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# Indiana Ghost Trackers Indy Chapter

## I Ought to be in Pictures

GT Indy members were polled and asked the question, "If you could be a character from any horror movie that you've seen, who would it be and why would you be suited for that role?"

### **Kelli McQueen-**

"I would be Barbra from the original Night of the Living Dead movie. I think I could play a nervous, helpless, terrified, crying, screaming, paranoid basketcase with accuracy and authenticity."

### **Michelle Huff-**

"I would play the role of the female who kicks the monster/killer's ass and is the only one left to survive for the sequel. Like Nancy from A Nightmare on Elm Street."

### **Chris Settles-**

"Freddy!! It would be fun to be able to control your world and those around it."

### **Beth Wren-**

"Wendy from The Shining because I am a survivor as she was."

### **Judy Smith-**

"There are actually a couple of movies one being from 1947 called "The Ghost and Mrs. Muir" starring Rex Harrison and Gene Tierney. The character I would love to play is Lucy Muir who moves into a seaside mansion haunted by a long dead sea captain. She falls in love with him and later dies and they walk off together forever..ahhhh... I think this would be a perfect role for me because I'm a hopeless romantic and it would be just like me to fall in love with a GHOST!!!"

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## Prospect Place By Kelli McQueen

George Wilson Adams, the youngest son of George Adams, first came to Ohio at the age of 8 in 1808. When he grew up, he and his brother Edward built a large flouring mill near the town of Dresden. During the Civil War, George worked to help the cause of the North and supported the Union Armies. He also became director of the Panhandle and The Cincinnati & Muskingum Valley Railroad Companies and he built a suspension bridge at his own expense over the Muskingum River near Dresden. Mr. Adams was one of the largest landowners and leading stock-raisers in central Ohio. Mr. Adams was twice married and had seven children. He died on August 31, 1879.

George W. Adams had the 29 room mansion known as Prospect Place or Trinway Mansion built in 1856. He was a staunch abolitionist. It is no surprise then that the mansion was used as an

underground railroad station. It became in fact one of the largest stations in Ohio. A lantern would be placed in the upper lookout section of the house to signal that it was safe for the slaves to come in. They would be kept in the basement and given food, lamps, blankets, etc. until they could journey farther north. The house had indoor plumbing and two coal stoves with copper tanks which heated the water and allowed for hot and cold running water service in the home. The home also featured a primitive form of "air conditioning" created by bringing cool basement air into the living rooms through ducts in the outside walls. It was the second house built on that foundation as the first house was destroyed by an arson-related fire. The newly built mansion had brick interior walls with mortar built in between the first and second floors to block fire.

After G.W. Adams' death, the mansion was occupied by Anna Cox, his eldest daughter and it eventually passed to George Cox, a grandson of G.W. Adams. He owned it until it was sold in 1969 to a distant relative named Eugene Cox. The mansion was listed on the National Register of Historic Places but it was deteriorating to the point where it was scheduled to be demolished in 1988. Local businessman of Longaberger Basket fame, Dave Longaberger, bought the home to prevent its destruction. He and the Longaberger Company fixed it up and in 2001 the great grandson of G.W. Adams, George J. Adams purchased the home. He created a non-profit called the G.W. Adams Education Center, Inc. to continue the restoration efforts. Why does this mansion draw so many ghosthunters each year?

Well, apparently it has its share of resident ghosts including a malevolent bounty hunter who was hung in the barn, a watchful guardian spirit of a former slave said to be injured

and lurking in the basement, the spectral image of a former servant repeatedly climbing the stairs, a little girl who possibly fell to her death from a balcony, the spirit of Anna Adams-Cox who died a lonely old woman in the home, and the shameful spirit of her husband William Cox Jr. who mysteriously disappeared leaving Anna alone and miserable. Ghosthunters from T.A.P.S. and the team from Ghost Adventures have visited the mansion and had their share of experiences. This month IGT Indy will be visiting as well. Will we make contact with the spirits of this old historic home? We'll keep you posted.



Picture by Beth Wren 2010



## Meet Member Beth Wren

### **1. Tell me about yourself.....**

I work for Anthem BC/BS. I am a medical claims adjudicator for the states of Colorado and Nevada. And have been there ten years in December. I have three kids, well, young adults. Candice is 23, Christian is 22, and Wesley is 18. My hometown is Vincennes/Washington, Indiana, but I live and work in the Indianapolis/Greenwood area. Believe it or not, I'm a home body. I love to garden and ghost hunt.

### **2. Why did you become a ghosthunter?**

All my life I have had the ability to hear ghosts and I am very intuitive and empathic. Spirits and ghosts are nothing new to me. I have been graving for years, but with the onset of all the ghost shows on tv, I thought I would Google ghost groups in Indiana and I found IGT ( aren't you guys lucky lol ) I have been with IGT for 3 or 4 years.

### **3. What have been your top 3 places to investigate since being with IGT?**

Moundsville

Artcraft Theater

The Nyberg Sanitorium in Booneville, Arkansas

### **4. Where would you still like to investigate in the future?**

I would love to go to Ft. Mifflin and Gettysburg.

### **5. What helpful qualities do you bring to IGT?**

My sparkling and shiny personality, my ability to talk to people ( truly I don't think I have ever met a stranger), my dedication to being the best bitchy bystander ( award winning) I can be, my networking abilities to obtain hunts and events for us to have fund raisers, and my kick ass ghost equipment.( lol )

