

Investigation Summary Report



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Le Village Eunice, LA

HISTORY

Situated in the heart of historic Eunice, sits Le Village. The property serves as a virtual gumbo, as it is home to several buildings and structures moved from the surrounding towns. The only building that is native to the land is the barn, which was built sometime in the mid 1950's. The left side wall is a brick structure one can tell was used as a private residence, but no information could be located regarding this previous home. As the home collapsed or was tore down, the remaining wall was used to add onto to construct the barn.

The other two main buildings were built in the early 1900's and were moved from other parts of Eunice and the surrounding towns. The main home, previously known as the Seale Guesthouse, has been converted as the main place of stay for visitors. The second is known as Grand-pere's (grandfather's) and can also be rented out as a single unit.

The most historically significant building on the property is the Chapelle Country Village Store. The store was built at the turn of the twentieth century and originally sat at the intersection of Highway 13 and Highway 167 in Turkey Creek. The store was built by German and New York

native, William Chapelle, his wife (Dora Fletcher) and son (William Fletcher Chapelle). The store served the Turkey Creek area by providing the usual grocery items to visiting patrons. During its hey days, the store was a main supplier of sugar for the local community, which was a hot commodity. In an almost comical story, one day when Mr. Chapelle opened the lid to his container to scoop a customer some sugar, he found that the barrel was completely empty. During the night, someone had crept underneath the house and drilled a hole into the floor and directly into the barrel, syphoning out the precious staple. The hole in the floor is still present to this day!



The store would be best known as one of the last, if not the last, stops by the notorious duo, Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow. On a warm quiet night in May 1934, the fearless couple made plans to rob the small local store. They made a daytime visit, possibly to scope out the business and learn where their safe or cash register was kept. Fortunately, the saying “Loose lips sink ships” proved to be true, as the two were overheard by a local who knew the Chapelles by the name of Jeff Carpenter. After learning of the robbery attempt, Carpenter hopped on his horse and bolted to the store, advising them of the situation. The local sheriff arrived and deputized a few on-site locals. They proceeded to wait in the shadows, all night if needed, for the looting lovebirds.

A little before midnight, a car was seen coming down the highway. It pulled onto the store property and a young gentleman got out of the vehicle. Next door to the grocery store was a filling station. The gentleman approached one of the gas pumps, broke the lock and began filling his car. Before another move could be made, the deputies jumped from the darkness and yelled, “What are y'all doing here?” The man jumped into the car and blazed off into the night. Everyone felt that they had just spoiled the plans of what could have been a robbery attempt of the store. Several days later, the couple's reign of terror came to a screeching halt, as the two were gunned down in the small town of Gibsland by a posse of four Texas officers (Frank Hamer, B.M. "Manny" Gault, Bob Alcorn and Ted Hinton) and two Louisiana officers (Henderson Jordan and Prentiss Morel Oakley).

In 1937, the store was closed down, followed by the death of Fletcher Chapelle in 1958. The store would sit unused and abandoned until in 1993 when it was moved to its current location by previous owners of the Seale Guesthouse, Mark and Jennifer Seale. Today, the property is owned and operated by Felicia Wiggins and the store is used as a museum as well as a venue for small group functions.

EXPERIENCES

Guests and staff alike have reported hearing disembodied voices and strange shadows in the Grand-pere guesthouse. With the land containing homes from various areas, we were uncertain as to what history and/or activity may or may not have arrived with the buildings.

PERSONAL REPORTS (SCOTTY):

Location: La Village Eunice La. (And two story home on property)

Date: July 19, 2014

Investigators: Doug Hargrave, Brad Duplechien, Scotty Rosatto and Jenny Trammel

Equipment used: Several Hand Held Video cameras with IR, Two Digital Voice recorders, 1 Standard Mel Meter, one Mel Meter with Rem pod attachment, 2-K 2 Meters, digital still camera, wireless motion detector with alarm, and an SB 7 Spirit box.

Scotty Rosatto's Report:

Jen and I arrived at the two story abandoned home, to find that lights were on in the home. We entered home and proceeded to turn off lights and unplug a radio. Jen seemed to be having an issue turning off a small florescent light which appeared to be in an open closet. I went to assist her and could not find any light switch to turn the light off. I reached into the closet to feel for a switch and the light turned off by itself. I looked in where I had touched and found no light switch of any sort. We documented this event as best we could using a video camera and voice recorders.

We proceeded with our base line sweeps for EMF but nothing above a .2 was recorded and/or observed. We then proceeded upstairs to do a base line EMF sweep and decided to do a burst session EVP in the back part of the home (in the grand master suite). Jennifer was running a constant recorder during our session. Jennifer and I ran several EvP burst sessions and played back to see if we could get an immediate EVP. We found nothing of significance. After reviewing further the following day, our conclusion was the same, NO EVP's during this burst session using my recorder.

We then made our way to the third floor of the home. On the third floor there were many items there most seemed to be antique in nature. My Mel meter had many fluctuations in this location from .1-.2 most of the time we spent there, My K2 went to a 2.5 several times around some of the objects on the third floor. One particular object was what appeared to be an old round container of some sort. It had a decorative flower or some kind of image on the top. It had a lid and after further investigation after removing the lid that it contained a rosary. This was the same object which was emitting strange EMF spikes on my K2 meter. I checked for any electrical sources by and around the object, but none could be detected especially being that this item was off of the ground and nothing electrical was close to it. We were able to document the

strange K2 meter fluctuation and at one point during this high emf spike, I captured what sounds like a growl. We also had some relevant Sprit box answers to some of our questions. Jen and I left the third floor and mad our way down to the first floor, but I didn't find anything significant there using EMF sweeps, Spirit box nor K2 meter. We then waited for Brad and Doug to come relieve us. Once they arrived we reported our evidence to them, and proceeded to the General store.

Once we arrived at the general store I checked both cameras, one which was stationed on a rocking horse was still recording. However the hand held video recorder which was stationed at the front of the store had gone dead. Apparently we had some battery issues with this particular camera. I then changed out with another IR hand held camera and resumed recording.

We attempted a spirit box session and swept for unusual EMF spikes. I did get as high as a .5 EMF on the mel meter when scanning a document which was a hand written account of a Bonnie and Clyde incident. Eventually the EMF fluctuation went away. It could've been an electrical charge in the wall possibly; however I did not have my volt meter to rule this cause out. As I said the EMF did dissipate after I made several sweeps on the pictures. Not receiving any relevant questions answered on our spirit box nor receiving any unusual EMF spikes we decided to move on to the Grand Home.

Once we arrived at the Grand House, Jennifer and I did some baseline sweeps with our EMF and K2's. Jennifer found one area to where the Mel meter rose to a .5 mg but nothing significant. We did however observe some dust particles, that we felt may be worth investigating, therefore we decided to do an EVP burst session in the second room to the right across from the "living area or open area of the building".

During our time in the room running burst EVP's, I thought I saw a few light streaks coming from the bathroom area, however I brushed them off as being shadows of Jennifer sitting on that side of the room. During our EVP burst session we possibly may have captured a "moan" of some kind as I stated in my evidence collected portion of this report. I pretty much ruled out a breath from one of us causing this.

About an hour later Brad and Doug came to meet with us in the Grand House. We reported to Brad and Doug and Jenny and I proceeded to investigate the General Store and then on to the Grand House. We then used the ovilus and the spirit box for a few sessions but got no relevant results in my opinion. Doug decided that the area had gone cold and we would shut down for the night.

PLAY-BY-PLAY

2 Story Old abandoned home: Light turning off by itself in two story abandoned home, One EVP that appears to be some sort of growl at: 15:55, and a noise at 9:39 (which sounds like a vehicle possibly) and several somewhat relevant responses to spirit box session (Listed below).

19:19: "Yes" perhaps to a question asked to the spirit box

21:15: Sick

22:05 Yes as to a question asked by Jennifer to confirm Sick Answer

22:13: What appears to be an answer TB

22:38: Male

22:45: TB

22:51: Yes

22:53 TB

23:12: Yes
23:16: 15?
24:26: Yes
24:33: That's It (When statement was made that house wasn't haunted but objects seem to be)
24:36: yes
25:38 Okay
26:00 yes
26:14 Yes
26:46: Rob
27:2 and 24: Yes/No

One object that was strangely emitting EMF on a K2 meter. Growl was captured during this event. Documented on hand held video camera and digital recorder.

General Store:

No evidence captured on my equipment which consisted of two hand held cameras recording horse and front part of store.

Grand House:

Jennifer and I did a burst session in the second bedroom on the right as you enter into the building. We captured what appears to be a EVP groan or a breath at: .36 Seconds on the recorder. I concluded it was not one of our breaths that may have contaminated the recording.

Sprit Box Session:

Location in Grand House Building: Brad and Doug's Voice Recorder Session (Using my recorder) Spirit box Session (from what I can make out):

1:05:34: "me"

1:06:07: Yes

1:06:49: Yes ??

1:07:58: Yes

1:08:26: No (When asked if could tell color of shirt)

1:10:51: Man (After asking question man or woman)

1:11:19: "girl" (After asking question if girl or boy)

1:11:32: "10"

1:13:45: "2" (When asked about fingers)

1:14:18: "Yep" When asked if Brad was getting on their nerves

11:15:21: Whistling (could be spirit box)

11:15:27: Whistling again

Attached Files

LeVillageThuds.wav: When no one is in the main home, two thuds are captured.

LeVillageHaHaWhisper.wav: As Doug and Brad speak, a whispering laughter is heard.

LeVillageGrowl.wav: Unknown growl sound is captured in attic of main house.

LeVillageSBTwo.mp3: While using the Spirit Box, Brad held up two fingers and asked how many fingers was he holding up, in an attempt to generate a response. The Spirit Box responded with "Two."

CONCLUSION

In many cases where we investigate a location with no significant prior haunted reports, people will often asks us, "Why investigate if it's not haunted?" As with any research, you don't know what you can do until you try. This belief is the largest reason that 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 Le Village grounds, we are still on the fence based on the recordings we obtained. We strongly feel that the potential for haunted activity is prevalent here and we believe that with the help of a few follow-up investigations, we will be able to give a more definitive answer.