



Investigation Summary Report

Loyd's Hall Plantation Cheneyville, LA



HISTORY

Located on 640 acres of working farm land, Loyd's Hall Plantation (circa 1820) is truly a unique plantation in many ways. The home was built by William Loyd, originating from the famous Lloyds of London. However, being a "black sheep" of the family, he moved to America and was forced to drop one of the "L's" from his last name.

Mr. Loyd was quite the eccentric character, being disliked by many people. Proof of this can be found in the original front door, which is now the door to the dining room. On it, you can still see gashes left by Indian arrowheads, shot by the displeased locals! Mr. Loyd then began working with both the Union and the Confederacy during the war. When word of the double agent's actions got out, William finally met his demise and was hanged in his own front yard.

The home's tragedies did not end here, as Mr. Loyd's later relative, Inez Loyd, jumped to her death from the third story attic. The suicide was said to have taken place to due Inez being stood up by her fiancé. The third floor was also said to have been home to a small school house on one side and the room of the teacher on the other.

It was this teacher that was said to have been in a relationship with a Union soldier who chose to stay behind after the troops left. He was often seen on the front porch, serenading the teacher with a violin. It is at this point, that history is unclear. Some sources say that the soldier was then shot by the teacher's sister, while others say it was an angry neighbor that committed the murder. Needless to say, the soldier was, in fact, shot on the third floor and was actually buried under the house. Years later, his remains were exhumed and moved to an undisclosed location. What was left, was a large stain on the third floor, said to have been the blood stain left over from the murder.



EXPERIENCES

For years, guests and staff of Loyd's Hall have claimed to have experienced numerous paranormal occurrences. Reports of voices/music being heard, food odors, and objects being moved around seem to be the most common reports.

A former employee reported hearing her name being called and smelling food being cooked in the adjacent cottage, which once served as the outdoor kitchen. Current owners have reported a small stuffed animal being found throughout various portions of the house while no one was there.

INVESTIGATION

After several years of attempting to gain access into the Plantation, we were elated to finally get the opportunity to investigate. We cannot thank Rebecca, Mr. Mike, and the rest of the staff for allowing us into such a wonderful home.

The first matter at hand was to attempt to put to rest a long lasting rumor: Was the stain on the third floor actually blood? To test this rumor, we decided to take a page out of an episode of "C.S.I." and turn to a tool often used by crime scene investigators; Luminol.

Luminol is a versatile chemical that exhibits chemiluminescence, with a striking blue glow, when mixed with an appropriate oxidizing agent. It is a white to slightly yellow crystalline solid that is soluble in water and most polar organic solvents. Luminol is used by forensic investigators to detect trace amounts of blood left at crime scenes. It is also used by biologists in cellular assays for the detection of copper, iron, and cyanides. The question was: Could luminol detect traces of blood that was approximately 180 years old? After interviewing a Criminal Justice professor, it was learned that we would be able to pick up blood that could be that old.

Now, the moment of truth! As soon as the sun went down, we all made our way to the third floor with our bottle of luminol. We all huddled around the stain, which actually looked more like a grease stain than blood. We then began to spray an even layer of the solution onto the stain as we held our breath. Slowly, to our amazement, we began to see the reaction take affect, as glowing splatter marks became visible! The glowing areas even seemed to collected more heavily in the joints between each strip of wood. We were all shocked, yet pleased, to be the first individuals to thoroughly validate years of reported claims.

Our next task at hand was the investigation. We set up two DVR's and eight cameras throughout the home in the regular fashion. We then conducted our standard set of EMF sweeps and audio recordings, with no first hand experiences through the night. Evidence analysis produced an interest photograph we humorously titled the "two-nut peanut", due to its strange shape . We then captured an interesting audio clip of an audible, yet incoherent, third voice while Brandon is speaking.

In closing, we would again like to thank the staff of Loyd's Hall for their hospitality. We look very forward to making a follow-up visit in the future.