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Investigation Report

In Regard To

The Koob Family

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INTRODUCTION

On February 19th, 2005 six members of Show Me Paranormal Investigations performed an investigation of the property located at 2006 Pleasant in Hannibal Missouri. This report provides the results of the investigation. The results and conclusions presented in this report are based on: 1) interview(s) with the occupants/owners of the above property, 2) the results of baseline and final readings with electromagnetic field (EMF) detectors, and infared thermometers, 3) audio tape recorded at the property, 4) video tape recorded at the property, and 5) photographs taken at the property. The results and conclusions presented in this report are the opinion of Show Me Paranormal Investigations. The methods used are generally accepted within the paranormal investigation community. However, there are no published standardized methods of investigation for phenomena of this type. This report is intended for the sole use of the occupant/owner of the site/property investigated. Show Me Paranormal Investigations does not make explicit or implicit warranty to any of the results and conclusions presented within this report.

BACKGROUND

A. Oral Tradition

The current residents were not familiar with the history of the location, or any activity pre-dating their time in the home. It should also be noted, that there does not seem to be any local rumors or tales of noteworthy history or paranormal activity at or relating to the location or its prior residents.

B. Verified History

The prior owner of the property, G.B.D., passed away in the home in March of 2003. He was well known to be an avid caretaker of the home, and was recognized for his lawn, garden, and flowers. G.B.D. was a retired railroad worker, and had also worked as an insurance agent, and owned and operated his own sporting goods business in Hannibal. G.B.D. was also a 32nd degree Mason, and a past commissioner of the Hannibal Harbor Club.

C. Current Presentation

The house is located in a middle-class residential neighborhood within the City of Hannibal, Missouri. Hannibal has an approximate population of 18,000 persons, and is the largest city in Marion County. The house itself is an eight-room bungalow style home in exceptional condition. The property is currently occupied by a retired couple who have rented the house for several months. The current residents are a male adult

(age 56), a Female adult (age 55), and their teenaged daughter. The family also has one pet, a dog.

Show Me Paranormal Investigations arrived at the residents at 6:00 pm, and initiated the on-site investigation at that time. At the start of the investigation the external temperature was approximately 31 degrees, with a wind chill factor of 25 degrees. Skies were overcast, and mild precipitation occurred during the course of the investigation. Members of Show Me Paranormal Investigations present for the on-site investigation included: Bill Houser (Investigation Coordinator), Lisa Newland (Case Manager), Kim Lovelace, Tabitha Houser, Jim Knutelski (Investigators), and Chris Murphy (Trainee).

INVESTIGATION PROCEDURES

The following items constitute standard practices and procedures for Show Me Paranormal Investigations. Any exceptions to these standard practices should be noted below.

Investigative Procedures

1. Initial contact with the prospective client/site representative should be made by the case manager. This may include a brief phone interview or even e-mail contact. At this time a basic summary of the situation should be collected along with necessary contact information for the case (i.e. phone numbers, address, etc.) A time for a full personal interview should also be established at this time if the case manager feels that it is appropriate.

2. The full in-person interview should be conducted by the case manager either alone or with an assistant. This interview should be conducted in person, and at the site if possible. History of the location, chronology of events that have occurred there, and witnessed activity should be collected. Along with contact information for witnesses other than the client. If there are multiple witnesses, it is best to interview each separately. It is also best to map the location at this time (at least roughly), so that events can be better documented. It is also appropriate to establish a time and date for the initial on-site investigation during the interview process. All investigation permission forms and release should be signed at this time, and the clients should be given solid idea of what they can expect during the investigation. In most cases it is preferred that the clients are not present during the active investigation and this should be explained to them at this time so that they can make arrangements.

3. Prior to initiating the active on-site investigation the investigation coordinator will confirm with the case manager that the property owner or site representative has signed all permission forms.

4. The location will be accurately mapped to scale, including the structure's entire floor

plan when possible. Graph paper is appropriate for this purpose. The scale used should be recorded a long with the actual dimensions of the structure or site. Mapping maybe conducted at the time of the full interview.

5. The investigation coordinator will prepare the investigation chronology and the photo logs. Team members will be given individual investigative assignments (i.e.. Investigation coordinator, Interviewer, Videographer, EMF tech, IR Thermometer Tech, Photographer, Experimental Research) and they will be documented in the investigation chronology prior to the beginning of the active investigation. This can be done as the first phase of the road-mapping process (see below). The investigation coordinator will record any change in investigative duties during the course of an active investigation. Furthermore, each piece of equipment to be used will be calibrated, tested, numbered, and documented in the investigation record. (i.e.. EMF Detector #2; Still Camera #4). It is also best if the loading of the film and audio tapes is recorded on video so that it can be confirmed that the material used were taken directly from the manufacturer's packaging. Red or yellow filters for flashlights are recommended so that accidental reflections can be discerned.

6. Accurate time will be kept throughout the on-site investigation. The time each phase is initiated will be documented as well as the time (i.e.. 12:45 pm) they are terminated. The time of any noteworthy events during the investigation will be documented as well as the general progress of the investigation (i.e.. "Moving to the second active sweep of the house, 8:35 pm.) or (i.e. 10:23 pm "Audio anomaly in hallway"). Official investigation chrono will begin at the initiation of the road mapping process, and is the responsibility of the investigation coordinator.

7: Photographic and videographic road mapping will be used to document the location. This process begins with wide range photos of the exterior area (i.e.. Block or street), moves on to exterior photos of the structure or specific location, and then photos moving through the structure in an orderly manner. During this process, and throughout the investigation, every photo will be documented. This documentation is to include: number of cameras, sequence number of photo, and time. The road mapping photos will be accompanied by a dictated description of the location including investigative impressions. If recording on video, audio dictation can be, included on that recording. However, photographic road mapping is still expected.

8. Initial Active Sweep-This phase will begin with a thorough documentation of the current weather (temperature, approximate wind speed, humidity, cloud cover, etc.) And lighting conditions. This will be immediately followed by a sweep of the exterior of the property, or the surrounding area if the investigation is of an outdoor location. During the exterior sweep, measurements will be taken with EMF detectors and IR thermometers. A base reading will be taken at the beginning of the sweep and every 20 minutes following. Audio recording, still photography, and video will also be utilized. The end of the exterior sweep will be documented in the chrono log and a final set of based readings will

be taken. The team will then move through the structure in an orderly fashion following a preset route.

If the team divides into separate cells, each subgroup's course will be clearly documented. Each cell will check in with the investigation coordinator by radio at least every 30 minutes. Any significant activity will be reported immediately to the investigation coordinator. Base readings will be taken as stated above and upon entering each new area of the structure (i.e., each room). This process will be repeated while exiting the structure. Movement through the structure will be recorded on the logs (i.e. 9:26 pm, Cell 2 entering upper hallway). This is necessary so that simultaneous activity in separate locations can be properly documented. The initial active sweep should last at least 60 minutes, even if this means repeating the sweep multiple times. The close of the initial active sweep will be documented in the investigation log and team members will record individual impressions and report these to the investigation coordinator.

* Special Note Photographic Burst- As stated previously, all photos will be documented in both the photo log and the investigation log. If there is reason to believe that activity has been encountered (i.e.. EMF spike or cold spot) a photographic burst may be utilized in an attempt to capture photographic anomalies. A photographic burst should always consist of 3 rapid photos of the immediate area. This allows for the investigation coordinator to maintain the photo log. If necessary, double burst or even triple burst may be used, but always in sets of 3 photos.

Audio Recording- If the team is using questioning techniques in order to attempt to initiate spirit communication, EVP's, the following process should be followed. The audio tech states a simple question in basic language (i.e. "Is anyone here?" "Will you speak to us?"). The time of each question should be recorded on the chrono log. Then the audio tech should remain silent for at least a minute before asking another question. It is best if each question is repeated at least twice before moving on to another question. Anyone else in the area should remain silent throughout this process. It is best if all individuals in the structure, regardless of separation, remain silent through this process. A questioning sweep may be conducted near the close of the initial active sweep with only the phase of the investigation, the tapes should be removed, sealed in envelopes, and replace with new ones.

9. Dormant Observation- Following the conclusion of the initial active sweep, all team members and others should be removed from the majority of the locations. All unnecessary electrical equipment and lighting should be shut off, and camcorders and audio recorders should be set up throughout the location. This equipment should be located throughout the structure, but special attention should be given to areas where activity has previously been reported. The equipment should be allowed to record undisturbed for a minimum of 60 minutes, and longer periods should be considered when this is practical. No one should be allowed within the site during this period. However, if it is necessary to enter the site such movement should be documented in the chrono log with an exact time.

10. Final Sweep- After the conclusion of the Dormant Observation, a second active sweep should be conducted. This sweep should follow the same procedure as the interior initial sweep, except that the duration may be less than the recommended length of the initial sweep.

11. At the conclusion of the on-site investigation, the investigation coordinator should make sure that a final set of base readings are taken, especially from the exterior of the location, and should document the current weather conditions as was done at the beginning of the investigation. Final impressions from team members should be gathered, and a closing entry should be made in the investigation log. With this information and the time that the on-site investigation is concluded. The site should be left as it was found. Any equipment or other materials brought to the site should be removed. All tapes and film rolls should be sealed in secured envelopes until they can be properly reviewed.

12. Within 24 hours of the close of the on-site investigation, the case manager should contact the client or site representative to conduct an exit interview and gather questions they may have about the investigation.

13. After the investigation has been rested, and the final report has been approved by the team members, the client or site representative should be provided with a detailed summary of findings. This summary should be presented in person by the case manager and the investigation coordinator so that any further questions may be answered. It is also important to make sure the client is left with contact information.

RESULTS AND CONCLUSIONS

Interviews

Immediately prior to the initiation of the on-site investigation, Mr. and Mrs. Koob were interviewed by our case manager regarding the events they experienced in the house. The Koobs reported that they have been renting the home for one year, and have experienced activity since the first night they were in the house. Mr. Koob reported that on December 3rd, 2003, the first evening they spent in the house, he woke at 1:30 am to the sound of what seemed to be a child calling, “Nanny, Nanny…Is that you Nanny? Where are you Nanny?” On another evening, Mr. Koob got up from bed to go to the bathroom, and behind him heard a woman’s voice saying, “Honey, is that you?” He immediately went in and woke his wife, but nothing further occurred that evening.

Since then the Koobs have reported a variety of events, including: Mrs. Koob hearing voices whispering to her at night; smelling flowers, urine, and body odor; beds being made and unmade repeatedly; and having their clothes tugged and being “flicked”

on the forehead. Most recently, Mrs. Koob reported seeing the image of a tall man standing behind her husband in the doorway of room (J). Only to have it disappear before she could say anything to her husband. Mr. Koob has also reported seeing the reflection of the "Tall Man" in the TV, but once again the image disappeared before he could turn around. They report that they have gotten impressions of at least three spirits in the house, these include: a tall older man that is accompanied by intense feelings of sorrow, a little girl, and an older woman.

The Koobs reported that being form out of state they were not aware of much history surrounding the house or the area in general. However, they report that they were aware that G.B.D., the prior resident, had died in the home in the year prior to them moving into the house.

The Koobs reported experiencing no negative or violent impressions, and stated that they had no desire to remove the spirits they believe share their home.

Baseline Readings with Instruments

Baseline temperature and electro-magnetic field readings were taken throughout the house prior to the first active sweep. Temperatures throughout the house were as follows:

ROOM:	TEMPERATURE:
A	61.7-68.3 deg.
B	64.4-72.5 deg.
C	66.5-69.6 deg.
D	65.4-70.7 deg.
E	60.4-70.1 deg.
F	62.0-71.2 deg.
G	50.9-67.4 deg.
H.	60.9-69.0 deg.
I.	61.1-69.6 deg.
J.	51.6-67.4 deg.

Base line electro-magnetic readings are list on the floor plan that appears at the end of this report.

Final Readings with Instruments

During the active sweeps of the house no anomalous temperature readings were taken. Three distinct electro-magnetic spikes, which could not be attributed to natural sources, were captured in room (H). Two of the spikes noted measured 1.7 mG. These two were actually captured prior to the initiation of the first active sweep while mapping was being conducted. These two reading were captured on a single axis Lutron EMF-822A detector. The third occurred during the first active sweep and was an extreme spike that caused a max reading on the meter. This reading was captured on a Cellsensor EMF detector.

Audio Tape

Approximately eight hours of digital recording was taken during the active sweeps of the house and the hour dormant phase. Nothing of interest was identified on any of these recordings.

Video Tape

Video recordings using lowlight settings were taken in rooms (A), (H), and (F) during the dormant phase. The video from room (A) resulted in several anomalies; however, these were considered to be dust in some instances and bugs in the others. The videos recorded from rooms (H) and (F) yielded nothing of interest.

Photographs

During the active sweeps of the property 127 photos were taken using both standard and digital cameras (4 mega-pixel). Multiple photos resulted in "orb" anomalies, including pictures taken with standard (high speed) film. Flash was used in most of the photos taken. Anomalous photos were carefully scrutinized for possible natural causes, and photos clearly representing dust or flash reflections were noted. However, other photos containing orb anomalies that could not be as easily discharged remain. Photograph (B) below is an example of the orb anomalies captured during this investigation. Orb anomalies are considered by many to be positive signs of electro-magnetic energy at the location. Some paranormal researchers relate them directly to spirit energy or even spirits themselves.

Show Me Paranormal Investigations, as a general rule, does not accept orb anomalies as proof of paranormal activity. However, two other pictures taken during the active sweeps of the investigation resulted in anomalies that were far more uncommon. The first, photograph (A) below, was taken in room (A) early in the first active sweep of

the investigation. In this photograph is what appears to be a bright blue "vortex" or flare, and directly behind it a vaguely human semi-transparent form. The figure appears to be kneeling behind the sofa. It should be noted, that while the blue flare is reflected in the TV screen across the room, there is no reflection of the figure. Care was taken to discern any natural cause for this anomaly, but none could be determined.

Near the end of the first active sweep of the house a photograph was taken in room (J), photograph (C) below. This photograph was taken with a 4 mega-pixel digit camera using flash. At the time of the photo only the photographer and the two team members appearing in the picture were present; however, the picture captured the semi-transparent form of the head and shoulders of what appears to be a fourth individual. The form is surrounded by streaks of light, and appears to be in motion. It should be noted, this is the exact location where one of the current residents reported seeing the image of a tall man. The picture was carefully analyzed for any possible natural sources, including camera error, and has been presented to multiple photographic professionals, but no explanation has been found to date.

Photograph A.



Photograph B.



Photograph C.



Investigative Impressions

During the course of the investigation multiple team members reported feeling their hair be brushed or gently flicked by an unknown source. One team member felt very strong impressions of an older man that was attached to the home. This investigator reported 'receiving' mental images of trains and flowers. It should be noted, that with the exception of the Investigative Coordinator and Case Manager, the investigative team is not allowed to have knowledge of the location's history or interview results until after the on-site investigation is concluded. Thus, it was not possible for this team member to have prior knowledge regarding the site. Furthermore, information regarding the past resident's career and hobbies was not ascertained until several days after the on-site investigation. Multiple investigators also reported feeling cold spots within the house. Unfortunately, this was not verified with thermometers.

Conclusions

Considering the statements of the residents, who are considered to be reputable and competent individuals, the impressions of the investigators from the on-site investigation, and the strong nature of the photographic evidence captured at this location we feel that it is reasonable to believe that paranormal activity may be occurring at this property.

Investigation Status

This investigation will remain open, and immediate attempts will be made to return to the property.

Show Me Paranormal Investigations,

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