

Bumps in the Night!!!!

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At TnT Paranormal Investigators 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.

TnT Paranormal Happenings

It's hard to believe but fall is here and Halloween is right around the corner. For a lot of the TnT Paranormal team members it's our favorite time of year. With the pumpkins, hay bales, cider, candy corn, and oh yeah ghosts and goblins, Halloween is one of our favorite holidays. Go figure!

This fall we have a lot of paranormal activities we are offering to the general public. Some of the activities are free and some are not. The free activities are the upcoming library programs where we will be educating the public on the paranormal and what we do. These programs are being held in New Lenox (10/14), Mt Prospect (10/26), Shorewood (10/28), Westmont (11/4), and Franklin Park (11/11) and will cover the following topics:

- Type of Hauntings
- Equipment and Techniques used to capture evidence
- What are Orbs?
- What is an EVP?
- Ghost Photography

We are also offering some activities that have a fee associated with them. Such as the **Investigate with TnT Paranormal** event at Countryside Place (\$27) in Manteno, IL on October 8th and November 5th, and **Investigate with TnT Paranormal** at the Fox River Bed and Breakfast (\$20) on October 30th. These events include:

- Introduction to the Paranormal and Ghost Hunting
- Investigation of the location
- Introduction to Ghost Photography
- Equipment Usage and EVP Session training

To find out more information on these events including agenda, costs, etc. please to go: <http://www.tntparanormal.com/events.htm>.

Even though we are busy with events we will continue on with our investigations. If you know of anyone needing assistance please don't hesitate to contact us! Hope to see you this fall!

Happy Halloween from your
friends at TnT Paranormal!

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Paranormal 101

Investigations - Just the basics

by Melissa A. Tanner, TnT Paranormal Investigators

As a beginner or novice ghost hunter there are a few things to consider while on your investigations. The following is a list of the top ten:

- 1) **Be Professional.** Always maintain a professional appearance and attitude during your investigations. Also, avoid “creeping” into a property. The term “creeping” means entering a property without permission to investigate it. Please note that “creeping” is breaking and entering and is a crime.
- 2) **Make safety your first priority.** If you get scared, don't run from the situation. It will be dark and you are in a strange place. You could hurt yourself or others. Also, you are a representative of the paranormal field and your actions could be projected onto others in the field as well. The exception to this is if someone gets hurt and/or is in danger. Then by all means use whatever means you feel is necessary to get to safety and/or get help.
- 3) **Obtain a baseline of the area for the investigation.** It is important to access the investigation site and look for things that could cause someone to think and/or feel like a place is haunted. This can be done with equipment (such as an EMF detector and digital thermometer) as well as visually. A few items to consider are: things that could cause power spikes or high voltage emissions; storage of chemicals or other items that could cause issues; noting open or loose windows or doors, etc. Obtaining this baseline first will help with debunking and review of the potential evidence.
- 4) **Remember your goal.** Your goal for any paranormal investigation is to capture evidence that paranormal activity either does or does not exist. A few key items to remember: Try to walk and move as quietly as possible; make sure to talk in a normal voice; and if you hear a sound or make a noise call it out.
- 5) **Wear the right shoes for the job.** Remember you will be on your feet for a long time and at some points won't have a place to sit down. Making sure you have the correct foot attire will be critical.
- 6) **Leave or turn off all electronics.** It is best if you leave cell phones, Blackberries, pagers, iPhones, MP3 players, etc. at the command center or in your car.
- 7) **Use a flashlight.** The use of a flashlight is important for investigations. This is one of the key tools you need on you at all times. However, it is best to keep the usage to a minimum. Your eyes will adjust to the dark and you'll be able to observe more activity with the naked eye.
- 8) **Have patience and be observant.** Sometimes it is best to just sit quietly and observe the space around you. This will help to debunk situations that occur as well as observe any activity that may exist. This doesn't mean you have to be silent 100% of the time, but silence is a friend to investigators.
- 9) **Never lose the skeptic.** Whenever a potential paranormal experience occurs, try to debunk it and try to rule out the obvious first. Check for natural causes, such as wind, rain, etc. Check to see if someone or something else was in the area at the time. Check for something in the space that could cause the noise, like a furnace, dripping faucet, window, door, etc.
- 10) **Have fun.** Lastly, make sure to enjoy the investigation. After all that is why you're doing it...right?

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Ghostly Believe it or Not!

Stranger in my house

This story was submitted by one of our investigators, Marcie.

A few years ago Marcie was living in a 2 story, 3 bedroom townhouse, with her spouse and young son and they had many different experiences in this house but this is probably the most memorable one.

A friend had just moved in with her and her family because of a fire at her friends home and Marcie's son and friend were downstairs watching TV and Marcie and her spouse were upstairs talking. She was sitting on the bed with the doorway to her left and could see some of the stairway and part of the hallway. As they were talking, she heard someone come up the stairs and as she looked to her left she saw someone going toward the bedroom that the friend was using. She called out to her and received no response, so she called out again and still did not get a response. Her spouse informed her that the friend was still downstairs watching TV. Marcie argued with him telling him that the friend had just come upstairs and went into the bedroom. He again insisted that the friend was downstairs.

Marcie then got up and went half way down the stairs and called out to her friend. The friend responded and indeed her friend was downstairs still watching TV.

To this day she still has no explanation as who might have come up the stairs and had gone into that bedroom. Marcie will never forget this experience.

***Do you have ghost story to share
with our readers? If so, send us
your story for our next issue.***

Countryside Place – A History

The Victorian farmhouse, fondly named Countryside Place, was built by the Stauffenberg family in 1895 in Manteno, IL. The Stauffenberg's 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 Stauffenberg's, William, and Kate, were married on September 13, 1885 and had six children. In an article found observing their 50th 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.

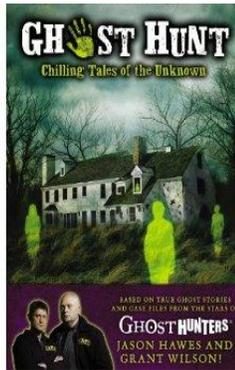
Note: Permission is required to enter the property and all trespassers will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

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From the Paranormal Bookstore

Ghost Hunt: Chilling Tales of the Unknown

An exciting new middle grade collection of spooky paranormal investigations based on REAL ghost hunts from stars of the TV show **Ghost Hunters**, the number one reality show on cable television!

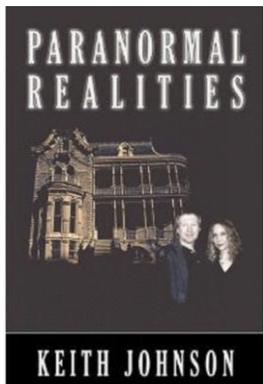


In a lush, thick volume, **Ghost Hunt** will feature multiple stories dramatized with cliff hangers and red herrings to heighten suspense and character interaction. Through the investigations, the reader will learn the ins and outs of ghost hunting, how to spot a hoax, and how to face their fear of the paranormal.

by Jason Hawes
and Grant Wilson of
TAPS
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0316099592

The book will also have tips for ghost hunting at the end of the book, including guides to the technical equipment and how to set up your own traps for ghosts. Though presented as fiction, these stories are based on real cases, and the GHOSTS ARE REAL!

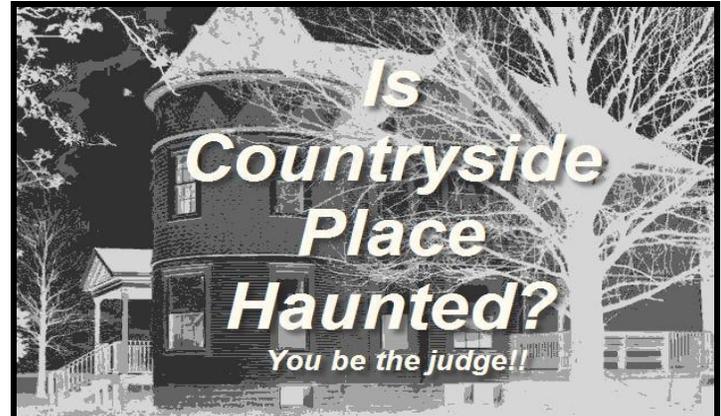
Paranormal Realities



Paranormal Realities was written by Keith Johnson, one of the foremost experts in the nation on demonology. He has investigated the paranormal for nearly thirty years and has played a more than active role in exorcisms. Keith is also a former cast member of the very popular Sci-Fi channel series "Ghost Hunters." Paranormal Realities is a first hand account of some of the most infamous of his investigations.

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Hosted by **TnT Paranormal Investigators**

Dates: October 8 or November 5, 2010
(two separate events)

Time: 7:00 – 11:00PM

Cost: \$27 per person per event

Location: Countryside Place, Manteno, IL

Go to <http://www.tntparanormal.com> to sign-up!

Upcoming Paranormal Events

- Oct 9 - St Augustine Lighthouse with Nightwatchers, St Augustine Lighthouse, FL (<http://www.nightwatchers.info/> - Event Page)
- Oct 16 - TAPS Lecture Series, Pabst Theater, Milwaukee, WI (<http://www.pabsttheater.org/show/ghosthunterslive>)
- Nov 5 – 8 – Ghosts of the Stanley Hotel, Beyond Reality Events, Estes Park, CO (<http://beyondrealityevents.com/stanley2/>)
- Nov 13 - The Queen Mary Investigation with Nightwatchers, Long Beach, CA (<http://www.nightwatchers.info/> - Event Page)

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Upcoming TnT Paranormal Events

- Investigate with the TnT Paranormal team; Countryside Place, Manteno, IL, Friday, October 8, 2010 at 7:00PM
- Guest on The Paraspeak Radio Network on Sunday, October 10th, 2010 from 9:30pm-10:30pm. To listen go to: paraspeak.com.
- Introduction to the Paranormal, New Lenox Public Library, October 14, 2010 at 7:00PM
- Introduction to the Paranormal, Mt. Prospect Public Library, October 26, 2010 at 7:30PM
- Introduction to the Paranormal, Shorewood-Troy Public Library, October 28, 2010 at 7:00PM
- Investigate with the TnT Paranormal team; Fox River Bed and Breakfast, Ottawa, IL, October 30, 2010 at 5:00PM
- 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.

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Contact
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learn more!

Investigator Spotlight

Susan Adams

Investigator in training

The latest addition to the TnT Paranormal staff is Susan Adams. Susan is a self proclaimed paranormal "junkie" and is addicted to all of the paranormal TV shows. Her favorite is Paranormal State on AETV. The main reason why she likes this show over the others is because of how they research the properties they investigate.

In addition to the paranormal Susan has nine other interests in her life, her seven grandchildren and two dogs. She enjoys spending time with them and is extremely proud of each one of them.

Susan classifies herself as a very open and spiritual person.