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**Does the Headless Hessian still roam in Sleepy Hollow?**

 When Washington Irving wrote the immortal *Legend of Sleepy Hollow*, he was speaking of an area of New York that was already full of tall tales and spooky stories. Just in time for Halloween comes the book *Chronicles of Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow* (September 2018, HVA Press). This new edition features a foreword by the Hudson Valley's Master Storyteller, Jonathan Kruk

 The author, Edgar Mayhew Bacon, tells of the many myths and legends that surround the area, from the Headless Hessian, known to grab at travelers in the night, to the sightings of the ghostly ship *The Flying Dutchman*.

 *Chronicles of Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow* is also a history of the area during revolutionary times. The book includes the thrilling tale of the capture of Major Andre, which led to the unmasking of Benedict Arnold. As Jonathan Kruk says in his foreword, "Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow abound with tales of national significance."

**Publisher inspired by Hudson Valley Storyteller**

 Gavin Caruthers, publisher of HVA Press, says, "I have seen Jonathan Kruk perform a number of times, and he has the gift of bringing history to life. He inspired me to publish Edgar Bacon's work, which presents a lively microcosm of life in America from the early settlers to Revolutionary days."

**WTBQ radio appearance**

Gavin Caruthers and Jonathan Kruk will appear on "History Alive," hosted by professor Richard Hull, Author and Warwick Town historian. The show airs at 11 AM on October 15.

**White Plains Community TV** i**nterview**

Gavin will be interviewed on John Bailey's "People to be Heard"

October 25 at 8 PM

**About the Authors**

 Edgar Mayhew Bacon was born in 1855 and spent most of his life in the Tarrytown area. Before becoming a historian and writer, he worked in a bookstore in Albany. He died in 1935 and is buried at the Sleepy Hollow Cemetery in Tarrytown, New York.

 Master Storyteller Jonathan Kruk was named "Best Storyteller in the Hudson Valley” by *Hudson Valley Magazine*. He performs *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* throughout the Hudson Valley at historic sites, schools, libraries and festivals, including sold out shows at the Old Dutch Church in Sleepy Hollow. He is the author of *Legends and Lore of Sleepy Hollow and* *Hudson Valley* and *Legends and Lore of the Hudson Highlands*. Kruk resides in Cold Spring, New York.

**About HVA Press**

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