

**The Allen House
Monticello, AR**



HISTORY

First of all, we would like to begin by thanking Mark and Rebecca Spencer for allowing us to be the first paranormal investigators into their beautiful and intriguing home. It is an experience that will be remembered! Their hospitality was wonderful and the house was every bit as mysterious as the stories describe it to be.

The Allen House, located on North Main Street in Monticello, Arkansas, was designed and built by architect Sylvester Hotchkiss for Joe Lee Allen and his family in 1906. The house was built with only virgin heart of oak and pine, and the wood preserved with linseed or cotton oil to keep the termites away. The windows were custom made in St. Louis MO and brought down the Mississippi River by boat. The dining room has a hammered tin cherub ceiling. There are 16 operable rooms in this 9500 square foot home, and at the top of the three story house is a full grandmother's attic.

The occupants were Joe Lee Allen, his wife, Caddy, and his children, Ladelle, Lonnie Lee, and Lewie. Joe Lee Allen died in 1917. Years later in December of 1948, Ladelle Allen Bonner attempted suicide in the south wing bedroom, by drinking mercury cyanide. Her attempt was deemed successful with the celebration of the New Year, 1949.

REPORTS OF ACTIVITY

The Allen House has been rumored to be haunted by Ladelle Allen and her son, Allen Bonner. There have been many reports of activity dating back to the 1950's to present.

A doctor who lived in the Allen House allegedly captured an image of Ladelle in a mirror in his room.

Another couple who lived in the building said they captured the ghost of Ladelle in a closet in their appointment. They tried to push the closet door shut and met resistance and they could hear someone laughing inside. They finally were able to shut the door, but when they did open it, no one was there.

Another tenant opened a gift shop in the home, only to find things missing or turned over, as if the ghost of Ladelle was unhappy with her home being used for business purposes.

Others who have lived in the building have heard sounds of crying, moaning and walking around the upper floors when no one else was there. The police have been called out on numerous occasions to investigate for prowlers, but no one was found.

The current, Mark and Rebecca Spencer, have reported several odd happenings, as well. They have on different occasions seen or heard family members in one room when the person would actually be in another room entirely. Also, an old victrola type player was witnessed spinning on its own at a high rate of speed, and instead of slowing down, it was spinning faster and faster!

THE INVESTIGATION

We arrived to the Allen house on June 6th around 7:45 PM. After a brief tour of the house, we began setting up our equipment which included 2 dvr setups with 8 infrared cameras, a FLIR thermal camera, a Sony hand held, various EMF meters, several digital cameras, and several digital voice recorders. Around 9:15 when we just about to go lights out, the owners decided to go get something to eat and see a movie. About 5 minutes after they left, I heard a loud BOOM! I looked out the window and saw a transformers sparks fly everywhere. I quickly called the owners on their cell phone to tell them that a transformer had blown and all the lights were out. They said they were coming right back. We quickly noticed that the Allen house was the only house on the block without electricity. A few investigators walked out back and quickly learned that it wasn't a blown transformer but that a tree limb had fallen out of a perfectly healthy tree onto the power lines. While walking back up to the house we noticed that the weather head had been ripped off the side of the house! Even though we didn't have electricity we decided to go old school. We used our thermal camera, digital cameras, EMF meters, digital recorders and the Sony handheld. We broke up into groups and went to different floors. By midnight we called it a night but not before rescheduling a follow-up investigation! We will return to the Allen house on June 28th and we can't wait to see what the house has in store for us next time! We would like to thank Mark and Rebecca Spencer for allowing us to be the 1st Paranormal Investigators to

investigate the Allen House! It was great to meet both of you!

EVIDENCE

After reviewing our evidence, we found a few evp's! One of which says, "not a transformer", referring to an unknown power outage in the home. One of our investigators got a picture of a light mist in the closet. We didn't however get anything on video or the thermal!

INVESTIGATION #2

We were very happy and excited to make our return trip to The Allen House.

Based on our inconclusive findings from our first investigation, due to unforeseeable circumstances, we were very anxious to get started. (See The Allen House Investigation 1)

We arrived and began setting up our equipment, which consisted of 8 infrared cameras, 2 DVR systems, one thermal imaging camera, one Sony night shot camcorder, various audio recorders, emf meters, infrared thermometers and digital cameras.

As far as activity, there were several personal experiences.

Two of our investigators, in the sitting room had numerous spikes on their emf meters, which seemed to be focused around two dolls located on a china cabinet. They searched for anything that would be making these unusual spikes but were unable to find anything. Before leaving the room, they checked again, and there were no spikes around the dolls or anywhere else in the room.

Another investigator, in the library, experienced a "cold spot" around her leg. When using the infrared thermometer, the cold spot was confirmed to be 4 degrees cooler than the rest of the room. The feeling lasted about 20 minutes.

Various unexplainable noises were heard in the attic, including what sounded like notes of an old music box. When asked if there were any music boxes in the home, the owner replied no.

On the second floor, another investigator could hear a woman singing softly in one of the rooms. When asked if anyone was singing, everyone replied no.

Unfortunately, these incidents were not caught on camera or audio.

We were however, able to catch several interesting EVP recordings, and we do have a video clip. We are making no claims as to what the video clip is, but we are posting it and you can make up your own mind. We also captured a picture of a "blue haze" in the doorway between the library and dining area. Several pictures were taken of this area and only one had the haze in it. This also coincided with the time that one of the investigators audio recorders malfunctioned.

We do feel that our investigation was a huge success, and based upon personal experiences as well as recorded activity, we definitely feel that the stories surrounding The Allen House are more than just legend and lore.

Again, we would like to thank Mark and Rebecca Spencer, as well as The Allen House, for their hospitality and we hope to return there in the near future.