



# Investigation Summary Report

## Steamboat Inn Centerville, LA



## HISTORY

Built in the late 1840's and originally named the Centerville Hotel, the Steamboat Inn is located on the historic Old Spanish Trail. The hotel is a block up from the Teche River. This location was a prime docking area for businesses in town. Early travelers used steamboats to travel the gulf coast and local bayous and would use the hotel while doing business in the area. There are reports that Civil War soldiers were brought over from the church (located across the street) and placed on the third floor of the inn to recover from their injuries. The beautiful property with loads of history is currently operating as an air B&B.

## EXPERIENCES

There have been numerous reported sightings of a woman wearing a blue dress. At times, a young boy appears alongside the woman. Customers staying at the inn have claimed to hear a woman whispering near the stairs. Loud, unexplained noises during the wee hours of the morning have also been reported. Random footsteps are occasionally heard outside of various bedrooms.

A previous investigation was conducted on September 5, 2020. Evidence submitted included footage from the wireless camera in the attic which showed a light turning on by itself and what appeared to be a manifestation of something.

## Investigators Reports and Evidence

Location: Centerville, LA

Date: March 26, 2022

Time: Overnight

Investigators: Melinda, Marci, Chance, Danny, Kim, Ryan, Michele, and Stacey

Equipment used: Digital voice recorders, wireless video cameras, REM pods (including Boo Belle), K 2 meters, digital still camera, IR night vision camera, beam flashlight, and motion activated light-up balls.

Prior to conducting the investigation, the team conducted base line sweeps for EMF in all areas. Still pictures were also taken at this time. After the walkthrough, the team proceeded to set up equipment in all locations. Then, it was “lights out” for the investigation.

Several EVP sessions were done at different locations in the inn. Video cameras were set up to record throughout the entire night in the following locations: third floor attic, second floor landing, second floor hallway, and dining room overlooking the foyer. Numerous digital photos were taken and attempts to elicit responses from “ghosts” via the K2 meters.

All information gathered from the investigation was thoroughly reviewed by the team. The following have been submitted into evidence:

## Attached Files

### **EVP's:**

1. Melinda asks “what’s your name?” A female voice can be heard saying “Georgia.”
2. Michele asks “can you knock on the door or the wall for me?” A female voice responds “no.”
3. Marci asks “can you touch one of the tools we brought here so we’ll at least know somebody’s listening to us?” The REM pod goes off immediately after.
4. Stacey asks “did y’all hear that?” The REM pod goes off immediately after.
5. Chance asks “can you tell Marci that orbs are real?” Ryan giggles and then a female voice says “they are real.”
6. Chance asks “did y’all come by boat?” A voice can be heard saying “we did.”

### **Strange Recording:**

1. Michele left her phone recording throughout the night as she slept. The recorder picked up a snip of strange music. It was later determined to be a snip of the Gummy Bear Song. There is no explanation of where this music came from.

### **Wireless Video Recording:**

2. Kim is talking to Danny about her lip bleeding, then a male voice can be heard saying "tourniquet."

## CONCLUSION

Louisiana Spirits has pioneered so many reportedly active locations in the state. By not simply going off of haunted tales, we treat any historic location as the next potential haunting. In some cases, we walk out empty-handed, other times we don't.

In regards to the Steamboat Inn, we feel activity is prevalent here. Evidence was gathered on two separate investigations which supports claims made by numerous patrons to the inn.