

Investigating the Haunted Singleton Community Center

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It's not often that you get a request from a functioning city organization to investigate one of its facilities. It was a surprise for us when the City of Bartlett, Tennessee, Singleton Community Center Programs Manager invited us to investigate activities within their building.

One of our newest members, Tara Finley, works at the community center during her summer breaks from the University of Tennessee. When she mentioned to Programs Manager Beth Luster that she was in a paranor-

built on the back side of an old plantation and used to be in an area that housed the slaves from the plantation. It was also in an area where local Indian tribes met and traded. The building was also used to house the sick in the distant past, possibly yellow fever victims, where they were housed in the current basement area until they got better or died. The building was abandoned for several years before being developed into a community center.

A psychic, who visited the building once, told some of the staff that they felt the area was in a psychic vortex that contributed to the paranormal activity experienced in the building.

On August 9, the Spectral Tech team began our initial investigation of the Singleton Community Center.

Claims of Activity

Meeting with the community center staff, we inventoried some of the experiences they have had in the center. No one felt that the experiences were either negative or threatening, but they wanted confirmation that these experiences were indeed real and was not a result of overactive imaginations. The standard quote was that they just wanted to know if they were going crazy.

Some of the claims included:

- Several of the staff had seen a man in overalls walking down the halls, but the man could never be found.
- Hearing doors rattling but finding no one there.
- Hearing footsteps at night when no one else is there.
- Several people have seen gray mists forming and moving on the first floor.



Reported paranormal activity at the Singleton Community Center in Bartlett, Tennessee, includes staff having their clothes and hair pulled, hearing disembodied footsteps, and seeing apparitions.

mal team, Beth made arrangements to meet with us and determine if an investigation was warranted. From our initial talks, we felt an investigation was in order.

The building was built around 1890 and became one of the first schools in Shelby County. The building was



- One of the staff had their clothes and hair pulled.
- When asking if anyone is in one of the male restroom upstairs, they get a response but find no one is in the restroom.
- Activity is not localized within one area, but is experienced throughout the building complex.

Initial Investigation and Analysis

Before beginning the investigation, an initial sweep of the building with our EMF meters indicated there was substantial EMF leakage throughout the building. Three types of EMF meters were used, and all of them detected this leakage. Considering the age of the building, the wiring installed in the older parts of the building was not shielded as well as it might have been in modern buildings.

We explained to the staff that this leakage has been known to create feelings of paranoia in people who are sensitive to this kind of emission. Feelings of being watched and sometimes hearing and seeing things that are not there is a common occurrence for those who are sensitive to these emissions.

Those who are not sensitive to this phenomenon feel nothing and often think those who do simply have an overactive imagination. Unfortunately, these emissions also interfered with any possibility of getting meaningful interaction with this type of equipment.

Because of the high degree of EMF leaking throughout the building, the possibility of how it affected people engulfed in it every day was a consideration that had to be taken into account.

Although the night vision cameras caught several anomalies, most of these were immediately identified as insects and dust and ruled out for this investigation.

Even though the EMF radiation was high, we did capture what appeared to be voices on the digital recorder placed by the Boo Buddy teddy bear, which was placed in a room associated with a little girl who supposedly died and was associated with the community center. There was no one in the room when this recording session was being recorded. What stood out with this data was that the voices captured were all male voices.

Another point of interest was in another area in the building when Tara asked if an entity was a child. There

was a response by a male voice that appears to say, "Taramoc," which could possibly be the name of a Native American still present in this location. We plan on further investigating this line of inquiry.

Out of five hours and 22 minutes of digital recordings, we captured six EVPs that were notable.

Since it appears there is nothing really negative or threatening in the community center, and it simply just may be entities just trying to get someone's attention, it will be up to those at the center if they wish further investigations to attempt to find out more.



It's Not Over

Further proof that entities are indeed in the building and wish to be known happened several weeks after our investigation.

Beth contacted us to tell us one of our K-II meters was left behind by accident. We told her we would pick it up the next time we were in the area, and she said she would keep it on her desk until we retrieved it. She did not know that it was still on when she placed it on her desk. There it sat dormant for the next two weeks.

To her surprise, it came to life the day she was meeting with some contractors about making some renovations to the building. As they began discussing changes they planned to make, the K-II lit up on her desk and started to go to red. Needless to say, this startled her and the contractors.

One of the staff members present, who was with us during our investigation, remembered how we used these devices and began to ask questions. And, they got responses. Apparently, it didn't like the thought of changing things but was OK with painting the walls yellow. Apparently, it decided to be part of the meeting and just wanted to provide its input.

To further add to the idea that it was an intelligence manipulating the K-II meter was the fact that every time she tried to use her phone to videotape the meter, it went dormant. As soon as she stopped trying to record it, it would again light up.

Beth was more than glad when we came to get the K-II meter from her. We have yet to schedule another visit to the community center, but, hopefully, the entities inhabiting the building will be willing to talk to us.

Maybe we should all dress in yellow. ♦