

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.

Announcement: TnT Paranormal is accepting applications for full and part time team members.

Go to <http://www.tntparanormal.com/seekingnewteammembers.htm> to learn more.

TnT Paranormal Happenings

The end of the year is rapidly approaching and with that TnT Paranormal Investigators LLC celebrated it's 1st anniversary as an official team. However, unofficially we've been a team for longer than that. For us being a team means being great friends and family. Some of us have known each other for over 15 years and for others it's been six months. When you are with people as much as we are you have to get along and have fun together...which we do, A LOT! We are a serious team when it comes to the paranormal, but we have fun doing it.

Anyway, 2010 was a great year for TnT Paranormal and we saw a lot of happenings. We had over two dozen cases we worked on, as well as hosted three pay events, presented at five library programs, had several TV and radio interviews, and went on our Paravan in May. This year was a blast and we look forward to what 2011 has in store for us.

In 2011, we will continue taking new clients, revisiting current clients, and following-up with old leads. We will be continuing to offer the library programs and pay events, as well as Paravanning to Ohio in June. For the library programs we will be adding a Paranormal 102

Program to the current Paranormal "U" list of programs we offer. We will keep adding new articles to Paranormal "U" both in the newsletters and on the website. We definitely have a lot planned.

Recently we were invited to participate as a trainer in a Paranormal Seminar that will be offered at the Streamwood Library on Tuesday, January 18th at 7:30PM. This seminar will offer

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TnT Paranormal Team Photo

Front Row (L to R): Casper, Annette, Marcie

Back Room (L to R): Susan A., Melissa, Marv



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hands on training for various pieces of equipment that are used in the paranormal investigation field from digital recorders to camcorders to EMF detectors. We really hope to see some of you there or that you will tell your friends about this event. This event is hosted by our affiliate Windy City Paranormal (WCP). We thank them for asking us to participate with them.

That's all for this issue, but things change daily, so we invite you to check out the website for more information, updates, and NEW events!

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Trespassing – Should NOT be taken lightly

by Angela Sangster and Melissa Tanner, TnT Paranormal Investigators LLC

One of the basic rules for TnT Paranormal Investigators LLC is that we will NOT trespass for any reason. For every case we work, whether it is a client or a popular haunted location, we have permission, from the owner and/or tenant, to be there and to conduct the investigation. In fact we get that permission in writing. We will not break that rule ever, for any reason.

Some might ask "Why?" or "What's the harm?" or "No one lives there anyway, so what's the big deal?". To us (and other reputable investigators in this field) it is a HUGE deal. Here are some reasons why:

1. All property and buildings / houses are owned by someone, even the vacant ones. If you do not have permission to go into a house or building or even to be on the property you are trespassing. A trespassing sign does not need to be visible for trespassing to occur. Trespassing is a crime and is punishable by law (we'll get into that later on). Nothing will ruin a paranormal investigators career faster than a trespassing charge on your record.
2. Cemeteries are usually only open during certain hours of the day (typically during daylight hours). Entering a cemetery after hours is trespassing.
3. There is a term in the paranormal field called "Creeping" that means that the person does not have permission to be in a location, but ignores that fact and investigates anyway. Creeping is the same thing as trespassing. I'm sure for some there is a thrill with creeping, but for us professionals it is a disgrace to the field.
4. There are many dangers and safety factors that are present when entering a location that you are not familiar with. See below for details on those factors. We do not want to put ourselves or the team in danger, whether it is immediate or life threatening.
5. It's just wrong. Period.

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Criminal Charges

Checking out old, abandoned homes that have legends of hauntings can be very tempting, and it seems like harmless fun to just take a "quick look around". However, if permission hasn't been given to be there, that quick look around just may involve trouble with the law! Penalties for trespassing vary by state and all have laws in place for being on private property without permission. In

most places, trespassing is a Class A misdemeanor with possibility of fines (up to \$2500 in Illinois), as much as two years'

Trespassing – Not Cool!!!

probation, and up to a year in jail. Vandalizing the property (which includes leaving tire marks from a car) will increase the severity of any charges brought, and more than \$500.00 damage could result in a felony conviction. Potential paranormal investigators can ruin their chances of ever getting on a good team or being taken seriously if they disregard the law.

Many people mean no harm when exploring property that is abandoned, and in a lot of cases, the parties may not even be aware that they are legally trespassing. Whether a sign is visible or not, it is better not to take the chance. In Illinois, if there is a "no trespassing" sign anywhere on the property, a person could be arrested even if they didn't see the sign. In other words, ignorance of the violation is not a defense. To be safe, it is always best to get permission in writing from the owner of the property.

Dangers and Safety Factors

Climbing around an abandoned property presents many dangers other than the legal consequences. Hazards like the ones listed below need special consideration, as they are life threatening. Walking through an old building can bring exposure to toxins and rotting floors can give way, in some cases causing severe injury and death. These are some potential risk factors in exploring buildings that have been abandoned for any length of time.

- **Animals** – Wild animals will often take refuge in an old abandoned farmhouse or barn, and this presents many dangers. These animals feel threatened around humans and may attack, causing a risk for rabies or serious infection. There is also the factor of the urine and feces they leave behind, which is another potential health risk.

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- **Asbestos** – Many construction materials, especially older ones, contain naturally occurring heat resistant mineral fibers called asbestos. When disturbed, particles from these fibers become airborne; this in turn causes anyone in the immediate area to breathe them in. Exposure to asbestos can cause scar tissue in the lining of the lungs as well as lung cancer.
- **Broken Glass and Construction** –Most abandoned property is just that..abandoned. Time and the elements start to wear down foundations and construction and windows get broken out from people trying to get in. Serious injury can happen when flooring gives way or when walls and ceilings collapse. Exploring a crumbling old building alone is even more dangerous, as it can be a long time before help arrives.
- **Health** - The health risks of exploring abandoned property vary depending on the type of location. Old factories could possibly have toxic chemicals such as radon and an abandoned mine or quarry may have gasses such as carbon monoxide and hydrogen sulfide. Exposure to high EMF's which could be around the area or underground can cause headaches, nausea, skin rashes, and in severe cases, cancer. The fact that these hazards can't be seen with the naked eye makes them all the more dangerous and in some cases deadly.

Featured Affiliation

From time to time we will feature a team that we have an affiliation with (meaning a team we work with on cases).

Team Name: G.H.O.S.T.S of Raleigh

Team Website: www.ghostsofraleigh.com

About the Team: We are a husband and wife team, who after several years of paranormal hunts with other likeminded folks, decided in January 2010 to start our own team. While it is "fun" to investigate, and of course it's also work, for us it's about continuous learning and trying to hone our skills as best we can. Our goal is to help the client, either by validating their concerns or advising them on what we did or did not find.

Why did we get into the paranormal field? We have always had an interest in the paranormal, though it has peaked and wavered through the years. We knew we wanted to specifically focus on home investigations so we started our own team. Our main mission, of course, is to help the client, but we got into the paranormal field simply because we love this type of thing.

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Ghostly Believe it or Not!

Timmy – The child ghost of Waverly Hills

Story submitted by Melissa and Shannon Tanner, TnT Paranormal Investigators LLC

Our story began on a rainy night in April of 2009 at Waverly Hills Sanatorium (aka Waverly) in Louisville, KY. We were on a private ghost hunt event, hosted by Nightwatchers (<http://www.nightwatchers.info/>), with Marv (TnT Paranormal member), our friend Julie (from WCP), and about 30 other people. At the beginning of the hunt they broke us up into teams and assigned us a floor to go to and provided a rotation schedule. We initially were assigned to the 2nd floor (Waverly has 5 floors) and we investigated there for about an hour. The next rotation took us to the 3rd Floor. This is the floor that is rumored to have a child spirit named Timmy that is a constant resident there and loves to play with balls.

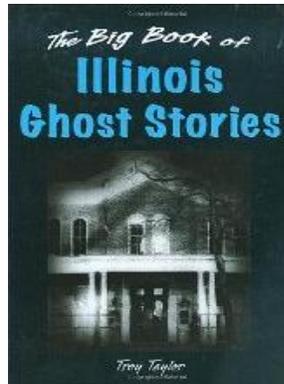
As we were walking around we found a ball and thought we'd try to see if we could get Timmy to come out and play. We placed the ball in the center of the hallway and asked Timmy if he'd like to come out and play. Almost immediately the ball began to move in a back and forth rocking motion. For the next several minutes we tried to debunk why it would be moving. Was it the floor? Was it the wind? We just could not pin point the source. So we decided to move to the other end of the hallway (about 200 feet away) and see what would happen. It began to move again. Luckily, this time we had a video camera rolling. This movement went on for close to 20 minutes. It would move more when we talked to Timmy and less when we did not.

To this day we can't explain what we encountered that night. Was it Timmy or was it someone or something else? All we do know is that we were not moving it and we could not find the source for why it would be moving.

A 30 second clip of the footage we captured can be found on our website at:

<http://www.tntparanormal.com/videoevidence.htm#529895172>

From the Paranormal Bookstore



Author: Troy Taylor

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The latest volume in the "Big Book" series contains more than 100 stories from haunted locales across the Prairie State. This collection includes: permanent guests of the Mineral Springs Hotel; the horrible history of the Old Slave House; active spirits in Decatur's Lincoln Theater; foreboding Voorhies Castle; haunting's in Lincoln's house; tragic spectres at the Iroquois Theater; rumours of a Devil Baby in Hull House; Chicago's famous Resurrection Mary; and, vanishing hitchhikers.

Ask TnT Paranormal

These questions were submitted by our readers, by our online subscribers, or in face to face meetings.

What is an EMF and why is it important in the field of paranormal?

EMF stands for Electromagnetic Field (EMF) and is the Electromagnetic radiation that penetrates the area surrounding the source of the EMF. Electromagnetic radiation is energy, like visible light, that is emitted from a source and is both electrical and magnetic. It is given off by all electrical appliances, electronics, wires, and power lines.

The theory is that paranormal activity produces EMFs when manifesting. We take EMF baseline readings at the beginning of an investigation and readings throughout the night. If we see an EMF spike it could be the result of paranormal activity, so we gather additional data in that area.



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Upcoming TnT Paranormal Events

- Paranormal Seminar, Streamwood Public Library, hosted by Windy City Paranormal (WCP), Training provided by WCP and TnT Paranormal, January 18, 2011 at 7:30PM
- Paranormal 101 Program, Des Plaines Valley Public Library - Romeoville , February 19, 2011 at 1:30PM
- Paranormal 101 Program, Nichols Library-Naperville, March 10, 2011 at 7:00PM
- Paranormal 101 Program, Carol Stream Public Library, October 4, 2011 at 7:00PM
- Paranormal 102 Program, Westmont Public Library, October 20, 2011 at 7:00PM
- Paranormal 101 Program, Mt. Prospect Public Library, October 25, 2011 at 7:30PM
- Paranormal 101 Program, New Lenox Public Library, October 27, 2011 at 6:30PM

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

Upcoming Paranormal Events

- March 3 – 6, 2011, Stanley Hotel Investigation with GAC, Estes Park, CO (<http://www.darknessradio.com/>)
- March, 24th - 27th, 2011, Phenomenology 103, Gettysburg, PA (<http://www.phenomevents.com/index.html>)
- Apr 8, 2011 and April 9, 2011, Rose Island Lighthouse, Ideal Event, Newport, RI (<http://idealeventmanage.com/tickets.html>)

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Investigator Spotlight

Angela Sangster

Researcher / Evidence Reviewer

Angela was born and raised in Decatur, IL and grew up in a house that she believes is haunted. She has four beautiful children and has happily been a single mother for several years. Her ten year old daughter has Autism Spectrum Disorder, which has been both a challenge and a learning experience for Angela.

Angela enjoys hiking, camping, fishing, Nascar, and researching all kinds of information, but especially that related to the paranormal and treatments for Autism.

She classifies herself as a skeptical believer and feels that you really don't need proof to believe in the paranormal. However, she would like to gain a better understanding of the paranormal and learn more about what is not paranormal. That way we can study more of what "is" paranormal.

Angela is the moderator for an online paranormal forum called "Talk Paranormal". Her username is: **scarygirl67**. You can learn more about it or join the site (for free) by going to: <http://www.talkparanormal.com/>