

# The Lafayette Vampire



## The Legend:

The grave is said to contain the Vampires Trandafir and Glavia who were originally from Transylvania.

## Reports:

- Batteries draining when near the grave
- Shadow figure standing at grave
- Tree growing from stake in Vampires heart
- Disembodied voices and strange lights at the grave
- Thorn bush/Roses on grave started growing from Vampires fingernails
- "Go up there at midnight and you'll see the Vampire sitting on top of the stone"
- "According to the local Police, people walking through the cemetery alone get beaten up, when the Police show up there is no one around and the only footprints lead back to the grave"
- "Something/someone in there is really playing off the old "Vampire" rumor. A voice on our tape recorder has someone sneering "you want my stake?" in a contemptuous voice"
- "Is this place haunted? Hells to the ya"
- "...locals have been urging one another to stand near the ancient grave without chickening out. Many of these locals have reported seeing a tall skinny man wearing a dark coat and sporting long nails sitting on top of the grave stone."



**The Thorns from the roses that are claimed to be from the “Vampires” fingernails**

**Our investigation:**

Batteries remain ok when at the grave.

No EMF variances at or near the grave.

Current stories only coming from ghost hunters who are looking for the Vampire and not the locals who are in the area all of the time. This explains how this urban legend is still spreading even though the locals have realized that this is not a claim based on reality.

Many other graves have the same things that are used to explain this as a “Vampire” grave (tree growing from the grave, sunken grave, roses growing at grave) but because the grave belongs to a man from Transylvania it is assumed that they must be Vampires.



**Other graves with trees growing from them**

**Pop Culture References:**

*An online Vampire role playing game:*

The game uses the location as a scenario (and includes the Rocky Mountain Paranormal Research Society in it)

Aluna Dradoona's Field Report: Tam Sigma – Lafayette, Colorado

We took a BAT to the town of Lafayette where our team split up. Jack Milton, Charles Argos and Michael Piziks were sent to the Rocky Mountain Paranormal Society.

Jack, Charles Argos and Michael Piziks discovered that the members of the RMPRS, knew the 4<sup>th</sup> victim Ginger, Brett and Wendy, the members of the RMPRS at the office, had several theories to offer about the local vampire lore and possible suspect, Eric Valentine.



**Trees growing from other graves**

*A film was produced in 2010 about the "Vampire"*

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Plot summary: On Halloween night, for friends make their yearly pilgrimage to the local cemetery. The next day, one of them is found dead. The remaining friends vow to discover the connection between his murder and the urban myth that haunts the cemetery: that of the poor Romanian coal miner with vampiric tendencies.



*A book "The Dead of Winter" features the "Vampire"*

*"I am nosferatu, a king of the undead. My name such as it is, is Fodor Glavia"*



### **The Facts:**

The grave is the resting place of Theodore Glavia an immigrant from Austria. He died 12/6/1918 from influenza, possibly as a result of the 1918 pandemic.

The grave is also the resting place of John Trandafir and immigrant from Transylvania who died 12/13/1918 of Pneumonia. He is most likely a victim of the 1918 pandemic as well.



Both of the men died of natural causes. The stories of the “Vampire” appeared in the 1960s after a headstone had been placed on the plot where it made it appear as if the tree was coming from the grave.