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Top 5 Haunted Places in IL We Have Investigated According To Data Collected

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TnT Paranormal Investigators have been to several places investigating reports of the paranormal. In Illinois, we have investigated private residences and famous haunts alike. We have collected data from all of these investigations and we would like to share with you the top 5 haunted places we have investigated according to the data we've collected.

Tinker Swiss Cottage Gardens and Museum is first on our list. This location was featured on an episode of Ghost Hunters on 10/24/2012. Each time we've been to Tinker Swiss, we've had some sort of activity. There have been reports from staff and visitors alike claiming paranormal activity. We have heard disembodied voices and found EVP's/ENP's (electronic noise phenomenon) when we were reviewing our data. We caught a voice in the command center one night telling our lead investigator to "get out". One night in between rotations, an investigator had her butt touched. She thought it was someone on the team and when she turned around, no one was there. We have played train sounds over our walkie talkies with a response from a female stating that "trains bring death". Other data included someone saying an investigator's name and completing the two knocks from "Shave and a Haircut" three times in a row. Tinker Swiss Cottage Gardens and Museum have frequent dates where you can tour the cottage. They also have certain dates where you can investigate the cottage with a paranormal team for the night. If you are into the paranormal and find yourself in Rockford, IL for the day, go check out Tinker Swiss Gardens and Museum. Check them out at www.tinkercottage.com. They will not disappoint!

Arlington Heights Historical Museum is another location where we have captured interesting data. The grounds consist of four buildings which are rich in history. It is rare when we capture video data that we cannot explain. Arlington Heights is one of the rare places where we have captured data on video. We captured light play in the gallery on at least three different investigations which we cannot explain. We also had the REM pod go off on several investigations in the same spot where the light play occurred. In another building (Muller House), one of our investigators was heading up the stairs to set up equipment. As she was heading up the stairs, our recorders captured the voice of a little girl saying "mommy". What makes this even more interesting is that this particular investigator looked very similar to one of the females in the family as compared to pictures in the home. Did this little girl think our investigator was her "mommy"? Maybe. We have also captured singing in another house (Banta House) on the property. We also have trouble keeping data from our baseline readings intact from this location. There is also a carriage house to investigate. TnT Paranormal is hosting an event where you can investigate this location (including all 4 buildings) on August 15, 2015. To investigate Arlington Heights Historical Museum with TnT Paranormal, go to www.ahmuseum.org to reserve your spot!

Another interesting spot we love to visit is Ashmore Estates in Ashmore, IL. Ashmore was originally an almshouse and Poor Farm. Now owned by the awesome Robbin and Norma Terry, Ashmore Estates is being painstakingly renovated. Ashmore Estates also had a popular paranormal group come out to investigate. The Ghost Adventures crew came out in May 2011. We also investigated this building and found some interesting data while we were there. We had a balloon that we attached to a REM pod by some ribbon. It stayed attached to the REM pod throughout a VERY windy night and long morning. It was at this time the balloon string appeared to be pulled down and off the tripod the

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REM pod was on. If you are interested in investigating at Ashmore Estates, please visit their website at www.hauntedashmoreestates.net.

McPike Mansion is another great place to investigate. Located in Alton, IL, McPike is a location where we caught one of our most compelling EVP's to date. The EVP was caught in the cellar while our lead investigator was having a normal conversation with the owner. The owner was describing how her cat was having medical issues and they had to take an x-ray of its throat and esophagus. During the pause in which the owner takes a breath, we caught an EVP which clearly says “take the x-ray”. Evidence of an intelligent haunting? You be the judge! Due to vandals and sitting empty for quite some time, McPike fell into a state of disrepair. The owners of this property are also painstakingly trying to renovate this historic location. To visit McPike, please visit their website at www.mcpikemansion.com.

Last (but not least) is another haunted location called Conover Square Mall in Oregon, IL. Conover is a mall that is made up of independently owned small businesses. Each shop held within is unique and special. Our team has investigated here on several occasions. This is also a historic location that was built in 1893 and was the site of a piano factory. Pianos were manufactured here under a number of brand names, including Schiller, Conover, and Cable. There are so many awesome historic items within the mall itself, old pianos are everywhere. This makes for a very interesting and fun investigation. We have had more personal experiences rather than actual data from here. Team members reported hearing and feeling things while investigating. The owner has several EVP's captured by other teams. If you are interested in visiting Conover Square Mall go to: www.conoversquare.com.

There are so many other great and active locations in IL you can visit. Other locations we have visited and have documented activity are: Milton School in Alton, IL; Haunted R Theater in Auburn, IL (see [Famous Haunts](#) article in this issue); Humphrey House in Orland Park, IL; Mineral Springs in Alton, IL; Pinhead Jeffrey Lanes in Wheeling, IL; Veteran's Memorial Hall in Rockford, IL; Midway Village in Rockford, IL; Burpee Museum in Rockford, IL; Briggs Mansion in Rockford, IL; Coronado Theater in Rockford, IL; and Elgin Casket Factory in Elgin, IL.

