel Royal in the White Tower. He climbed a ladder to peer down into the chapel, and witnessed a procession of people in ancient dress, with an elegant woman walking in front of them. He recognised the slender figure as Ann Boleyn from portraits that he had seen.



<http://www.mysteriousbritain.co.uk/england/greater-london/hauntings/the-tower-of-london.html>

Most famously, Anne is one of the many [Tower of London ghosts](#). Her wraith has been seen near the King's House and on Tower Green.

In 1933 a guard challenged the spectre of a female, presumably the Anne Boleyn ghost. When he received no response, he lunged at her with his bayonet. The bayonet went straight through the wraith, striking the wall behind her. The guard deserted his post and ran. A very similar thing happened in 1864 but then the soldier fainted and he was court marshalled for being asleep on duty. Fortunately, there were witnesses to corroborate his story and he was acquitted.

Another of Anne's 'haunts' within the Tower, is near the White Tower where the scaffold was erected upon which she was executed. She did not beheaded in in normal manner, kneeling with her head upon the block and by the headsman's axe. She died kneeling erect and her head was severed in one swift blow by a swordsman brought over from France.

<http://www.real-british-ghosts.com/anne-boleyn-ghost.html>

