



# Investigation

## Summary Report

### Marksville, LA

### Private Residence

### HISTORY

There was no history that we could find of the private property, but Marksville, La is known for a lot of different things. First because of the Paragon Casino, also because of the Indian influence that the land has, and lastly being part of the Red River Campaign in the Civil War.

Marksville is named after Marc Elich, a venetian Jew who established a trading post after his wagon broke down in the area.

During the American Civil War in late 1862, Marksville hosted Confederate soldiers from Texas. They built wooden huts to shelter themselves. In 1863, Marksville came under Union control, under General Nathaniel P. Banks. And stayed under Union control for the remainder of the war which lasted 4 years.

The landowner of the Private property told us of the Battle of Mansura which was fought May 16, 1864 roughly 3 miles from the house and property we were investigating. Where the Confederates defeated the Union soldiers. Roughly 12,000 Union soldiers and 14,000 Confederates engaged each other in the Battle of Mansfield. When the battle was done and tallied, there were 694 killed or wounded and 1,423 captured or missing Union soldiers totaled, and 1,000 killed/wounded/missing/captured Confederate soldiers. Making this battle the last major victory for the Confederate Army.

Marksville belonged to the Hopewell Culture that mixed into the Marksville Indian Tribe which was centered around Ohio and Illinois, but made their way down to La before 400 AD. Then belonged to the Troyville-Coles Creek Indians around 400-1100 AD. Then to the Caddo Tribe in 800 AD.

Marksville, La also has the Marksville Prehistoric Indian Site and has an Indian Burial Mound that is one of the largest of its kind and of its period. This mound dates anywhere from a 400 yr period of 0-400 AD. This was declared a National historic landmark in 1964.

## EXPERIENCES

### *Outdoor kitchen/ Guest bed for son and Daughter-in-law*

There has been reports of eyes in the bathroom mirror, there is a mist above the bed, and a “shadow” that darkens the entire room. The daughter-in-law says that when her boyfriend is not there she feels as if someone is “watching” her and feels like she is not alone. She has also experienced knocking that has been heard by the “bed” window and also the “sink” window.

### *Driveway*

The homeowner says that as she is sitting outside about 4 in the afternoon a “Union soldier” appears as a mist in the driveway walks about 10-15 paces and then disappears.

### *Back Porch area*

A light anomaly is seen on the cameras that is positioned to swing and picks it up coming from the outdoor kitchen to the swing on the back porch.

### *Animals*

All residence says that animals, (2 dogs and multiple cats), react to seeing “nothing” but sense something and bark or stare at a couple of certain spots of the outdoor kitchen.

## Investigators Reports

Location: Marksville, La

Date: 10/03/2020

Investigators: Grady, Brianna, Amber, Glen

Equipment used: K2, Mel Meter, Digital Still Camera, 4 Deer Cameras, 2 Digital Recorders, Night Vision Camera

The property is 22 acres. We did an look around and drive around of the whole property checking for any signs that unknown people or animals had come on to the property that may have caused some of the activity. We could find no signs. We proceeded with our base line sweeps for EMF in all areas of outdoor kitchen/guest house and other buildings as wells as the back porch. While doing the walkthrough we also took pictures. After the walkthrough we proceeded to set up all equipment in outdoor kitchen/guest house. We as setup a camera on the outside shooting the two windows where the knocking had been heard. Our final camera was setup shooting the driveway where the mist figure has been seen.

EVP's: During the investigation we captured not audio evidence.

K2/MEL Meter: We captured no readings or spikes on the meters during the investigation.

Video: Again, we captured no video evidence during our investigation. Other than we did have a few times on one of our cameras where the camera captured totally black shoots. We can not say this is paranormal.

The only other thing that happened while we were investigating this location was that while talking to the home owner in the carport Brianna and the home owner heard an unexplained knocking on a window.

## Attached Files

EVP's: None

K2: None

Video: None

## 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 regard to the Marksville residence, there was no evidence found.