



## Investigation Summary Report

### Pollock Town Hall Pollock, LA



### HISTORY

Despite its size, the city of Pollock, along with its residence, are truly unique. Previously known as Oction, the town of Pollock was, and is, home to a rich and historic culture. It began in 1889, when J. Gouls established the Fire Mountain Railroad system. In 1892, the Big Creek Sawmill was established, flourishing the town with its resources.

In 1902, James H. Walker, constructed the Walker General Store. The store was ran by his eldest daughters, Hattie and Sadie, along with James Walker's son, Rufus Walker. Tragedy struck in 1906 when the sawmill caught fire, which, in turn, engulfed nearly the entire town in flames, including the Walker Store. The Walkers rebuilt the store, adorning it with beautiful pressed-metal ceiling tiles and trim, which portions of can still be seen today from the attic. After Hattie and Sadie's deaths (which were the same day), the store was ran by their younger sister, Jerry. In

1986, the building was donated to the city of Pollock, remodeled, and now serves as the heart of the community as the town hall.

## ACTIVITY

According to Mayor Jerome Scott and utility clerk Kim Gauthier, activity has become such a regular part of their work days, the incidents are often overlooked. Mayor Scott has heard doors open and close and, in one case, saw what he claimed to be an elderly woman walking across the hallway. After going through some old photos, Mayor Scott said the figure he saw strongly resembled the likeness of Ms. Jerry, the former owner of the General Store. Utility clerk Kim Gauthier claimed to also experience hearing doors opening and closing on their own. One incident involved her observing what appeared to be a black man in early 1900s-era clothing, walking behind the building. In one memorable encounter, Ms. Gauthier was trying to enter a utility closet. When she would try to open the door, it kept closing on her. After about four times of this occurring, she observed the door knob turn on its own.

## INVESTIGATION

We arrived at the town hall early that evening and were immediately greeted by the very kind and charismatic mayor. Mr. Jerome Scott. We were given a brief tour of the building as well as a synopsis of the history. Mayor Scott was kind enough to bring a binder containing historic pictures of the town and store for our viewing. We then met with KALB News Channel 5 to conduct interviews on our investigation.

We ran a small group that night, only being myself, Brandon, Shelly, and Steve. However, we quickly placed our cameras in their designated areas and went "lights out". We had not started recording on our DVR yet but while adjusting the TV settings, I noticed in the corner of my eye what seemed like a black shape move behind Shelly, who was seen sitting in Channel 4. The mayor confirmed seeing the same image on the screen as well. Seconds later, Shelly quickly came to the monitoring station, claiming she had a real uneasy feeling the same time the black obstruction was seen.

While Shelly and I were doing EMF sweeps in the bathroom, I got a very steady reading of 4.5MG. So steady, that I initially ruled it out as unseen wires in the wall. Minutes later, I attempted to show this to Brandon, except I only could get a steady reading of about 0.5MG. During the night, Brandon, Shelly, and Steve all heard knocking on the walls and rustling in the attic. Unfortunately, this alone is not enough to warrant as "activity". On a lighter side, we captured what we thought was a very strange scream, only to determine it was a wheezing, snoring Steve!!

In closing, I want to thank Mayor Scott for allowing us in the Pollock Town Hall. Unfortunately, personal experiences are not enough to deem a place truly "haunted", but with so many great stories from the employees, it definitely warrants a second investigation. Again, we want to thank Mayor Scott and Ms. Gauthier on their hospitality and night full of laughs!