



## Investigation Summary Report

### Waverly Hills Sanatorium (Follow-Up) Louisville, KY



### HISTORY

This is a summary of the second investigation/research project by members of the Louisiana Spirits. The team for the first project did an excellent job of documenting the history of the Waverly Hills in report number one. Therefore, it is not repeated here. It is sufficient to indicate that the Waverly Hills is well-recognized as paranormally active. This investigation was conducted at the end of summer, with temperature and humidity both in the low 80's.

LA. SPIRITS ATTENDEES : Crystal Vines, Jennifer Broussard, Sean Tennison, Martin DeLatte, Kirk Cormier, Bess Maxwell, Charles Gardner, James Palmer, Steve Coleman, and Matt Robichaux.

RESEARCH EQUIPMENT: Infra-red DVR systems, thermal cameras, digital still cameras, various EMF meters, various digital audio recorders, digital thermometers, and motion detectors.

## PERSONAL EXPERIENCES

Spontaneous events have played a part in parapsychological research and will continue to do so, even though the individual reports of them cannot produce conclusive reliability. Human testimony is fallible, and the paranormal element is difficult to identify with finality. In large numbers of cases, however, the importance of individual or personal variations, even inaccuracies and mistakes, diminishes, while common aspects stand out and general trends more evident. These personal/spontaneous events are therefore very important to the over-all body of knowledge and may indicate where new specific or general research is needed.

Bess Maxwell : Crystal Vines and I were in room 502, and both of us felt queasy and light-headed. James Palmer came in, but was unable to experience the sensation. On the fourth floor, the three of us collectively heard distinct footsteps at the end of the hallway . No other individuals were found to be, or have been at the time of perception, in this location.

Crystal Vines : While on the fourth floor with Bess Maxwell and James Palmer, I observed a shadow figure lean out of a doorway, and quickly retreat back in.

James Palmer : While investigating with Crystal Vines and Bess Maxwell, I felt that I was touched on the right shoulder, when neither of the other two could have touched me without being seen. There were no objects in the immediate area that could have caused the sensation.

Jennifer Broussard : A small group of us, along with a security guard named Mike, were on the fourth floor, attempting to observe any shadow people. I thought I saw a form pass in front of a light coming from a doorway at the end of the hallway. I thought it might be tree limbs outside a window causing a shadow, so I went to investigate. Just as I neared the lit doorway, I saw movement in the room immediately to my right. I looked in and observed a shadow form, size and shape of an adult human move across the room into a small doorway. I immediately went into the room, a bathroom with only the one doorway in or out, no other exit. There was no one in there.

Martin DeLatte : We were attempting to get the spirit of a small boy named Timmy to move a ball, on the third floor. Our radio kept coming on with the word “hello” and other sounds not consistent with the voices of other investigators, who also said they were not on the air at the time. When gathering EVP, loud bangs were coming from empty rooms down the hall. When we arrived to verify that they were indeed empty, the banging noises, along with moans, moved back to the room area where we had just left. On the 5th floor, a white, floating form was seen just outside room 502. While packing to leave, a distinct tug was felt on my shirt, with no one near.

Sean Tennison: At various times, in areas where no one was present, I heard voices consistent with children and female voices. Strange growling noises were heard in the tunnel. I had something touch the little finger of my left hand while walking on the fourth floor. Also on the fourth floor, I heard a sound and turned to investigate. In one room, I saw a shadow figure partially obscured by a door. When I looked, the form retreated into the room and could not be found.

## ANALYSIS

VISUAL DATE: No anomalous phenomena were recorded on video or still photography. Thermal heat imaging also failed to yield anomalous phenomena.

ENVIRONMENTAL: No anomalous data was gather by thermometer, motion detection, or EMF readings.

AUDIO : (Electronic Voice phenomenon)

In the above spontaneous phenomenon section, a reference is made to a radio voice, which was also captured on digital audio. Matt Robichaux and Martin DeLatte were attempting to interact with the spirit of a small boy named Timmy who is known to have interacted with investigators and researchers at other times. In trying to get Timmy to interact, one of the radios came on several times with the voice saying "Hello". As this is a radio, it could have been by natural causes, but no other researcher was on the air at the time. And this voice seemed to come on at the times Timmy was requested to interact with the investigators. I will leave each to his or her own interpretation of the phenomenon, and its unique timing.

On the fifth floor, the same two investigators recorded otherwise unheard foot steps on the hard surface flooring.

Throughout the investigation, several audio recordings of "strange sounds" were made throughout the building. Due to the age and condition of the building, no actual determination of the source of the sounds can be made, and it can only be acknowledged that the investigators did not know the source of the sounds that were recorded, either.

Anomalous Voices: The following transcripts are from EVPs recorded by Martin DeLatte, in the presence of Matt Robichaux:

1. What was originally perceived as an anomalous breath, when slowed and amplified, yields a soft voice with the message "Go back".
2. In conversation with Matt, a voice is recorded saying "I am a man", and the comments "What man?".
3. In what was perceived as screams, when slowed and amplified, turned into to 2 messages. The first is a soft male voice, "Help us". The second words are readily discernible as the same voice, but to a noise from the old building, is open to translation, and therefore, is not posted speculatively.
4. EVP number 5 also includes investigator Jennifer Broussard who asks if any one is present. The actual answer is open to one of two interpretations, either "Well, yeah!", or possibly, "Hell, yeah!".

## CONCLUSION

Given the amount of anomalous activity that has been reported from the Waverly Hills, and the amount that is continually reported, it would be difficult to say that one and only one report is the one that overwhelmingly concludes and provides the evidence of activity beyond a shadow of a doubt. To those who do this type of investigating and research, that conclusion has already been reached by the volumes of data already accumulated, and that being accumulated. This report certainly adds evidence to the presence of activity at the Waverly, and its willingness to interact. On the other hand, no report or witnesses have been able to provide to the hard-core skeptic the evidence that is reproducible on demand, in order to be poked, prodded, studied, caged, and finally exhibited. We are all proud of the evidence gathered by representatives of the Louisiana Spirits at the Waverly Hills, and support their evidence and findings. A good time was had by all, including those who were not able to make the trip, but was able to provide moral support from home. We look forward to a return visit.