

## Bumps in the Night!!!!

### Paranormal "U"



#### Research Techniques

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An important part of the paranormal investigation process is research. This includes property history, city history, environmental concerns, geological and man-made data, and demographic information. We investigate all possible causes of activity that seem paranormal as well as learning about the people who lived on the property before. There are many aspects to consider when something unexplained is going on, and at TnT Paranormal Investigators LLC, we will leave no stone unturned in helping a client find answers.

When researching property history, the best place to start is the county records building. These records are kept in the county seat, which is the city or town that has the courthouse and county government offices. Some records are available online, but it is best to go to County Recorder or Tax Assessor to request the information. The public library is also an excellent resource for city directories and the United States Census. These records can trace the property back to the year it was built and the names of the residents. From there, the names are researched in obituaries, birth and marriage records, and newspaper archives to further put together the history of the property and the people who lived in the home or on the land.

Another aspect of investigating paranormal claims is looking for any environmental concerns or superfund sites in the area. A superfund site is an area where toxic waste has been disposed and is designated for cleanup by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). If there are neurotoxins that are present in your area, they will be found and documented. There are levels of neurotoxins that may affect a person to the point where they believe what they are experiencing is paranormal. Carbon Monoxide levels also need to be tested as well as any mold or toxins in the home. This is not only to rule out potential paranormal activity, but also as a safety measure. The EPA website is constantly updating information for superfund sites all across the country.

Geological data for the area is also examined and documented. Researching the geological surveys of a property or surrounding area tells us what minerals are present as well as the content of the soil. This data is collected to get a better understanding of what geological factors might contribute to activity. The local library has much of this information as well as the United States Geological Surveys (USGS) website. We also document anything man-made in the area that might affect equipment or possibly be a cause for activity. Examples would be power lines, communication towers, and nearby radio stations, especially anything within a 1-2 mile radius of the property. Nearby power lines can cause high EMF readings and towers transmit signals that might get picked up on audio equipment.

The history and demographics of the entire city or area the property is located in is also researched. We document such things as landmarks, cemeteries, parks and forest preserves (which were often Native American campgrounds or hunting grounds at one time), religions and nationalities of the area, and anything else significant. Any connection that the area may have had to wars or skirmishes that occurred is also documented as well as accidents and weather catastrophes that may have caused a lot of unexpected deaths. Much of this information can be found through a city's Historical Society and the local library.

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All of this is done to assist in helping you, the client, find some answers to what is being experienced. None of the research is done without express written permission, from the client, to access any records for the property. Additionally, no personal information for any client is revealed EVER. All of the research information we gather is added to our client database. The database is used to cross reference key elements found during the research to see if any correlations are found.

Clients provide a wonderful opportunity to research and learn about what causes activity that seems unexplained. Gathering all possible data as well as examining the history of the home and area is part of what may one day help find those explanations.

Until then...the research continues!

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