

VEILED IN SORROW



The Influence of Victorian Mourning
on Culture

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OVERVIEW

Through the growth of séances, the use of photography, and the shift in fashion, the constructs of Victorian mourning significantly influenced the culture of the era.

VICTORIAN MOURNING

Séances

Photography

Fashion

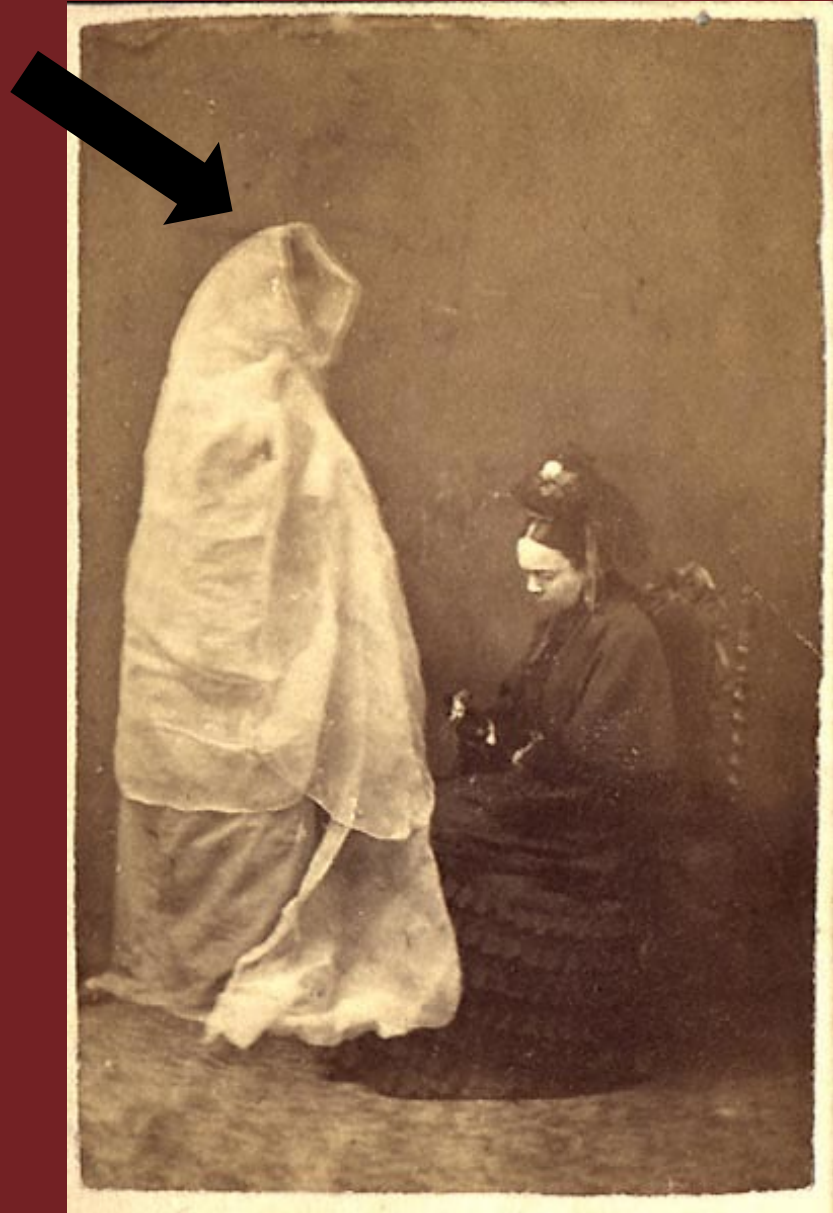


SÉANCES

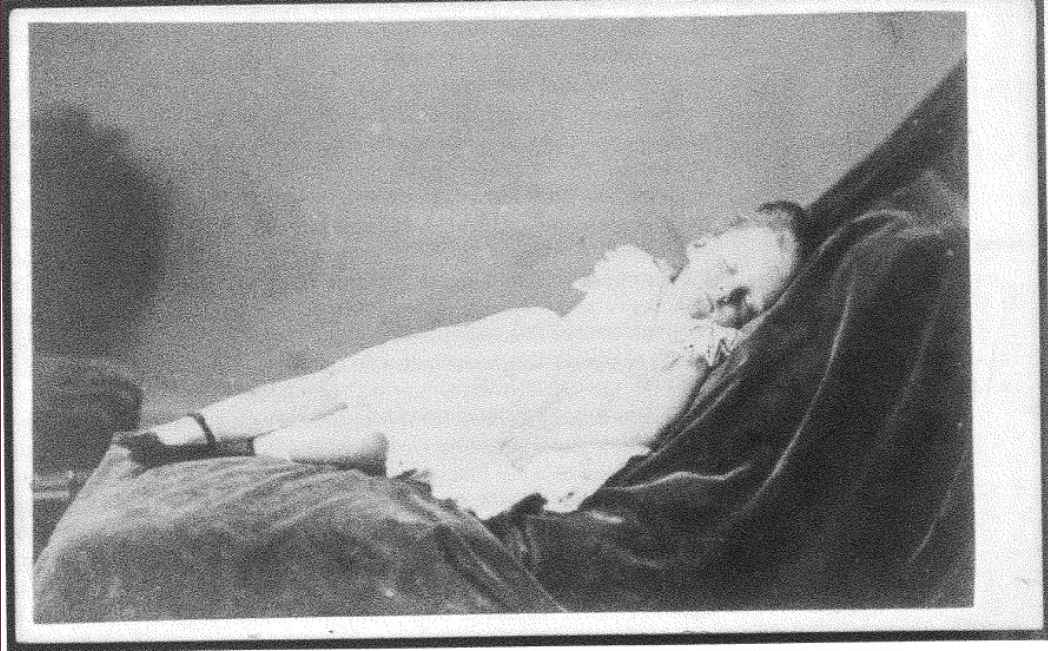
- ❖ Spiritualism
 - ❖ Mid-1800s America
 - ❖ Fox Sisters
- ❖ Growth of séances
- ❖ Way to process death and grief

SPIRIT PHOTOGRAPHY

- ❖ Photographic trick
- ❖ Used to deal with
grief
- ❖ Afterlife



POST-MORTEM PHOTOGRAPHY



- ❖ Way to deal with grief
- ❖ Preservation and memory
- ❖ Made to look asleep
 - ❖ Eyes closed
 - ❖ No coffin

MOURNING FASHION

- ❖ Regulated mourning wear
- ❖ Queen Victoria
- ❖ Mourning becomes trendy



MOURNING DRESS IN FASHION.

CONCLUSION

- ❖ Spiritualism shifted beliefs
- ❖ Photography introduced to mourning
- ❖ Fashion changed
- ❖ Morbid and unique
- ❖ *How will our mourning rituals change as we move on to the 22nd century?*

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