

Investigations

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**Location:** Fort Mifflin - Philadelphia, PA

Date: July 16-17, 2011 Investigation Timeframe: 6pm – 3 am

Paranormal

Weather Conditions/Cloud Cover: clear/none

Temperature: 76°

**Precipitation/Chance: none** 



Lunar Cycle: Waning Gibbons

Geomagnetic Field: Quiet Solar X-Ray: Normal

Investigators and others present:

Barbara  $\boxtimes$  Kelly  $\boxtimes$  Bev  $\boxtimes$  Rusty  $\boxtimes$  + plus Truth Travelers and their invitees

#### Preliminary Investigation Information

Members of PIRC joined up with Mary G and Steve S of Truth Travelers. Mary & Steve hosted the Fort Mifflin event. There were members from several other paranormal groups that made up the teams for the night's events.

#### Investigation

The evening started at 6 pm with everyone meeting in one of the barracks. A psychic woman named Marla Brooks skyped in from California to help us prepare for the evenings investigation. She performed a protection ceremony as well as a candle ceremony meant to attract spirits. This was the first time I had ever attended an investigation with other paranormal groups so it was very interesting to see how they went about preparing for the night and how they conducted their investigation.

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Steve and associates ran various night vision camera's with their locations as follows: Powder Casemate, Casemate 11, Elizabeth's room and Casemate 5. The team locations were as follows: Casemate 11, Torpedo room, Officer's quarters, powder room, Ammo room, casemates 1-5, blacksmith and the sallyports.

Teams rotated in and out of the various areas throughout the evening. The rotation varied by team so I won't address any particular rotation.

There were many hand held units employed by the various paranormal teams. The interesting thing about doing this type of investigation is that you get to meet a lot of people and share your ideas and see the different types of equipment.

Being in Fort Mifflin at night is certainly a different experience. Having visited the fort on many daytime adventures there was a certain air to the fort that is not there during the day.

All the attendees were split up into groups and then those groups had a specific time to go to our assigned locations and investigate.

One of the disappointing things about rotating in locations is that you have to move on at a predetermined point of time regardless of the energy or interaction you may be experiencing; however I can't imagine the complexity involved in trying to ensure that 20+ people all get the same opportunity in each location.

The locations we visited were casemate 11, torpedo room, powder room, officers quarters, casemates 1-5, ammo room, blacksmith and sallyports.

In all my visits to the fort casemate 11 had not been open to the public yet and so I was excited to visit this location. The space inside was very confined and my first reaction was it would be impossible to conduct an investigation but then I thought, "Wow this is so confined. How on earth did someone exist in this space?" Grant it that there were 5 of us there but even with only one person what a terrible environment for someone to be held captive in. There were plaques covering where the William H Howe had written his name on the walls inside this casemate in 1864. Howe was held there for months then transferred to Eastern State Penitentiary only to be returned in August of 1864 and executed on the grounds of the fort. The thought of being in casemate 11 for a day let alone months was upsetting.

Kelly did feel someone touch her in casemate 11 and Steve was able to feel the coldness around her. See her personal experiences.

Frank from NJROPE Paranormal (in our group) had an interesting ghost box session in casemate 5. He conducted an interactive session asking questions to whatever now resides there. He had been singled out and it was amusing to see the responses the ghost box provided even going so far as to call him a 'punk'.

Bev's group yielded some interesting photos with some sort of light emitting from her ghost meter. The pictures are posted. Rusty had been snapping photos of their session. A medium named Lady V was in Bev's group and between her sensitivity and Bev's sensitivity their sessions yielded some interesting personal experiences.

My groups' investigation of the rooms while interesting did not provide any paranormal activity that could be determined at the time.

## Personal Experiences:

## <u>Kelly</u>

Location, Location, location...what a wonderful opportunity be locked down in a Revolutionary war forte, to an early American history junkie and a ghost hunter the opportunity was a dream come true.

We arrived at dusk, and along with the other investigators were busy checking our equipment and familiarizing ourselves with each other.

The administrator of the forte started off the evening by relating the history of the forte and stories of the unusual happenings. We started the tour of the grounds, buildings, and casements. During the tour we went into the Powder room and during the presentation, looking at the back wall, I saw a shadow emerge from the back wall. At first I thought it was just my eyes playing tricks, but then it happened twice more. I snapped a few pictures, but there was nothing to document what I was seeing.

We then broke out into teams, and we started our first group investigation in Casemate 11. Everyone walked in to the far end of the room and I hung back in the first compartment filming the small barred window. Then I started to get an overwhelming feeling like something was standing beside me, every hair on my body was standing on end and my left arm was frozen. I alerted the group to take pictures and one of the other investigators came next to me and could feel the cold, and as quickly as he validated it, the cold was gone.

We then moved to the torpedo room and and while the feelings there were not as intense, I did get the feeling we were being watched.

All in all it was a fun night and exciting to have such a historic site all to ourselves.

## <u>Barbara</u>

The only personal experience I had was when my group was by the blacksmith. It was a hot night and I was standing in the doorway of the blacksmith building.

Inside Steve and Frank were trying to get responses on the ghost box and to get a can to be moved. I kept getting the feeling someone was behind me and from time to time I'd turn around. Then I heard my name called. Thinking it was one of the teams as they changed location I stepped outside. No one was there. While outside I got this feeling that something or someone was just outside my field of vision. I took many photos outside since I had the feeling the entire time that I was being watched from the hill. While my photos did not yield anything conclusive it did yield some interesting orb photos.

Those photo's of the area just outside with the multi-colored orbs are posted on the website.

## Conclusion

I enjoyed the camaraderie of the various groups and I met many wonderful, interesting people. The investigation was truly an experience and did have an enjoyable evening.