As Halloween approaches, what good fun is it to tell the urban legends to the younger kids? St. Mary's County actually has it's own urban legend, called “The Curse of Moll Dyer.”

It is believed that Moll Dyer was a witch and was chased out of her home one winter night, back in 1697. She was discovered a few days later, frozen to death on a large stone, which now sits in front of the Circuit Courthouse in Leonardtown.

Moll Dyer is said to be responsible for accidents near her road, “Moll Dyer Road” in Leonardtown. Witnesses and victims of such accidents near there have reported seeing a white dog, which contributed to the accident. When she was chased from her home, she promised no more good crops would come from her land. Her land also has an astonishing number of lightning strikes, compounding the fact that she may be indeed haunting her land, trying to find those men that chased her away.

So the next time you are travelling on Point Lookout Road near Moll Dyer, be sure the dog is real, because it may be Moll Dyer playing tricks on you. When you go to Leonardtown, go by the Circuit Courthouse, and look at the rock that she froze to death on, but beware, it is rumored that people get dizzy and faint when they get to close to the rock.

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