



Investigation Summary Report

Thomas Whaley House San Diego, CA



HISTORY

Few houses in San Diego are as historically important as the Whaley House. In addition to being the Whaley Family home, it housed a grainary, the County Courthouse, San Diego's first commercial theater, various businesses including Thomas Whaley's own general store, a ballroom, a billiard hall, school, and polling place. Significant events, such as the seizure of the court documents and records in 1871, and the suicide of Violet Whaley in 1885 profoundly affected Thomas and Anna Whaley. These events, as well as the hangings which occurred on the property before the house was constructed, have suffused the Whaley House with an air of mystery and added to its reputation as something more than just California State Historic Landmark #65.

According to the Travel Channel's "Most Haunted", the house is the number one most haunted house in the United States. The alleged hauntings of the Whaley House have been reported on

numerous other television programs and been written up in countless publications and books since the house first opened as a museum in 1960.

The home is said to be haunted by characters such as James "Yankee Jim" Robinson, Thomas Whaley himself, young children, and Anna Whaley. Television personality Regis Philbin even reported to have seen Anna on a visit to the home. For believers and skeptics alike, the house draws them back time and time again, in search of those elusive ghosts.



