



## Investigation Summary Report

Private Residence  
New Orleans, LA



### HISTORY

Special thanks to the homeowner, Ms. Flannery, for the following history write up:

This home was one of the original homes built in the town of Carrollton, constructed in 1841. Set back from the road on a lovely corner tucked behind a historic Oak Tree, stands a classic Federal style three story structure, the top with two dormers. Steep pitched roof with finials. The front walk leads to a double front door with classic federal style windows as transom and surround. Classic open three bay floor plan with foyer and front and back staircase. Kitchen to the right rear including all the standard trappings of the era. There is a root cellar in the center of

the home which is approximately four feet under grade. Its surface is cement. There is an addition to the right side of the property making it appear to be a five bay classic, but was a common addition to "even" out the easement portion of the property in reference to the new paved roads. Still a Federal three bay home, it boasts 4,600 square feet of living area with 600 square feet of unlisted storage space in the eaves and an addition for purposes of modern day laundry.

From research, the initial owners were the Hayes Family. Lundy Ryan (Hayes) is still alive and lives on State Street Drive in New Orleans. She brought her aging parents to the house to see it in March of 2007. They recalled playing in the house when they were very young children. They are in their late 80's now. Their parents lived in the house. We were informed that Mr. Hayes (the original owner) died in one of the upstairs bedrooms. The Burke family were the next owners. Mr. Burke was the head of NOPSI, which was the city services company for New Orleans at the time. The old man hole cover outside still reflects that name even though it's been defunct for some time. The Burkes raised four daughters and two sons in this house. Mr. Burke died here, then in 2001, Mrs. Burke died in the upstairs master bedroom, she was only 70. Her children were grown and none of them wanted the house to live in, so they sold it in 2002 to the Beatty family. The Beatty's worked for the Times Picayune and had children at Lusher, as we do. After Hurricane Katrina, they relocated to Atlanta where they still reside. We purchased the home February 22, 2007 and have lived here since. The home was in severe disrepair and we have completed massive renovations to both plumbing and electrical systems. Completion on all renovations is expected to be complete within the next year.

## ACTIVITY

Reported activity by the homeowner:

- Root Cellar has a heavy, draining feeling in it.
- Tingling feelings and ears clogging happen in several places throughout the home.
- Feeling of being followed or watched in the stairwells.
- Third floor lights turn on when they are off, dining room light goes on and off frequently and in front of the homeowners.
- Circular floating lights appear randomly on the 2nd floor hall closet door.
- Things come up missing all of the time,, only to be found in a prominent location soon after.
- Dog terrified of second floor.
- Strange sounds and smells.
- Strange illnesses and lack of energy in all of us on a more regular basis.
- Mrs. Flanery-Loupe has been lightly touched on the left shoulder several times in the master bedroom.

## INVESTIGATION

We were very excited for this investigation since it was our first private residence in the heart of New Orleans. Only blocks from the historic Garden District, this beautiful home sat in a very peaceful neighborhood. We arrived at the residence in the afternoon with a list of the above mentioned reported activity. We immediately began to attempt to debunk some of the happenings.

One of the most reported occurrences was a fun house-effect feeling in the basement, which I was initially very surprised to see in New Orleans. Being so low, the city of New Orleans is very familiar to floods and to see a basement in such an old home was quite surprising. As I entered the very small basement, there was an immediate cooped up feeling due to such a small space. I noticed that there were quite a number of exposed wires hanging from the basement ceiling. I decided to conduct some EMF readings near these wires. To my amazement, these poorly insulated wires were emitting extremely high EMF readings. In some areas, readings as high as 150mg were being recorded! It is proven that prolonged exposure to EMFs that high can often cause claustrophobia, paranoia, ears popping, and in some cases, even hallucinations! I can definitely see how if someone spend a good bit of time down there that they could get a "fun house" affect.

Other occurrences that we may have found logical explanations for were the common dimming of lights and the small balls of light seen on the stairs and closet door. We noticed that in such an old home, when the AC unit would kick on/off, it would often cause the lights to dim. We also noticed that when cars would pass in front of the house, the light would reflect off of various objects, which would appear to cause small balls of light on the ceiling and hallway closet door.

After doing a little debunking, we proceeded to setting up our DVR systems and got ready to go "lights out". After running 8 IR cams through the home, we began our investigation in the normal fashion. During the night, the only substantial activity recorded were several unexplainable EMF spikes on the third floor and a questionable pic of a possible orb obtained in one of the bedrooms. Once the investigation was complete, all evidence was reviewed, with no substantial results.

Based on the findings, or lack there of, we would have to conclude that there was no activity at the Flanery residence. We were glad that we could find several logical explanations for some of the reported occurrences. The homeowner was very pleased with our findings, saying that her young daughters felt at ease now that they had a better understanding of the occurrences. We would once again like to thank Ms. Flanery and her family for not only allowing us into their beautiful home, but for providing us with a great meal and snacks for the night!