



Bumps in the Night!!!!

Famous Haunts

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Octagon Hall

Franklin, KY

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Construction on the Octagon Hall began in 1847. Andrew Jackson Caldwell chose the octagon shape for it to be a uniquely styled home. The home was completed in 1859 and was bound to become a well known home in Franklin, Kentucky.

Andrew Caldwell passed away in 1866 and the home continued to be the family home and main building for the plantation. Harriet Caldwell, Franklin's wife, lived in the Octagon home until she sold it in 1918. An osteopath, Doctor Miles Williams, from Nashville, Tennessee, was the new owner of Octagon Hall, and lived there until his passing in 1954.

Upon Doctor Williams' death, the home passed on through the family and was converted into rental property. Octagon Hall continued as rental property until The Octagon Hall Foundation purchased it in 2001.

During the Civil War, Andrew Caldwell was pro-Confederacy and gave assistance to confederate soldiers anytime it was needed. The Union soldiers were very often in the area and were suspicious of the activities at The Octagon Hall and monitored it closely. There are reports that the Union soldiers did not treat the grounds and the Caldwell family's belongings well being destructive.

Paranormal claims of The Octagon Hall include the following: Hearing footsteps, moving objects (a fireplace kettle swinging out on a fire iron), doors opening on their own at night, EVP's and other types of spirit communication, and the shape of a human body will appear in an upstairs featherbed on it's own and even shortly after the blankets have been smoothed down. There is also a local story of a young girl who burned to death in the home, in the 1860's.

One interesting reported paranormal phenomenon is the aroma of flowers that quickly changed into the putrid odor of decaying meat. This occurred on December 15, 2003, which happened to be the anniversary of Andrew Caldwell's death.

Paranormal investigations are held several days a week at a moderate price. Groups investigating are needed to go through a process to separate themselves from novice groups. All the details are shown on their website at: www.octagonhall.com. They can also be reached at: (270)-791-0071.