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Can Ghosts Follow You Home?

The question that everyone seems to ask, can a ghost follow you home? I personally have never had this happen, but others have reported they have.

Some believe that if you're sensitive enough a spirit can attach itself to you. The spirit will use the energy from your body to do this. What happens after this depends on the spirit and how sensitive you are to it. If you're not sensitive and it is a nice spirit, you may never even realize it's there. If it's nasty, if it's demonic, you will definitely know!

Others believe that spirits do not follow us home. That the spirits seem to be drawn to or attached to a certain location and that they will remain there regardless of who is living there. Some of the occupants will know there is a spirit present while others, who are less sensitive, will not. The location could be the spirits home, favorite place, or the scene of their death. There are a few exceptions to this rule, such as:

Relatives: Relatives may return to visit the living and are not bound by location. Even an Earth-bound relative who has remained here and have a living relative may fol-

low that person. Close friends are also able to do this.

Sensitives/Psychics: People who are sensitive to spirits may have encounters in different locations. They often think the first house they lived in is haunted and that the spirits have followed them to their new home. But in reality they are seeing new spirits at the new location. Some people are unaware that they are sensitive and just think the place is haunted. Spirits are everywhere and are drawn to people who are sensitive to them.

Haunted Object: If a spirit is attached to a personal item it can follow you home. It could be a favorite chair, family heirloom, anything that person valued in life. If a spirit in your home is attached to a personal item and you take that object with you when you move, the spirit comes along too!

By: Angie Miles

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WHISPERS ESTATE

If you are looking to stay in a real haunted house, the Whispers Estate Bed and Breakfast in Mitchell, Indiana will not disappoint. This 3,700 square foot Victorian home built in 1899 was home to Dr. John and Jessie Gibbons. Dr. Gibbons lived and worked in the home using two of the home's rooms as his operating and examination rooms. Although the couple never had children of their own, it was believed that they took in and cared for orphaned children. One such story centers around a girl named Rachael and her twin brother Enus who's parents were thought to have been killed in a carriage accident. Dr. and Mrs. Gibbons raised the children in the home until at the age of eight, Rachael had a terrible accident. On Christmas day in 1912, Rachael's nightgown caught fire from the decorative candles on the family's Christmas tree and two days later, despite every effort of Dr. Gibbons to save her, she died from her injuries. It is said that Enus died two years later. Mrs. Jessie Gibbons passed away from pneumonia in the home in 1934 and Dr. Gibbons died in the hospital in 1944 at the age of 70.

When Artist Jarret Marshall bought the home a few years ago, he was not aware of the home's paranormal activity. It was a beautiful old home that was in need of major

repair on the inside and he set to work to restore the home to its original beauty. That restoration may have stirred up the spirits in the home. Once the activity became known to Jarret, he called on the Indiana Ghost Trackers to investigate. A variety of phenomena has been reported by the countless guests and paranormal investigators that have since stayed in the home ranging from strange smells, faucets turning off and on, footsteps, apparitions seen out of the corner of the eye and even caught in photographs, etc. However, the most compelling evidence captured in the home are the disembodied voices heard in real-time. Sure, people have gotten amazing EVP's there, but even more sensational is the fact that the spirits at the Whispers Estate do not need a digital recorder to talk to you! The voice of a young girl believed to be Rachael communicates frequently to guests, giggling, singing, and asking guests to "find her" in a playful sort of way. The voices of a man, a woman, and a baby's cry have also been reported. It is said that Rachael will even play with guests by moving items in her room such as dolls and jacks. Jarret Marshall has researched the house and claims that new information seems to pop up all the time relating to the possible spirits in the home. He even discovered five possible graves in the backyard and had

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sonar work done on them. He believes now that the two adults buried there may be Rachael and Enus's real parents and that the two children's graves are that of Rachael and Enus themselves. There is also a grave that he thinks belongs to a baby. Both Dr. and Mrs. Gibbons are buried in the Mitchell Cemetery.

I was lucky enough to have visited the home a few years ago with some members of the Indiana Ghost Trackers and although disappointed that the spirit of Rachael did not "come out and play" or speak with us, the night was not uneventful. While in the doctor's operating room, our video camera that had a fully charged battery shut off just as we asked for a sign of a spirit's presence. The when asked again, many of us had our own "Dude, run" moment when the loudest bang I've ever heard came from the adjoining bathroom and sent us fleeing from the doorway in shock. We investigated the bathroom but found nothing out of place. We tried to recreate the sound by sending a team member upstairs to jump up and down on the floor above us but we all agreed that it sounded like something had fallen hard in the bathtub. Jarret's brother was with us that night and he said that they were discovering that Dr. Gibbons himself had died from a fall in the upstairs

bathtub but passed away in the hospital! Strange! We also distinctly heard a baby crying throughout the upstairs investigation and I got evp of old time music but there were no pianos, radios, or t.v's around.

Now under new ownership, the Whisper's Estate rents 3 bedrooms out on Friday and Saturday nights. The owner, Van, encourages paranormal groups to visit and investigate. The Indianapolis chapter of IGT is planning a visit in August. It is my hope that whatever spirits are there, they try to make contact with us and we have the rare opportunity to experience the real time voice phenomena that has been recorded repeatedly.

The Whisper's Estate has been featured on ghost related radio talk shows as well as on the Sci-fi channel's documentary Children of the Grave. Check out the interview with Jarret on the Ghostman and Demon Hunter radio show. There are some great EVP's of Rachael communicating in real-time with Shawn Burris.

www.blogtalkradio.com/gandd/feed

For more information or to see pictures of the home visit

www.whispersestate.net.

By Kelli McQueen

IGT Member Spotlight

Let's take some time to get to know our fellow IGT Indy members:

What is your name? John W. Halcomb, Sr

What is your forum ID? Spector Detector

When did you join IGT? 2005

How did you hear about IGT? Through friends

How did you become interested in ghost hunting? I have always been interested in ghosts and paranormal. I grew up watching scary movies and have always found scary or supposedly haunted places interesting.

Where was your first IGT hunt? My first IGT hunt was at a cemetery in Lebanon

Do you have a favorite IGT moment or hunt you would like to share? My favorite IGT moment would have to be at the Directors Retreat this year in French Lick. That is when I was finally able to chat with Denise from the Northwest Chapter. We have been dating since, and she is now my fiancée. My second favorite moment was proposing during a hunt at a graveyard.

My favorite hunt was at a theater in Indianapolis when I had a spirit jump on my back. It was incredibly cool.

Do you have any dislikes? I don't like people who are just out for fun when ghost hunting, and don't take it serious. I am all about having fun, and having fun with a group, but when it comes to ghost hunting, there is a time to be serious.

Do you have any other hobbies you would like to share with the group? I really don't have time for other hobbies. With my day job, and the extra hours I put in as Director, it barely leaves me any time to sleep.

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Want a Good Read?

Kelli McQueen sent me some information on a book she read that she really enjoyed and wanted to share with the group.

The name of the book is Take a Walk on the Darkside: Rock and Roll Myths, Legends, and Curses by R. Gary Patterson. The link is <http://www.rgarypatterson.com/work5.htm>.

Here is a brief subscription from the website about the book:

In "Take A Walk on the Dark Side, Gary Patterson takes readers on a hell-raising (and sometimes hair-raising) journey through the enduring myths and legends of rock and roll hijinks and history. This updated and expanded edition of his cult classic, "Hellhounds on Their Trail, features ten brand-new chapters sure to captivate devotees of his earlier

highly sought after work.

Kelli believes anyone who is a fan of horror and music will enjoy this.

Currently I am reading a book a friend gave me. It is called Storm Front, Book One of the Dresden Files by Jim Butcher.

I am only a few chapters into this book but it has me hooked. I am not sure if anyone watched Dresden Files when it was on TV but Harry Dresden is a Wizard. He uses magic to solve cases. When Chicago P.D. has a case that is along the paranormal lines, they call in Harry Dresden to help solve the mystery. I recommend this book to anyone who enjoys mysteries and suspense with a little bit of magic involved.

By Rebecca Auker