

Prelim Team Process

This process begins after the initial contact has been made.

Some of this should be gathered prior to Prelim visit.

Basic research should be performed to confirm information and determine if a visit is to be done.

- Confirm home ownership, heritage using county clerk's office for that locale.
<https://www.uslandrecords.com/uslr/UslrApp/index.jsp>
- Follow the trail as far back as you can. Grantor is seller, Grantee is buyer.
- Check with Zillow to get home layout, year built and other specific information
- Search Google for: location maps, any specific history information you may have received. Look for historical maps, war references, Underground Railroad connections, Indian references, historical societies for locale etc. Here are some links to guide you: (most are for rockland only but they similar exist for all locales)
 - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Main_Page
 - <https://geopower.jws.com/rockland/>
 - <http://www.rocklandgenealogy.org/rcressrc.htm> (resource page)
 - <http://www.rocklandgenealogy.org/> (beginning page)
 - <http://www.rocklandhistory.org/page.cfm?page=48>
 - <http://www.hrvh.org/cdm/landingpage/collection/hsrc>
 - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_Rockland_County,_New_York_%281798%E2%80%931900%29
 - https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Rockland_County,_New_York
- Get a brief geological make up to know whether this could be an influence – a more in depth geological survey will be needed. Visit here to start:
<http://mrdata.usgs.gov/geology/state/>
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Note: Additional research will need to be done such as local historical references, graveyard locations etc.

For Prelim

Check sex offender's website prior to scheduling prelim

- **Call client:** Check on their current status and *schedule* the Preliminary visit. Explain children should not be present if possible. Always a minimum of 2 people go to a prelim.
- **Basic gear to bring:** digital recorder, emf detector, KII and a camera.
- **At location – ask if ok to run recorder:**
 - Review previous information with client
 - Gather the remaining information if necessary
 - Ask them to show you the active locations and describe problem

- Take readings as you tour the location – make note of high readings as you tour, check electronics that register high, check switches, plugs, PCs, circuit breaker, cable boxes etc.
- Look for non-paranormal causes
- Guidance is good, explain about positive energy but avoid too much information
- **Note:** Ask if you can take photos of location to help with camera placement. Use your instincts on this. If you don't think they would be receptive don't ask.

No investigation will be scheduled at this time but you can ask if they would be interested in a full investigation and explain about it briefly.

- **Tell them you will get back to them once you check the schedule.**
 - Explain Children should not be present for investigation unless it is necessary to empower the children
 - **If something doesn't feel right or you have reason to think you don't want to do this investigation – Trust your instincts - Since we are not scheduling the investigation just say you will get back to them with a date.**
 - **Never tell the client while you're there that you don't want to do the investigation. Wait till you are safe and call back.** At this point you just tell them you are booked or that you don't feel an investigation is warranted.