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A Glimpse of the Past: Residual Haunting Theories

Hauntings are categorized into three basic groups: intelligent, residual and non-human. The most common of these is residual. In residual hauntings, paranormal investigators seem to agree that the apparitions are not aware of our presence. They won't interact with you. They are completely unaware of their surroundings. They are just going about their own business. While startling to a witness, this type of haunting poses no threat. Now, as to what causes a residual haunting...well that subject is open to debate.

The first theory is that residual hauntings are recordings of the past. When discussing this theory, the best description would be to equate it to an audio or video tape being played back over and over again. But not knowing what conditions cause the play button to be pushed. The geomagnetic properties of our planet do lend some credibility to this theory. Fluid motions in the outer core produce a magnetic field that we observe at the Earth's surface. It's what makes a compass point north. The movement of the electrical-conducting iron saturated liquid produces a geodynamo. This geodynamo peaks through



at various points of the earth's surface. These magnetic waves along the earth's surface are the "tape" onto which recordings are made. Analog tape recorders use a similar principal. In a magnetic tape recording, a microphone picks up changes in atmospheric pressure. Such as those generated from a sound wave. Electrical waves from the microphone are converted to electromagnetic fluctuation. When the recording is played back, the fluctuation is what we hear.

In residual hauntings, it is theorized that the atmospheric fluctuations are the bio-energy that all living things on earth produce. Inanimate objects are capable of absorbing or reflecting that energy. When something is repeated often enough or there is a shockwave of energy (such as the case in an emotionally charged event –be that either happy or violent), it is theorized that the energy is recorded on the earth's magnetic fields just as it would be on a tape recorder.

Certain places on earth will produce better recording environments. It is theorized that areas near running water are good sources of storing bio-energy. The thought is that the water moving along the earth's surface creates a type of hydro-magnet.

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It is also theorized that areas with concentrations of natural recording materials, such as quartz, are prime areas for recordings.

Conditions that cause the play button to be pushed are unknown. It can be a certain day, time, atmospheric condition or have no pattern at all.

Residual hauntings that fall under this theory result in the same activity happening over and over again. You see someone or hear something performing the same act over and over again. There are reported cases of people walking through walls over and over again. When the location is researched, they find that there were structural changes to the location and that there used to be a door where there is now just a wall.

The other main theory as to the cause of residual hauntings involves the space time continuum. It is theorized that certain residual hauntings are nothing more than glimpses into the past. This theory is a bit more complex than the tape recorder theory. Take your individual life for example. Imagine that you get up from the couch and go to the kitchen. In an alternate time line, you are still sitting on the couch. Imagine that for every part of your life, there are alternate realities branching off based on choices you did or did not make. Now imagine that theory applying to every person on earth. Can we not theorize that at some point, the realities bump into each other? At the points where they touch, the veil between realities is thin enough for us to see into that world but not interact with it.

This would account for the common acceptance that these types of hauntings are unaware. It would also explain why some residual hauntings are witnessed only once. It would also explain why some residual hauntings are not just an apparition. Reports have been made of people stepping into a room and seeing not just a person, but an entire scene before them.

If we subscribe to the time space continuum theory, could it be possible that we not only catch glimpses of the past but can also catch glimpses of the future. Could this theory explain déjà vu or clairvoyance?

As with all other aspects of the paranormal, there are no solid answers. There's no way to say that either theory is right or wrong. Perhaps it's a combination of theories where the truth lies. But with no interaction between the witness and the apparition, there may be no way to know.

-Tammy Vincent

Psy-challenge

Put your psychic abilities to the test. We will post the facts and responses to the challenge in next month's issue. Send your responses to ghostwriter@ghostnspecters.info. Note that by submitting a comment, you are authorizing its publication. Please note if you wish to remain anonymous.



To the left is a cropped picture of an unidentified police officer. Using your psychic abilities or powers of observation, attempt to answer the questions below regarding this photo.

Editor's Note: Psy-challenge is presented as a fun way for investigators and persons with psychic abilities practice their craft. It is not a competition nor is it meant as a way to discredit anyone claiming psychic abilities.

What state was the photo taken in?

What other items are in the photo?

Does this photo relate to a death?



Investigation Tales:

Adrienne Dumatrait Follow Up

GNS performed a follow-up investigation of the Adrienne Dumatrait building recently. We were happy to have the members of PASS Investigators (www.passinvestigators.com) join us on the investigation.

The night began around 7:00 pm with a pre-investigation team meeting. Once team business had been handled, we headed over to the investigation location around 8:00 pm to begin set up. We were excited to be deploying our new DVR system. Set up went smoothly. So smoothly, that we believe we had an extra person join us to inspect our work.

While leaning over our work table to connect camera inputs to the back of the DVR, I noticed someone walk up next to me. I had the distinct impression that it was a male figure and since there was only one male on the investigation crew that night, I assumed it was Conrad, a member of PASS. I didn't look up to see the face but did glance over and saw very clearly a pair of what looked like light colored pants with hands tucked into the pockets. I bent over to flip turn the power on to the system, stood up to speak to him and there was no one there. This entire occurrence took place over maybe 5-10 seconds. I looked around and realized that I was alone on the second floor sun porch where we were setting up the monitoring station. In fact, with the exception of Mel, the property owners daughter, I was alone in the building. Mel was four rooms away putting away

a mannequin so that it would not be mistaken for a shadow later in the night. She walked out of the hallway.

"Was there someone just standing there?," I asked.

"No, I just came down the hallway and I didn't see anyone. Everyone else is downstairs," was her reply.

I shrugged it off and continued with set up. Once we were done, we decided to take a break outdoors before starting the full investigation. I started the DVR recording and set my audio recorder down on the monitoring station table. I was the last person out of the building.

During the 20 minutes that we were outside, my audio recorder captured several strong EVP's. Under the white noise for nearly 16 minutes, there is mumbling and whispering. Loud bangs, thumps, footsteps, and humming can be clearly heard throughout this time. You can also hear group members talking outside downstairs. Upon getting ready to enter the building to begin the investigation, audio captured a rather startling EVP. As we are dividing into groups outside, clearly a woman says "they are walking in...shhh." Then you hear receding footsteps, humming and laughter. (this EVP can be found on our Investigations page under Adrienne Dumatrait Follow Up Investigation).

The night progressed with a few more encounters. Blair and Karen from PASS stated that they were able to hear audible whispers of a woman talking near them. The night was cool and identifying cold spots was a challenge due to the weather.

With that being said, there were a couple of unexplained areas of colder air in sealed rooms. We discounted these items because of the chilly weather and the building has no heat or power. A chill or draft could come in through the planked floor boards or walls.

The theory of air leaking through the planks was confirmed for us when investigators downstairs reported seeing small bursts of light appear on the ceiling of the lower floor. Upon trying to debunk this phenomena, we were successful. Pinpricks of light from our flash lights were seeping through cracks in the plank floor creating small bursts of light on the lower floor ceiling.

As investigators switched up teams, I left the monitoring station and joined Karen and a guest investigator, Denise Fruge, on the first floor of the building. We did some experimentation with air ionization by discharging a dry stun gun into the air. The theory of this practice is that the discharge provides negative ions into the air which a spirit can draw on for energy in order to better manifest itself. We had previously not obtained any evidence from the lower floor of this building. This night however, we started hearing what sounded like small stones being thrown. As the building is being renovated, there are small, pebble sized chunks of cement scattered on the floor. We also experienced two KII meter spikes. One was in request to asking if anyone was there with us. Denise began sniffing the air and asked "do you smell that?"

"Smell what?", I asked.

"The perfume or powder. Like lilac or lavender," she replied.

I walked closer to her and did not smell it. The KII meter however did fire off. Coincidence? Not sure at this point. We continued with an EVP session. Several more times Denise commented on smelling a powder or perfume. Then finally I got a whiff of it. Very distinct. Smelled like an old time lavender powder very similar to what my grandmother used to wear. We began looking for a source. We smelled the wood, the walls..everything we could get our noses on. Nothing. Then walking by one of glass French doors, I felt a small draft coming through. There is a church across the street. There was a wedding earlier in the day and there are flowers on the grounds. Maybe that's what we're getting whiffs of. So I grabbed another team member and we took a stroll outside. Immediately, we knew the smell was not coming from outside. The wedding had a horse drawn carriage to take the couple away and the horses had left their mark. The smell of manure was heavy in the air. Ok, so scratch the flower idea. Then we thought, there were people walking by on the street. Maybe a whiff of their perfume blew in. However, this theory was abandoned as we caught the smell several more times with no one on the street. Abruptly, the phenomena ended. No more smells. Not sure what it was but we could find no explanation for it at that time.

We continued our sweep of the lower floor. We began asking for a physical response. I was performing what is known as active listening at the time. This is a method where you plug headphones into your recording device in order to hear EVP's as

they are recorded. I received the response of hearing a bang on the recorder which was not heard by the other group members, the sound of a stone being tossed and a male cough. We shortly thereafter started getting very large spikes on the KII meter. Excited? You bet! Until we realized that it was a shake to charge flashlight that was setting off the KII meter. Apparently, as the magnetic dynamo in the flashlight discharges, it sets off the meters. So what did we learn from that? No shake to charge flashlights allowed!

At this point, being a little let down about the KII meter hits but excited about the phantom smells and EVP response, we decided to take a break. It was now around 10:30 pm. Members of PASS Investigators decided to head out and call it an early night. Five investigators remained at the location to continue.

Again, the building was empty. Equipment was upstairs recording and yes, we got more thumps and bangs while no one was inside the location. Could these spirits be hiding?

Upon re-entering we decided to concentrate on the areas where we had obtained the most evidence during our previous investigation. The upper floor. Two members remained at the monitoring station while a team of three set out to track down our ghosts in hiding. We started in the middle room on the left of the hall. Earlier in the night, this was the room Karen and Blair audibly heard a woman whispering. We did an EMF sweep and took a seat to conduct an EVP session. We decided to try our luck with the stun gun again and fired off a few rounds to ionize the air. I then asked for someone to come and speak into the red light on my recorder. I was still

doing active listening at this point. I got a male responding by saying “yeah.” The air in the room changed. It had previously been a little stuffy and the air suddenly felt lighter and it got much cooler in the room.

I decided to walk into the adjoining room. There was the heavy air. Almost like a weight pressing down on you. I called to the other two investigators, Kelley and Denise, who then joined me. They were hit with the same feeling. The air was thick! Palatable almost. Something was not right in that room. I did an EMF sweep and caught spikes in two locations of the room. Base EMF readings of this building run from .02 to .05. I captured spikes of 1.70 and 2.10 in two locations. Almost immediately after recording these spikes, my EMF low battery light began flashing. I had replaced the battery that day. Ok...so back to the monitoring station to replace the battery. There was a very distinct feeling of being watched from the adjoining rooms as I walked down the hall. It was not a feeling I could shake. Like we were being very closely scrutinized.

Upon reaching the monitoring station and replacing my EMF battery, I turned to re-enter the hallway and make my way back to the other group members. That's when I saw my visitor for the second time that night. As I walked past a doorway going to the hallway entrance, someone walked past the doorway going in the opposite direction. All I caught was the back of the figure. Definitely a male by the walk and movement. I had just enough time to get a good of the back of a leg, a shirt tail and a boot as it disappeared .

I looked back at Karen and Mel since they were near me.

“Did you just see that?, “ I asked.

Mel smiled and said “what did you see?”

“A man. Just walked past the door.”

She smiled again. She’d seen him before. Upon checking the room, it was empty.

I shook my head and continued back to my group . As we were in the room talking, we all heard it....a laughter. Sounded like a high pitched voice. Either female or a child. It’s got to be from outside. It was so loud. We walked out onto the balcony that runs the length of the building. No one for two blocks in any direction. Interesting.

We made our way back inside and continued our investigation. It was coming up on mid-night now and we were getting a little tired. But the more discouraging factor was the cold. It was now below 40 degrees in a building with broken windows and no heat. We decided to go to the interior hallway, away from windows and sit there for a while. We sat in the hallway chatting casually for another hour. We experienced no other activity while sitting in the hallway.

We decided about 1:00 am to pack it up. The cold was setting in. We knew we had captured some evidence and had some great personal experiences. We were happy. Breakdown was quick and smooth. The night was a success.

Evidence review was surprising. Not only did we capture several great EVP’s, but we

caught what we thought was a shadow person. Kelley however was able to debunk it quickly for us. One of our cameras was catching just the edge of a window through a door way and someone had gone out onto the balcony. It was an actual person...nothing paranormal. No other video evidence was captured.

GNS has been granted permission to continue study of this location . We will be performing a passive investigation of the location. Equipment will be set up and then left to record over night. We were able to capture better evidence at this location when there is no one in the building. Perhaps our unseen friends are shy? We’re going to attempt to find out. All in all, it was another great night. We made new friends and were happy to be able to share the experience with other investigators.

-Tammy Vincent

Upcoming GNS Events:

2/7—private business investigation

2/21—Marland Bridge Investigation

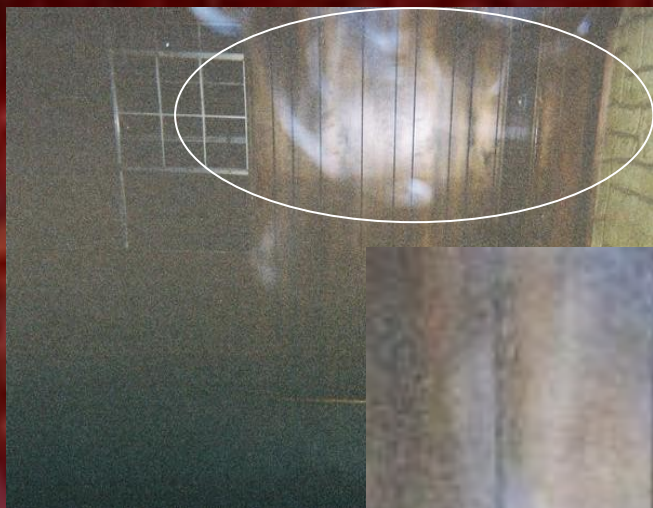
2/28—Le Festival D’espirts Convention and Municipal Auditorium Investigation

3/14—private home investigation

3/21—guests on Shadow Talk Radio 6 pm CST

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This photo was taken about 4 years ago by Mr. G, founder of the W.P.S. (World Paranormal Society and host on Shadow Talk Radio (www.shadowtalkradio.com)).



Taken in mid-summer, there was no one smoking in the home and there were no cars passing by at the time. They have yet to recreate this photo. Write in and tell us what you see.



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What did the ghost teacher say to her class?
Watch the board and I'll got through it again.

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