



Investigation Summary Report

Le Vieux Village Opelousas, LA



HISTORY

At the east entrance to Opelousas sits Le Vieux Village du Poste des Opelousas -- The Old Village of the Opelousas Poste. This little village was created in 1988 by the Opelousas Tourism and Activities Committee. Many of its structures were donated by families from the area. Le Vieux Village has everything a village could need -- from a schoolhouse to a store to a church to a doctor's office. The oldest structure on the site, the Venus House, was built in the 1791 and is on the national Historic Registry. There are 9 structures located on the site. We would like to thank Melanie Lee, Director of Tourism for Opelousas, Louisiana.

CLAIMS

There are no claims for this location. The group chose it for its history and beautiful architecture.

INVESTIGATION

There were 3 investigators for this location; Jennifer, Elissa, and myself. Our investigation started around 9 p.m. that evening. Due to the adverse weather that evening, we used only

handheld recorders, cameras, digital recorders and K2 meters. We began the night in a beautiful, old blue home.

During our time in that house we felt a cool breeze which appeared to come from the kitchen area. Upon investigation of the kitchen we could not find a source for that breeze. The second location was conducted in the Doctor's Office. Dr. LeFluer's office was built in the 1890's and consisted of 3 rooms. One of these was the waiting room, the other two were exam rooms. We sat in one of the exam rooms during our investigation. No evidence was collected in this area. The next building we investigated was the old school house. Typical of a two-room country schoolhouse, this building was constructed about 1911 in the Whiteville area of St. Landry Parish. While in the school house we heard several knocks coming from the other room.

The next area investigated was the old Andrepont county store. The group agreed that of all the locations on this site, this was the "creepiest". It was very dark with pin holes to allow some light through the old wooden walls. These areas of light had a great deal of "shadow play" throughout our time investigating. The evidence caught in here was several door slams and what sounds like whispering.

Finally, we ended the investigation in the oldest home in the park, the Venus House. In this house, Elissa and Jenn heard small noises.

EVIDENCE

Most of the evidence was caught with Marci Lee's recorder which we had placed in the general store and left it alone. We had what sounded like doorslams, low talking and some whispering.

SUMMARY

This was a beautiful location with a great amount of history. We would like to extend a special thanks to Melanie Lee for setting this investigation up and making us all feel at home. We would like to thank Mr. Tyronne for all of his assistance.