

Case File 1014

Balbirnie House

Present on the investigation:

Alex: Lead Investigator/Sensitive/Tech

Alec: Camera

Dez: Tech

Maryann: Sensitive

Zoey: Investigator

Jac: Investigator

Lou: Research

Lorraine: Scribe

Rebecca: Balbirnie Employee

Reports of unexplained voices including children talking, has been heard within some of the rooms.

Footsteps been heard walking around in rooms where no one else was present other than the witnesses.

Naturally we approached this with a healthy level of scepticism as always, but more so in this instance as these reports could be explained by guests walking by in the hallway or beneath or above floors, although when we were there the floors between levels were quite solid, so perhaps it was not other guests that could be heard, but we were able to distinctly hear voices from inside the room when we walked passed the outside.

Room 304:

On entering, Maryann and Dez could smell strong cigar smoke and heard footsteps within the room that they could not

explain. Maryann asked Rebecca if there used to be servants on this floor which she confirmed.

Alex and Dez left a voice recorder in this room in the hope of perhaps recording some of these unexplainable voices.

Room 303:

Maryann could sense a spirit present that used to be regarded as the nanny.

She felt she would be referred to as nanny Tilda. Nothing else was coming to her nor were there any unusual readings so we moved on.

Hallway:

Maryann stopped mid-walk between rooms and asked if the building had ever been used as recuperation for soldiers from one of the World wars as she was picking this up residually.

This was later discovered during the investigation of Cultybraggan POW camp (Case File 1015) afterwards, as they had it listed on their office wall.

Maryann moved forward a little and could feel that there was a ley line/energy line running from room 305 to 308. We used the divining rods to verify this as the rods crossed each time we moved between them.

Room 310:

Maryann stated that there were two small boys around 4 to 6 years old which she would describe as rascals. She also got

the names James and Jonathan but was unsure if that was the boys names or names of other people.

Maryann stated that she felt there used to be a fireplace by the dressing table, but she was unsure why she was being shown this at this stage. This claim was later confirmed by Lou who had checked through the previous building plans on the site.

Room 307:

Maryann could sense that there was an 18 month old child who had died of diphtheria, she then seen someone in the bathroom walking from the left to the right, as if they were walking down a corridor that was no longer there.

The EMF meter was sat on the bed between Jac and Lou, at this point there was a fleeting spike then another flicker of the meter.

Maryann stated that she could see a spirit woman, wearing attire that looked similar to what we would generally associate with the historical figure, Florence Nightingale.

Maryann sensed that there was an officer from Rorks Drift connected to the house and also that she was feeling drawn to the floors directly below her. She felt it was like a cellar area. At this point she also said the name Simpson or Simpkins may be relevant to that.

Maryann could see a mausoleum and felt that soldiers name would be on that.

Maryann could also see a spirit woman dated around the start of 1900's/1901. She was 27 years old. She had her hair

pinned up and was wearing a ruff around her neck. The name Cynthia and Charlene was mentioned together with Dempster which came to her after.

Hallway:

Alex and Dez were standing outside room 309 and heard female voices. This could have been naturally explained by the stairwell which was close by, so we continued on.

As we walked along the hallway, Dez stated that he felt as if someone had just walked through him just before room 312.

As Dez was looking in room 312 he stated that there was another ley line.

Staircase at Reception:

Maryann stated that she was again getting the name Albert.

Room 303 on break:

Whilst on break, Maryann again mentioned the name Albert. He appeared to be curious about us.

Alex came back from room 305 and stated that he had caught a weird whistling noise from the ultrasonic device on a frequency of 40,000 hertz and at the same time the lights in the room had flickered. When we returned in an attempt to record this again, the lights in the room flickered once more, but no whistling could be heard. Potentially this could be a wiring/electrical issue so we moved on.

Room 307:

We setup locked off cameras in this room due to the spiritual activity that was detected by Maryann. We setup an infrared and ultraviolet camera and a voice recorder and left the room.

Neither cameras record anything unusual.

Room 304:

As we walked in the door, there was a strong smell of cigar smoke present.

As we were conducting some EVP experiments, a loud tapping noise was heard by most of the team present, which came from the bathroom. It sounded like something hitting the ground or perhaps a surface tap.

We searched the bathroom, but could not locate the source of the noise. There were no foreign items on the floors surface and the heating was off. This remains unexplained.

Maryann stated that she could see what looked like three shadow figures in the bathroom as we sat back down. Light anomalies were recorded on the infrared camera and one shadow movement when we were all still.

Rebecca stated that whilst Maryann was carrying out an EVP session her ears were hurting. Jac also mentioned that she was experiencing what felt like tinnitus.

Alec noted his frustration as the camera appeared to keep switching in and out of focus.

Alec and Dez both stated that they could hear heavy breathing between them at the entrance to the bathroom.

Alex carried out an air atmosphere test and the quality was normal.

Lorraine and Dez both heard another noise from the bathroom and had reacted at the same time.

Dez mentioned that he could see shadows under the door from the hallway, but no residents were present, as it had been reserved for our investigation.

Offices:

As we were walking round the various offices, Lorraine heard whispering. She could see that this was not coming from any of the group nor the staff. This remains unexplained.

Library:

Alex stated that there was an elderly gentleman wearing a smoking jacket sitting in the chair by the fire. He received the name Gregory Templeton. He got the impression that he enjoyed using snuff.

Maryann stated she felt that the library used to be the drawing room, which Lou was able to confirm.

Maryann sensed that there had been a riding accident and attempted to obtain more information but unfortunately nothing else developed.

At this point Alec and Lou went to a different room to conduct an EVP experiment. On playback they could both hear something and reported back to the team but were unable to retrieve them as they had vanished from the recorder.

Both Alec and Lou testified that they had listened to the recording several times to try and establish what was recorded so it should have still of been on the recorder but it was not.

Alex was getting the impression that the spirit Gregory, wanted to speak with Zoey, so Zoey sat in the library and asked some questions into the voice recorder but sadly it detected nothing.

The recorder is very old and only records a few feet in front of it so perhaps the spirit was just out-with the range of the recorder.

Time had beaten us though, so we were unable to return to the library to test that theory and so ended our investigation for the night.