



Investigation Summary Report

New Iberia Chamber of Commerce Building



HISTORY

The Chamber of Commerce has been in this building since 1983. According to our research, the building was built before 1898 and used as the Harry and Muller Dry Goods Store. In 1899 the original building was destroyed by fire. In 1901 S.G. Harry ran the store until 1935 when it became Weill's Department Store. Weill's stayed in business until 1947 and the building became Franklin's Department Store. It is not known the exact date of Franklin's closing. In 1982 the property was sold to the New Iberia Chamber of Commerce.

EXPERIENCES

Since moving into the building in 1983, employees have reported hearing footsteps in the hallway. They have also reported hearing footsteps outside of the Conference Room and side offices. At the time, no one was in the hallway. Thomas, who works for the Chamber, stated that he often smells cigarette smoke and other pungent smells. He has not been able to identify the origin of these smells. There is a bar located next door to this building.

Investigators Reports

Location: Chamber of Commerce Building on Main Street, New Iberia, Louisiana

Date: Saturday, May 13, 2023

Investigators: Danny, Michele, Jean-Paul, Hunter D., Hunter L.

Equipment used: Digital Voice Recorders, Rem Pods, K-2 Meters, Digital Still Cameras, SLS Cameras, Motion Balls, Laser, Trail Cameras, Ghost/Spirit Box

Attached Files

EVP's: Captured a loud grunt or breath
Video: No Evidence
Rem Pods: No Evidence
K2: Several spikes
Still Cameras: No Evidence
SLS Camera: No Evidence
Motion Detectors: Activated several times
Laser: No Evidence
Trail Camera: No Evidence
Ghost/Spirit Box: No Evidence

Procdeure & Investigation

We began our investigation with a tour of the property. We performed baseline sweeps for EMF in all areas of the building. While doing the walk through, we also took several pictures. After our initial walk through, we proceeded to set up all of the equipment throughout the Commerce Building and its attic. Our team members took turns investigating upstairs and downstairs. While upstairs, Danny heard a typewriter. They later found one behind some boxes. While downstairs, some team members experienced motion detectors going off. While sitting in the conference room, the team experienced motion detectors again and heard knocking sounds. They began asking questions and received several knocks in response to their questions. When asked, "Can you knock again for us?", it would knock. According to team members, while asking questions, they also heard shuffling footsteps in the room with them. Other evidence includes a computer turning on, possible shadow figure, possible physical contact, and a muffled sound.

CONCLUSION

Louisiana Spirits has investigated many reportedly active locations in the state. By not simply relying on haunted tales, we treat any location as the next potential active location. In some cases, we walk out empty-handed, other times we do not.

In regards to the Chamber of Commerce building, we feel activity is prevalent here and we believe that with the help of a follow-up investigation, we will be able to obtain more evidence!