



Investigation Summary Report

The Allen House (Follow-Up) Monticello, AR



HISTORY

INVESTIGATION #3

Date of Investigation: January 31, 2009

Participants: Investigators Crystal Vines, Bess Maxwell, Rachael Ellis, James Palmer, and Kirk Cormier.

BACKGROUND

The Louisiana Spirits organization has been very fortunate to be able to conduct an on-going investigation and research project at The Allen House in Montecello, AR, along with and thanks

to, the home's current owners Mark and Rebecca Spencer. As the history of the home is well known, or otherwise published, I will not attempt to dwell on that aspect in general. In specific, the activity in this home has been on-going for over 60 years. The anomalies occurring there have been noted by the home's original owners, apartment dwellers when the house was sold and subdivided, as well as the Spencers. It is generally thought that these events are evolved from and around the suicide of an Allen daughter, Ladell, in early 1949. The subsequent reports generated over the years are entirely consistent with the appearance of a post mortem apparition phenomenon. The post mortem apparition, for research purposes, is defined as activity after death of an individual, such activity that may be manifested as visual, audible, tactile, or olfactory, either alone or in combination. This is certainly a general summary of the many forms and manifestation that have and are taking place at Allen House.

I also find it personally interesting that this home has had a penchant for writers. Many writers throughout history have chosen, by chance or fate, to occupy homes with ongoing paranormal activity. Robert Louis Stevenson produced his works from serial dreams, both normal dreams and those produced in altered states of consciousness. Our Ladell, slightly before her death, is rumored to have produced documents of personal history, which at the date of this investigation have never been found. Writer Carol Wilson produced her only commercially published work while living in The Allen House. And the current owner, Mark Spencer, is an exceptionally well-known author.

While any one may perceive paranormal or psi activity at any given time, those that use the right-hemisphere section of the brain more often, seem to be prone to greater sensitivity. Writing and creativity is a recognized right hemisphere function. In its need to communicate, this home has certainly kept itself filled with creative individuals with right hemisphere tendencies.

EQUIPMENT: Digital still cameras, IR night vision video, various EMF meters, digital voice recorders, motion detectors, digital thermometers

INVESTIGATION

No evidential data was gathered at the time of investigation from motion detectors, still photography, digital thermometers, or video. In the master bedroom, Rachael Ellis, Crystal Vines, and Rebecca Spencer were discussing Ladell and her personal history at the time of her death. No EMF (Electro Magnetic Field) readings of a significant nature were recorded at this particular location, until this conversation was initiated. The K-2 responded numerous times, according to the content of the conversation. This was the only anomalous EMF spike of this visit.

Several audio clips of EVP (Electronic Voice Phenomenon) were gathered during the visit. In the place and time of the anomalous EMF spikes in the bedroom, in response to investigator initiated remarks about Ladell's personal papers, an anomalous voice, not audible at time of recording, indicated "These would reveal us".

In the library, investigators Rachael Ellis, Crystal Vines, and home owner Rebecca Spencer were commenting on the fact that the Spencer's Victrola had been relocated. In recording, an anomalous voice questions, "What is the outcome?". NOTE: Remodeling or the rearranging of furniture in homes that are perceived as active, this activity generally increases with the remodeling or rearranging.

In the downstairs sitting room, investigators Bess Maxwell and James Palmer, were performing digital recording, when Bess comments that it is about time to see a shadow figure, and anomalous voice is recorded saying, “That’ll work”.

In the attic, investigators Kirk Cormier and James Palmer, gather an EVP with the plea, “Help me”. This may be either taken at face value, or as one other possibility. Spirits often record short audible clips that are clairvoyant, and parrot words that are about to be voiced in the very near future, usually by an investigator. Only a few seconds after “help me” is recorded, one of the investigators uses help me in a sentence.

CONCLUSIONS

Although no visual data was gathered, significant audible data was gathered. Although the “that’ll work” can not be deemed other than flippant, it was EVP communication. All the EVP, in its great quantities, seems to be regularly cohesive with the ongoing questions and discussions. And the object movement/displacement that takes place in the home, seems at times, to be light hearted and joking. Despite the suicide, the overall atmosphere and activity has never seemed harmful or malicious in nature. Given the three visits made by Louisiana Spirits, and the mountain of data from the various home owners, tenants, and guests over 60 years, there is no doubt about the activity in this home.

For those who may read this, and have an interest in the paranormal, please visit with Mark and Rebecca Spencer at www.allenhousetours.com. Mark and Rebecca are truly wonderful hosts, and open their home to those who would like the opportunity to see their historic home, and possibly either observe or interact with the activity there. Note that even for professional investigators and researchers activity may or may not happen at a given, random time. Sometimes. A location has to “become acquainted” with a visitor before accepting their presence fully. So, if, as a visitor, you don not see any activity, book a second, or third tour. This is why we, at Louisiana Spirits, try to conduct multiple investigations when possible. It gives us the opportunity to say more than “something is happening”. In most cases, the client already knows that, and what is really important to them is “what and why“. Mark and Rebecca, we look forward to further researching those whats and whys. Thank you both very much.

John Combs
Louisiana Spirits

INVESTIGATION #4

Date of Investigation: July 11, 2009

Participants: Crystal Vines, James Palmer, Rachael Ellis, Kirk Cormier, Tricia Grayson, Bess Maxwell, and John Combs

EQUIPMENT: Infrared digital video system/cameras, digital still cameras, various EMF meters including Tri-Fields, Various digital audio recorders, motion detectors, digital thermometers, and PEAR REG-1 unit for detection of anomalous consciousness with Hewlett-Packard computer.

INVESTIGATION

At the time, and on the date of, this investigation, no data of evidentiary quality was gathered on video or digital photography. No anomalous motion, cold/ hot spots, unusual magnetic fields, or data of similar and consistent nature was recorded or observed by appropriate equipment or the researchers.

The Allen House has generally been a source of consistent Electronic Voice Phenomenon (EVP). On this particular visit, at the time and in the areas tested, approximately eight EVP's were gathered. Of these, the first four, analysis could not reveal whether the voices were anomalous or natural human voices, transmitted from other areas of the home into the testing area. The other four were gathered in the attic area, and have some sound contamination from the air conditioning unit. This makes analysis difficult and uncertain for evidentiary purposes. It has been indicated that this recorded was placed directly on the wooden floor, near a loom, which is an area of past activity. A wooden floor may transmit vibrations directly into a plastic recorder case, carrying voices and sounds from outside the area of inspection. These voices may otherwise not transmit into the air sufficiently to be heard by the normal, reasonable individual, and, even if anomalous, may not be consistent with the actual area being tested or examined. It is generally recommended that if recorders are placed on a surface which may transmit vibrations, that a foam pad, cloth, or similar dampening agent be placed between the recorder and the surface on which it is to be placed. The air conditioning unit is in the attic, and part of its natural noise vibration that was recorded may have resulted from vibrations in the wooden floor, in addition to the normal noise in the air.

In consciousness testing, for the presence of an anomalous consciousness, a series of 13 tests were done with a REG-1 unit, and Hewlett-Packard for data storage and analysis. Four of the thirteen graphs are considered significant for the presence of an anomalous consciousness, at the time and place of testing. For evidentiary purposes, the other nine were not considered evidentiary, at the time and place of testing. A minimum reporting level of significance of $p < .05$ is utilized. That is, the probability the event testing is due to chance alone is less than 5%. At the minimum level, and 13 tests, chance would predict ($>.05 \times 13$) a result due to chance of .65 positive rests. All obtained results were above minimum reporting standards.

TESTS

Attic/turret 2a	Mean score $p < .010062$	Peak $p < .007911$
Attic/turret 3a	Mean score $p < .000394$	Peak $p < .000095$
BR 2a	Mean score $p < .019461$	Peak $p < .012907$
BR 3a	Mean score $p < .017215$	Peak $p < .008287$

The probability, for each of the categories of "mean" and "peak" data, for these scores being totally due to chance and not anomalous are as follows:

Mean, all four are chance: $p > .0000000013282$
Peak, all four are chance: $P < .000000000080385$

PERSONAL EXPERIENCES

Two investigators were involved with personal experiences that are worthy of being reported. Investigator Patricia Grayson, while on the stairs leading into the attic, perceived a whisper

directly into her ear. It was perceived as sudden and as a soft whisper, thus she was not able to interpret the communication. Her investigation of the immediate area could reveal no cause, natural or otherwise for this perception. The lights were on at this time.

Investigator Rachael Ellis, while in the attic/turret area perceived being touched twice in succession, the second being perceived more solidly. I was with her at the time, standing by her side. The lights were fully on, and no cause, natural or otherwise, could be found for the sensation reported.

CONCLUSION

At the time of testing, and at the particular place tested at these times, little or no hard data was gathered. The data gathered by REG-1 was very significant for the presence of an anomalous consciousness, at the times and areas tested. Note that this testing is passive in nature. EVP, as such, and when normally encountered, is interactive. Given the history of the home, it should in no way detract from the validity of data and reports made at other times, in similar or different areas. I do not feel that the researchers were in any way less than diligent in the gathering of data, in fact or methodology, with the possible exception of placing digital recorders directly onto wooden surfaces.

Given the history of the home, I have to recognize the possibility of a “conservation of energy” taking place at the time of testing. This may have been due to the activity indicated just prior to the investigation, or a conservation of energy for a purpose or reason, to occur in the near future, and is unknown at the time this investigation was conducted.

We would like to thank Mark and Rebecca Spencer for their gracious hospitality, and to encourage those with an interest in the paranormal, to join Mark, Rebecca, and Louisiana Spirits, at a Dinner and a Ghost public investigation of the Allen House on October 24, 2009. Please see www.allenhousetours.com.

John Combs
Louisiana Spirits

INVESTIGATION #5

Date of Investigation: September 25, 2009

Participants: Brad Duplechien, Crystal Vines, Rachael Ellis, John Combs

EQUIPMENT: Infrared digital video system/cameras, digital still cameras, various EMF meters including Tri-Fields, various digital audio recorders, motion detectors, digital thermometers, and PEAR REG-1 unit for detection of anomalous consciousness with Hewlett-Packard computer.

INVESTIGATION

At the time, and on the date of this investigation, and in the places tested, no data of evidentiary quality was gathered on video or digital photography. No anomalous motion, cold/hot spots, unusual magnetic fields, or electronic voice phenomena were recorded. No personal or

spontaneous experiences were recorded by any investigator on this investigation. It is speculated that the causing of the letters to be found may have caused a temporary lull in the active properties of the Allen House.

PEAR investigation and analysis: This type of analysis is passive, and was highly successful in the detection of the presence of a consciousness in otherwise empty areas of the Allen House. A series of 23 tests were performed in various rooms and places of the Allen House. Twelve of the twenty-three tests were above the minimum reporting standard of 95% probability. That is, the probability that the results of the testing can be explained by chance is less than 5% per test. At only the minimum level, with only the minimum reporting score, we could expect, with 23 tests, to find 1.2 tests, by chance alone. Only 1 test was close to the minimum reporting standard, the other 11 were well above.

TESTS	MEAN (average) SCORE	PEAK SCORE
Attic Turret 1	p< .032157	p< .010667
BR2-c	p< .000814	p< .000214
BR2-d	p< .024765	p<.000589
BR2-e	p< .028782	p< .000577
BR2-f	p< .025233	p< .009824
BR2-g	p< .033775	p< .016503
Portico	p< .00802	p< .004133
Dining Room	p< .029245	p< .004269
Library	p< .048357	p< .010225
Living Room	p< .00353	p< .003235
Bathroom	p< .001175	p< .000716
Bathroom	p< .024765	p< .000589

The probability, for each of these categories of “mean” and “peak” data, for these scores being totally due to chance and not to the presence of an anomalous consciousness operating through quantum tunneling, are as follows:

MEAN, all 12 are due to chance only: p< .000000000000000000000000139328830
PEAK SCORE, all 12 due to chance only: p< .
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CONCLUSION

Although interactive data, at the time and places tested, was not gathered, the amount of passive data gathered was at an all time high, and statistically significant. I feel that the finding of the letters at the Allen House, and the unusual manner of revelation after 50 years of searching, will not, in the long term affect the presences in the Allen House. The fact that a presence can be shown by statistical inference, even if it is currently passive in activity, supports the “currently resting” theory, rather than the theory that the activity may cease because of a goal accomplished, e.g., to have the location of the letters revealed. We will continue to monitor the activity and events at the Allen house, and report on the latest events.

We would like to again thank the current owners of the Allen House for their hospitality and the opportunity to investigate/research the finding of the letters. We would again encourage those with an interest in the paranormal to watch for public openings and events at the Allen House. Please visit Mark and Rebecca at www.allenhousetours.com.