

Welcome to Kingston! The largest town in New Mexico....in 1890 that is! At the height of the silver mining boom it quickly became the largest town in New Mexico Territory.

Kingston was founded in 1882 when rich silver deposits were discovered in the nearby hills. Miners rushed in to stake their claims in hopes of fulfilling that illusive dream of wealth, and it quickly became known as one of the wildest towns in the west.

Many mysteries have evolved from those tumultuous years. The names of Grover Cleveland, Washington, D.C. and Mark Twain appear as signatures in an old Victorio Hotel register from 1887. Yet we know that neither one of them was ever in Kingston. There were killings on the streets and in some of it's 22 saloons. Were they gamblers or outlaws passing through, as so many did, or were they the result of disputes over mining claims? Sadie Orchard was the town madam. Little is known of her activities. Did she really operate her business on Virtue St? There are no deed or tax records in her name so we haven't been able to solve that one yet. Kingston does hold many secrets.

We invite you to a "Haunting Event" on Saturday, April 29 from 6:30 to 10:00 P.M. at the Kingston Schoolhouse Museum. You will get to participate in a ghost investigation guided by Purple Sage Paranormal and Paranormal Perspectives of Albuquerque. We will visit some of Kingston's most historic sites. Who knows what we might uncover!

We will meet at the Museum on Water St. Reservations are required as space is limited. The cost is \$25 per person. This is a fundraising event for the Kingston Schoolhouse Museum, a 501-C-3 entity, and is sponsored by the Lions Club of Truth or Consequences. Call 575 895-5501 for information and reservations. We hope to see you there.