



# Bumps in the Night!!!!

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At TnT Paranormal Investigators LLC our primary mission is to help the client with their paranormal concerns. We research the background of the property, gather data during an onsite investigation, review that data to determine if any paranormal evidence was captured, and provide the client with a report of our findings. We also use this time to educate our clients on the paranormal field and helping to ease their fears.

We would love to assist you with your paranormal needs. If you would like to know more about our services, ask us questions, or to request an investigation please go to the [www.tntparanormal.com](http://www.tntparanormal.com).

## TnT Paranormal Happenings

This has been a busy fall for the members of TnT Paranormal Investigators LLC, which we are extremely happy about. It is always better to be busy than not, right? We won't be able to list all of the happenings in this newsletter, but we will list the most notable ones below. In addition to all that is mentioned below we continue to focus on our primary mission, which is client cases. We have had several clients in the last two months and have several more scheduled coming up. We are always looking for new cases, so keep us in mind if you hear of anyone needing assistance with the paranormal.

### Notable Happenings:

The first one was the "Investigate with the TnT Paranormal" at Countryside Place, Manteno, IL, on October 8<sup>th</sup>. We had 16 people sign-up and attend the event and we had a blast. At this event we start by going over the basics of the paranormal and ghost hunting and then go into an actual investigation of the property. Many of those attending, both customers and team members, had personal experiences. Luckily we had our own equipment running the entire night so we hope we captured some great evidence to back those experiences up.

The second one was being asked to tape a segment for the "Library Life" TV show for Mt. Prospect TV (MPTV). This show runs twice a day and features a few of the programs that are being hosted in that month at the library. The episode we will be featured on is Episode 110. It will air from mid-October through mid-November. We will have a copy of it on our website soon.

The third one was being asked to be a guest on the Sunday night radio slot (10/10/2010) for Paraspeak.com radio. Melissa, Annette, and Marcie had the pleasure to represent the team on this one. We hope to have the show available soon.

Lastly is all of the library programs we presented at. These programs gave us an opportunity to educate the public on the paranormal and what teams like ours do. We hosted three in October and have two more in November.

We are working on a lot of other exciting events for the team and hope to be able to announce them soon. So stay tuned!!!!

Happy Thanksgiving from your friends at TnT Paranormal!

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### Paranormal 101

#### Matrixing – What is it?

by Melissa A. Tanner, TnT Paranormal Investigators LLC

We have a term in the paranormal field called Matrixing. This is a term used to describe the human mind's natural tendency to find familiar images and phrases and complex shapes, colors and sounds in their environment and evidence reviews. Matrixing is something you see a lot in orb pictures and/or entity pictures.

A good example of matrixing is when people see common shapes out of cloud, such as "that cloud is shaped like a duck". It is a similar concept with matrixing for photography. The viewer reviews a photo and sees a shape in the tree leaves or in a snowflake and thinks it's a face or something. When really it is just their mind trying to make sense of what they are seeing.

The following information was taken from an article on Matrixing on the TAPS site:

- **First**, look at the type of photograph you are analyzing. Pictures of trees, fields, cluttered up closets, mirrors and glass are a few of the prime candidates for matrixing issues. They include very complex shapes and patterns and, therefore, a high potential for the mind to construct a face or body out of something that isn't there.

- **Second**, look at the potential face or figure. If it is truly paranormal then, the face or figure would be made up of its own material, not the material that is comprising the picture. Let me explain; if the picture is of a forest, and your mind tells you that there is a face in it. Look to see if the face is made up of the branches and leaves from the trees in the picture, or if the face is separated from them and a completely separate material from the trees.

- **Third**, once you have eliminated the top two issues, look at the face or figure as a real face or figure. Look at the proportions of the face. Are they "cartoony" and disproportionate or are they realistic? I have art training and can easily determine if a face has realistic proportions or not. If you do not have this training, you can go to any art supply store and pick up a book that explains these proportions.

Source for TAPS information: <http://www.the-atlantic-paranormal-society.com/articles/general/photo-matrixing.html>

### Countryside Place – A History

The Victorian farmhouse, fondly named Countryside Place, was built by the Stauffenberg family in 1895 in Manteno, IL. The Stauffenbergs were pioneer residents of the area and when they bought the property there was a house at the location and the family decided to move it to Deselm. Some of the walls and foundation from the original home were used in the construction of the new home.

The Stauffenbergs, William and Kate, were married on September 13, 1885 and had six children. In an article found observing their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary only two of those children were still living in 1935, a daughter Mrs. Frank Renchen and Mr. Albion Stauffenberg. How and where the four children passed away is unknown.

The only tragedy we could find that happened on the property was in September of 1912 when a fire broke out in the barn and burnt the barn to the ground. Also lost in that fire were 750 bushels of oats and three horses. The true source of the fire was never determined, but believed to be spontaneous combustion since it was hay season.

No one has lived in the Victorian for over 15 years. In those 15 years a couple of businesses have tried to open up at the location without success. The house and property are currently up for sale.

Over the years several people have reported seeing the apparition of a woman or children standing in the second story windows of the property. Additionally workmen and passersby have reported feeling like someone was watching them from the house even though no one is there.

Even the town of Manteno is rich in history that includes the paranormal. Some stories are fact and others are folklore.

So far TnT Paranormal has conducted four investigations on the property and each time we have captured evidence of the paranormal. You can find some of the evidence on our website.

**Note:** Permission is required to enter the property and all trespassers will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

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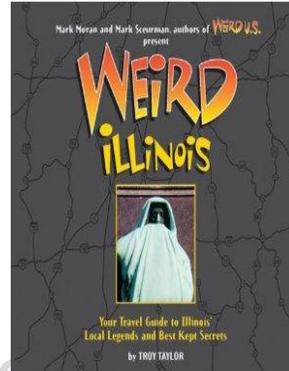
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### Upcoming TnT Paranormal Events

- Introduction to the Paranormal, Westmont Public Library, November 4, 2010 at 7:00PM
- Investigate with the TnT Paranormal team; Countryside Place, Manteno, IL, Friday, September 10, 2010 at 7:00PM
- Introduction to the Paranormal, Franklin Park Public Library, November 11, 2010 at 7:00PM
- Introduction to the Paranormal, Nichols Library-Naperville, March 10, 2011 at 7:00PM

**NOTE:** Please go to the Events page on our website for more details.

### From the Paranormal Bookstore



By Troy Taylor (Author), Mark Sceurman (Author), Mark Moran (Foreword).

ISBN:0-7607-5943-X

**WEIRD ILLINOIS** travels the back roads of the state in search of unwritten history, modern folklore, ghosts, abandoned places, roadside oddities, bizarre beasts, mysterious places and more. While I am best known for chronicling the ghosts of Illinois, that's only part of what can be found here. In some cases, these accounts of fabled places and bizarre people will not involve ghosts at all but are such a part of the unusual past and weird present of the state that they had to be included here!

### Upcoming Paranormal Events

- Nov 5 – 8 – Ghosts of the Stanley Hotel, Beyond Reality Events, Estes Park, CO (<http://beyondrealityevents.com/stanley2/>)
- Nov 11-14, Waking the Dead, Darkness Events, Seattle, WA (<http://www.darknessradio.com/TRIPS/wakingthedead/index.htm>)
- Nov 13 - The Queen Mary Investigation with Nightwatchers, Long Beach, CA (<http://www.nightwatchers.info/> - Event Page)
- Dec 2-5, - The Queen Mary Investigation with GAC, Long Beach, CA (<http://www.darknessradio.com/>)
- Apr 8, 2011, Rose Island Lighthouse, Ideal Event, Newport, RI (<http://idealeventmanage.com/tickets.html>)

### Investigator Spotlight

**Susan Haynes**

*Evidence Reviewer*

Susan is a 48 year old mother of 2 with a three year old grandchild. She has always been interested in the paranormal and collects horror comics and Stephen King novels.

The team met Susan when she went with TnT Paranormal to Waverly in May 2010 . Susan loved the trip and after that decided she wanted to join the team.

Susan joins the team as an Evidence Reviewer and will assist on cases by reviewing the evidence collected during investigations. The TnT Paranormal is glad she is part of our team!