



Investigation Summary Report

Caliente Restaurant/Rendall Building Shreveport, LA



HISTORY

The Rendall Building was built in the late 1800's as a drug store. This drug store was one of the first buildings here Shreveport, Louisiana, to have an electric refrigeration unit. Next door to the Rendall Building stands the Shreveport City Courthouse. In the 1800's gallows were located on the top of the courthouse where executions were carried out. The walk-in refrigerator unit, located in the basement of the Rendall Building Pharmacy, was used as a temporary morgue. Bodies from the courthouse and overflow from local funeral homes were housed there until their burial. Since the completion of the building in the early 1800's it has housed several other businesses, including but not limited to, The National Weather Service from December 1, 1880 till April 17, 1888, the U. L. Coleman Properties Limited, Cox Media, and Interstate Circle Management and Leasing. It has also been night clubs and restaurants.

Today the old Rendall Building houses Caliente's Restaurant. There have been strange occurrences reported in the building over the years, such as a woman in a white 1940's era dress can be seen walking in the hallways, and you can smell a faint odor of perfume. A victrola can

be heard, but there is not a victrola in the building. After Caliente's closes for the evening the sound of a large metal ball can be heard rolling across the upstairs floor, but upon investigation there is nothing there. Employees have reported seeing people upstairs in the building when they know they are alone, hearing noises coming from behind closed doors, hearing people talking, things being moved from place to place, and even items flying off shelves as they pass by.

The basement is closed and no longer in use and the refrigerator unit has been removed. The restaurant is still in use and there are a couple of other offices in the building. Both manager and employees assure us that they are not alone in the building.

ACTIVITY

According to the owners, the most common experiences are strange odors on the third floor, sounds of someone walking on the stairs, music being played, and the sounds of items moving around near the elevator shaft. A majority of the staff are very hesitant to go into the basement alone.

INVESTIGATION

The group arrived in usual fashion, set up equipment, took base readings, and quickly went to work. Throughout the night, members heard strange noises and in one case, James witnessed one of the basement doors closing on its own. Unfortunately, this event was not captured on video.

Analysis of all the evidence produced no useable and/or definitive evidence, keeping us from truly labeling the Rendall building "active". Although, strange personal experiences were felt by our members during the night, we were unable to use that as evidence. However, based on what was reported by team members and the countless number of current and former staff of the Caliente Restaurant, we definitely feel that the place is worthy of a follow-up investigation. We have also been speaking with the owner and are entertaining the idea of one day conducting a seminar there, similar to our previous "Dinner and a Ghost" event. Again, thank you to the staff of the Caliente for allowing us in such a great place!