



## Investigation Summary Report

### Edgewood Plantation (Follow-Up) Farmerville, LA



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### HISTORY

Edgewood Plantation aka Baughman House was built in 1902 by Jefferson Davis Baughman. It is a Queen Anne style home with a bell tower nestled on eight plus acres among many beautiful towering trees. It's significant period was 1900-1924 and it is registered with the National Register of Historic Places. This home is located one mile west of Farmerville, La. on the

Bernice Highway. This home has recently been purchased and is being restored to serve guests as a bed and breakfast inn.

As the current owner of Edgewood Plantation has only owned the property for a brief period of time compared to its 108 years of history, a background of any unusual or possible paranormal activity is generally unknown. We have one report of visitors on the front porch, after the home was abandoned and in a state of neglect, of an old radio, possibly in one of the bedrooms, suddenly coming on at a loud volume, when it was known that there was no electricity to the home at the time.

## EQUIPMENT

Infrared digital video system and cameras / Digital still cameras / Various EMF meters including Tri-Fields / Various digital audio recorders / Ion counters / Motion detectors / Digital thermometers / Infra-sound detection equipment / PEAR REG-1 units with software on Hewlett-Packard computers / Contact audio microphones / Geophones /

## INVESTIGATION

At the time of testing, and in the places tested, no evidence was gathered on digital video, still photography, anomalous motion, hot or cold spots, nor anomalous EMF fields. It is noted that the residence is under remodeling conditions, with some doors and windows not replaced. Therefore, with air intrusion into many locations, hot spots, cold spots, or, some anomalous motion, would have been difficult to pin point an exact source. It is also noted, that at the time of this investigation, some power was available to portions on the residence, but not all areas. Natural EMF fields were very minimal. No anomalous infrasound was noted, nor high negative ion counts, which would also have been hard to substantiate with air intrusion from the outside.

EVP: In response to an investigator's sneeze, Bess Maxwell says' "Bless you". An anomalous voice repeats this blessing two times in quick succession. An unattended digital recorder in the parlor recorded a voice indicating, "Go home".

### PERSONAL EXPERIENCES - John Combs

1. The laundry room is being entirely reconstructed. While crouched down on this floor to set up PEAR computer testing, I distinctly heard foots steps coming through the dining area, through the kitchen and into the hall area of the laundry room. I even heard the change of the noise as the steps proceeded from the oak flooring in the dining area/kitchen area, to the plywood of the laundry room, where they stopped. It was consistent with someone stopping to converse. As I looked up, no one was there, and a subsequent check of the area revealed no one. This check was performed even though no one could have moved away without being heard.
2. In the kitchen, along the common wall with the laundry room, I again was setting up PEAR testing, when I heard footsteps, from behind me and outside on the porch area, approaching the kitchen door about eight feet behind me. The porch is wooden, and the steps obvious and sufficient in volume. The steps sounded almost at the open kitchen door, as I turned to see who was approaching. No one was apparent, and a quick, subsequent search of the kitchen, porch, and the side of the house, revealed no one there. It is noted that this residence is empty, and sound does travel well. The phenomenon was noted several times during the night, and once while I



## CONCLUSION

No data was gathered in the interactive modes and methods, at the time of testing, in the areas tested. The personal experiences of footsteps were strong and credible. The passive testing on the PEAR system was very strong, and the volume of positive tests very high in quantity, versus expected volume from chance.

We at Louisiana Spirits would like to thank the Carroll family for allowing us to perform research at Edgewood Plantation. It is a beautiful home, even in the restoration stages, and we have seen the plans for the future. The current plan is to have the Bed & Breakfast open in the spring of 2012. We encourage others to see the re-birth of this fabulous place, and to visit on its completion, as we hope to do. We hope to be able to visit again, to study the remnants of the past, and to observe its evolving into the present in Union Parish. We would like to thank Pat and Kay Carroll for their most gracious hospitality.

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