

**Nashville Scholars of the
Three Pipe Problem**
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The address where Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson reside, 221 B Baker Street, is likely the most famous address in the world save for 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D.C. because it is at this location the Master and his faithful companion lived a partnership which would lead to international fame and admiration from millions.

We first experience 221 B Baker Street after Holmes and Watson take the famous seventeen steps up to the flat:

"We met next day as he had arranged, and inspected the rooms at No. 221B, Baker Street, of which he had spoken at our meeting. They consisted of a couple of comfortable bed-rooms and a single large airy sitting-room, cheerfully furnished, and illuminated by two broad windows."

--- from "A Study in

Scarlet"

In yet another story we see this description of 221 B Baker Street is:

"It was pleasant to Dr. Watson to find himself once more in the untidy room of the first floor in Baker Street which had been the starting-point of so many remarkable adventures. He looked round him at the scientific charts upon the wall, the acid-charred bench of chemicals, the violin-case leaning in the corner, the coal scuttle, which contained of old the pipes and tobacco"

--- from the *Adventure of the Mazarin Stone*

This sanctuary served the master well as he practiced his trade daily as he poured over news clippings and references books as he expanded his mind with data which was useful to him. It is here he experimented with volatile chemicals which very nearly brought down the roof at times. And it is here, he lovingly honored "A certain gracious lady" by engraving her initials "V.R." into the setting room wall with a bullet holes.

Today, the Nashville Scholars of the Three Pipe Problem bestow the canonical name of "221 B Baker Street" on an outstanding teacher, **Shannon Carlisle**. Named the Beacon Society Award winner as the most outstanding Sherlockian Teacher in the world, she has distinguished herself as an educator as she teaches our children through the world of Holmes and Watson. Our scion society is honored by her presence and her dedication to keeping green the memory of the Master and today, we welcome her into our midst.