

THE HOUSE ON CURL ROAD

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Anyone who has been investigating for very long knows there are times that you have nothing to show for the hours invested in a location. Sometimes it's because the clients didn't really have any paranormal activity but just wanted a night's entertainment watching what an investigation looks like. Bad timing can account for some of the inactivity. Sometimes it's because the entities simply do not want to reveal themselves.

Other times, you have had investigations where you did indeed capture something, perhaps a single EVP or a strange shadow in a photograph, but certainly not enough to write about.

But every once in a while you come across a case where you encounter just about anything you can imagine during a paranormal investigation — from psychic impressions to entities who wanted to communicate. And that is exactly what my team (Spectral Tech) and I experienced at the house on Curl Road.

A Property With 'History'

We were initially contacted by Paul Curl, the owner of the house, through a friend and were told that he had a house he wished to have investigated. Claims ranged from sounds coming from the second floor, clothes being shredded in the washer, and an apparition of a little girl floating in the hallway, which was seen by his father before he passed.

The house was built over 100 years ago and had been in the family for three generations. The house was modest sized and consisted of several rooms downstairs and two bedrooms, as well as an unfinished attic on the second floor. It had been abandoned for some time. We also found out that there were slave quarters in close proximity to the house that were bulldozed down in the past, as well as a little girl that had drowned in a pond on the property in the 1800s.



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On June 14, 2014, we arranged to meet Paul and arrived a little early. Almost immediately upon arrival we had a strong sense of being watched from the upstairs window that faced the back drive where we parked. The feeling was so strong that we thought Paul was already there. He was not.

When Paul arrived we all introduced ourselves and told him we would like to get a walkthrough of the house before it got dark. He was very reluctant to go into the house and tried to describe it from the outside rather than actually going into the house. He finally took us through the house and showed us where activity had occurred. He then said he would not stay and told us to just lock up when we left.

The feeling of being watched upon arrival and Paul's reluctance to go inside the house was further heightened by what Dee, one of our investigators, told us earlier in the day. Her sister called her out of the blue and asked her if she was going out on an investigation sometime soon. After telling her we were going that very night, her sister told her she had gotten a feeling she felt compelled to pass on to her. She said, "They know you're coming."



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The Investigation Begins

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Evidence review was done the following week and several occurrences were noted. While a team downstairs was trying to get an entity to activate the V-pod, Dee was explaining how it worked and said it was fun. At that point, we recorded a voice saying, "Yes it is." Three of the team members heard it audibly, and the team can also be heard on the recorder acknowledging that they heard the voice.

At another point of the investigation, we made our way to the second floor. The only way to the second floor was by climbing up a pull-down ladder, which is very unstable and noisy. When climbing up the ladder, a high-pitched voice was heard. It sounded like it was at a high speed. When we slowed the clip down by 25 percent, it clearly says, "Wraith," which was an old Scottish term for spirit or ghost.

During the EVP session performed on the second floor, we asked the standard question, "Is there anyone here who wants to communicate with us?" What was surprising during

the review was that there was a full-name response. After asking the question, there is a pause and then a whispered voice that clearly says, "Clayhab" pause "Clark."

Preliminary research has not found any connection of a person named Clayhab that was attached to the house. It later became apparent that Clayhab wanted to communicate. Video recording that night produced nothing; however, Dee caught on camera what appeared to be part of a shadow figure in the hallway where many of the occurrences had happened in the past.

What is interesting is even though there is no power in the house, the K-II meters remained unusually quiet considering the many EVP hits we got.

A Follow-Up Investigation ...

After the owner (Paul) heard some of the EVP clips from the initial visit, he took an interest in finding out more about what was happening in the house.

We told him that in light of the fact that both his father and grandfather had died in the house, we could possibly increase the odds of interaction with any entities within if he accompanied us during the next investigation.

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