



Investigation Summary Report

Edgewood Plantation 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 /

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 investigation, all power to the residence had been cut off, except for one power cord set up in the rear of the residence to provide AC power for the digital DVR system. No anomalous infrasound was noted, nor high negative ion counts, which would also have been hard to substantiate with air intrusion from the outside.

Near the end of the investigation, Lead Investigator Bess Maxwell was attempting to see if we could get a flashlight anomalously turned on, and gathering EVP at the same time. John Combs was assisting and observing as factual witness. Photo- Journalist Justin Fletcher, of KTVE/KARD TV 10 in West Monroe, was videoing the attempt at the time. It is noted that later, it was found that the front bezel of the flashlight had been over-tightened, off, and would have been difficult to turn on. Bess had placed the flashlight on a fireplace mantel, to make the attempt to get it turned on, and made a request to turn it on. As she asked, an EVP, female voice, not otherwise audible, but recorded, indicated "Locked". John Combs followed up with encouragement to try to turn the light on, and again, an EVP, not otherwise heard, but recorded, saying "I was". This voice was female and consistent with the voice and "Locked". One more phrase was recorded from the voice a few seconds later, not audible, but recorded. These words are not intelligible, but the tenor of the voice is the same as of the first two EVP's.

PEAR ANALYSIS

This type of analysis is passive in nature, and designed to statistically detect by probability the presence of a human consciousness interacting with random distributions in a REG unit, by the quantum tunneling method, when all incarnate human consciousness has been removed from the areas of testing. The minimum reporting standard is $p < .05$, with the .05 being the probability that the recorded event could be due to chance alone, in the random number distribution of the

tests. A total of 59 tests were run. At the MINIMUM reporting standard of .05, we could expect to get 2.95 tests as false positives. ($59 \times .05 = 2.95$) Our actual average score of the positive tests obtained was $p < .022237$. Therefore, we could expect a corrected false positive count of 1.31. ($59 \times .022237 = 1.31$) A total of 15 out of 59 tests were positive. Seven of these 15 tests came from the room in the front, left, as facing this home, that we referred to as the “library”, as it had two built-in book cases. Two more tests came from the parlor, directly behind the library, sharing a common wall. These two tests from the parlor were obtained from the area immediately adjacent to this common wall with the library. These positive tests are probability scores are as follows:

Washroom Test 2	$p < .047164$
Front Right Room Test 2	$p < .018354$
Front Right Room test 6	$p < .038032$
Master BR Test 1	$p < .020329$
Basement Test 3	$p < .020036$
Den Test 2	$p < .014298$
Library Test 1	$p < .018626$
Library Test 3	$p < .04137$
Parlor Test 1	$p < .004422$
Parlor Test 2	$p < .027556$
Library Test 7	$p < .048661$
Library Test 8	$p < .009015$
Library Test 9	$p < .018219$
Library Test 11	$p < .015117$
Library Test 12	$p < .045418$

The probability that of these 15 tests, all 15 are false positives, due to chance, as opposed to interaction of the testing system with an anomalous consciousness operating through quantum tunneling is as follows:

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I have taken the liberty of sorting this number into groups of three numbers to make it more comprehensible. There are 25 zeros to the right of the decimal point before one encounters a significant digit.

CONCLUSION

No data was gathered on still or video, with the exception of Justin Fletcher recording the gathering of the EVP. It is also noted, at this time, no other individuals were present in the home other than the three involved in the research and recording of these two EVP’s, plus the one EVP that is not usable. The consciousness testing was very strong, and bolstered by the fact that most of it was concentrated in one general area. The final conclusion of this testing is that, at the time of testing, in the areas tested, that the probability of there NOT being an anomalous consciousness present was statistically as above.

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 about

February 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 the Carrolls for their most gracious hospitality. We would also like to thank Photo- Journalist Justin Fletcher for his professional accomplishments and dedication in making a recorded history of this investigation, and KYVE/Kard in West Monroe for making this gathering possible, and for presenting this documentary to their viewers in the Ark-La-Miss area, as well as placing it at www.myarklamiss.com.