

INVESTIGATION REPORT – Team 3



Investigation Site	Houghton House
Investigation Date	1 st May 2009
Report By	Bill King
Team Members	Bill, Marion, Nian

Pre-Vigils

For this investigation we arrived on the site before sunset so as to give LPS members who had never visited Houghton House the chance to get some daylight photographs.

When we arrived a group of teenagers were already at the site and Bill and Marion spent some time with one of them discussing aspects of the paranormal (what ghost look like and our personal experiences etc.).

The weather was dry during the investigation but there had been slight drizzle just before it started. There was a slight breeze coming from the southwest and a thin cloud layer.

Vigil 1 – 21:06 to 21:35

For this vigil Team 1 positioned themselves along the access driveway to the house, Team 2 occupied a room in the southeast corner of the lower floor of the building and Team 3 were in what was originally the bottom of the stairwell (see drawing).

During the first part of this vigil the group of teenagers were sitting in the northeast corner of the house and making a reasonable amount of noise.

Marion reported that as we walked into the room she had the name *Jonathon*.

21:06 Bill measures the temperature at +8.5 to +9.5°C.

21:09 The group of teenagers start to leave along the access path past team 1.

21:10 Marion says that she sees a black shape about big dog size going around the edge of the room by the wall.

21:11 The teenagers return to the northwest corner of the building as they have lost a mobile phone. After finding it they decide to remain on site a bit longer.

21:12 Marion gets the name *Spencer*.

21:14 Bill measures the temperature at +8 to +9°C. The wall to the east of the room he is in measures at +12°C.

21:15 Marion gets *Maryland* and *Marlborough* and feels a presence behind her left shoulder.

21:17 Teenagers leave the site.

21:20 A flash of light is seen by Bill in his peripheral vision to his left (on the west wall of the room).

Marion reports that she hears footsteps and people talking. She also sees a woman walk through the doorway opposite her. She only saw her briefly but she was wearing a sumptuous yellow /gold dress which looked to have a tiny dark red flower as decoration, a lace trim around the neck and sleeves. It was Georgian, from 1720 to about 1750. Her hair was fair and in a long big ringlet. Marion didn't get her face but the whole impression was golden.

Marion also picked up *St Stephens*.

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21:23 Bill stands in the south half of the room facing southeast and gets the smell of squashed bananas.

21:25 A sound of a cough is heard by Bill and coming from the direction of Team 2. It sounded like Steph but when asked about it after the investigation she did not recall coughing.

21:26 Bill hears a sound on the gravel of the long room to the east of the room he was in and to the southeast of where he was standing. It sounded like something moving on the gravel. At the south end of the room he was in there was an old crisp packet on the ground which made a similar noise as it moved around in the breeze but when he heard the gravel noise he was standing next to the crisp packet and it did not move and the sound came from somewhere else.

21:27 Bill hears the sound of voices coming from the south. At first he thinks it is the teenagers who had been in the house earlier.

Marion says that she has tears in her eyes. She also gets '*shout it from the rooftops*', jubilation and says that her face is crawling.

21:31 Andy reports that another, and larger, group of teenagers are approaching the site, these were the source of the voices Bill heard.

Marion gets the name *Morgan*.

21:35 Bill calls an end to the vigil when the group of teenagers arrive on site and come down the stairs into the area where Teams 2 and 3 were undertaking the vigil.

During the vigil Marion had been asking for someone to speak into her sound recorder. Analysis of the recording revealed the teenagers larking about on the other side of the house, this has been taken into account and she believes everything she heard had been in the room apart from a distant scream.

The recording counted down from 29 minutes and 13 seconds and Marion reports that it contained the following:

29:35 The voice I am hearing is either a woman or young boy it's hard to distinguish between the two.

29:35 A shout '*Fritz, where's my dog*'.

28:55 The sound of a distant frightened scream.

28:55 A loud bark.

23:48 The sound of footsteps on a hard floor. Continues for 16 seconds

18:37 A shout '*help me God*' or '*oh my God*'.

18:22 A shout '*go away*'.

18:20 A sound like a whack with a cane.

18:19 A shout '*aaaaagh*'.

17:39 I hear '*let me go*'.

17:38 A mans demonic laughter lasting for 4 seconds.

17:30 The sound of two loud barks.

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15:38 I can hear the teenagers shouting as they are coming over our side, but sounds like someone shouts 'yaaaaaagh' right at the recorder, it didn't sound very nice.

15:22 A mans deep voice says 'Hello' right at the recorder, sounds like a servant rather than gentry.

01:12 A low murmur, can't make out the words.

Marion reports that she had the feeling that someone wasn't treated very well there.

Bill had a brief talk with the group about the haunting of the site and they said they were there to celebrate the birthday of one group member. They did report that they had been there before and seen strange dark shadows on the floor above. After talking with the group it was decided to end the investigation as it was very likely they would be staying for some time.

