



Investigation Summary Report

Stanley Hotel Estes Park, CO



HISTORY

The Stanley Hotel, known for its architecture, magnificent setting, and famous visitors, may possibly be best known today for its inspirational role in Stephen King's novel "The Shining". The hotel has been featured as one of America's most haunted hotels and with the numerous stories from visitors and staff. The Stanley Hotel continues to "shine" today, as it did in 1909 when first opened.

Forced by poor health to move West, F.O. Stanley and his famous Steamer arrived in Estes Park in 1903. Finding the town lacking in amenities, F.O. set out to change the local economy. On the 160 acres he purchased from Lord Dunraven. Stanley first built the main building of the hotel,

one of 11 buildings in the original complex. Many of those original buildings remain in use today on the remaining 55 acres.

Construction of the Main Building began in 1907 and took two years to complete. It was built with steel support beams and timber cut from land now known as the Rocky Mountains National Park. Most of the timber came from the Bear Lake burn in 1900, which may account for the faint smell of wood smoke that can be detected on a warm, summer day.

Famous Ghosts of the Stanley Hotel

Lord Dunraven-Resides in room 401.
Ghost Children-Play around on the 4th floor hallways.
Mr. Stanley-Appears in the Bar, and in the main lobby.
Mrs. Stanley-Plays the piano in the Music Room.
Maid Elizabeth Wilson-Cleans up room 217 to her liking.
Homeless woman-Haunts in the Concert Hall keeping a guard.

Famous Guests of the Stanley Hotel

John Phillip Sousa-Opened the Concert Hall in 1910 and performed concerts yearly until his death.

Theodore Roosevelt-Stayed in Room 217 in 1915.

Stephen King-Stayed for one night in Room 217 during the inspiration of the book "The Shining". And also was back in the late 1990's for the production of the ABC miniseries.

Jim Carey-Stayed in Room 217 during the production of Dumb and Dumber.

"Unsinkable" Molly Brown-Titanic Survivor, she stayed in room 217 during her stay.

Other Notable Guests:

Wayne Newton	Steven Webber
Bob Dylan	Rebecca DeMornay
Tony Bennett	Billy Graham
Johnny Cash	Dr. William Mayo
The JC Penneys	Emperor Akihito.





