

# Investigation Report



<b>Investigation Site</b>	Someries Castle
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## Background

The name of “Someries Castle” was derived from William de Someries, who had a residence on this site, but the title “castle” is contentious since it hardly describes the structure to which it is applied. The site was acquired by Wenlock in 1430 and building the mansion commenced.

The house is unique in that it is regarded as one of the first brick buildings in England. The house was never completed by Wenlock, and was partly demolished in the 18th century. The brickwork can still be seen in the remains of the gatehouse, incorporating the chapel and lodge, which still stand today. The building is important in the history of medieval English brickwork, not least because the gatehouse shows elaborate and unusual brick detailing which links it with a group of other fifteenth-century brick buildings in the same general area:

The remains of the original manor house and/or the earlier Norman Castle are now visible only as earthworks that outline the plot where the house originally stood, although remains of the gatehouse to the actual manor house and the chapel that was connected to it, are still partially standing. Even though it was never completed, it holds record as being one of the first brick built buildings in England.

Some bricks from the manor house were used to build the nearby farm houses in the 17th century. King James I., in his progress in 1605, spent a night in this house. It is the property of Madame de Falbe. (*Castles Of England, Sir James D. Mackenzie, 1896*)

## Paranormal History

Sir John Wenlock, whose ghost is alleged to haunt the castle which is not really a castle at all but more of a fortified mansion. For years there had been stories of a duke who had failed to support his ally in the Cousins’ War and paid for it with his life in the grounds of Someries Castle. There were signs that his ghost had been reawakened.

There were rumours aplenty of sightings of dragons, dead animals found in the grounds of the castle and strange noises in the middle of the night. Soon local people started to avoid the area, especially at night. It was one of John’s great joys in life to ask locals about the strange drumming heard from Someries, knowing that his men would simultaneously be moving barrels of whiskey from wagons and drumming in the ruins to keep away locals.

The castle was abandoned a couple of decades ago and partially demolished. The crumbling pockmarked walls offered little protection against the elements but some rooms remained complete. Together with the warren of underground tunnels and basements, John had plenty of space to store the whiskey, tea and silk that the townspeople of Luton craved. There were even arrow-slits, originally built for dramatic effect, which his men used to survey the surroundings.  
*Bedfordshire Folk Tales By Jen Foley*

### **21:00 Pre-Investigation**

LPS with investigating this location for the sixth time and one member has been investigating this location since the early 1970's. For the first time LPS was using a new tool in the investigation armoury namely Gregorian Chanting to see if that would arouse any paranormal activity. Although the location has not produced a great deal of paranormal activity over the years it is still a nice location to visit if a little cold and very noisy from the aircraft taking off which impact on EVP and other experiments.

Equipment was set up which included K2 meter, emf and temperature meter, Rem pod, video recorder. During the set up Roland witnessed an EMF meter lodged in the wall of the main castle responding to the team's questions. It turned red on several questions including when asked if the entity was a male. Dawn said hello and it immediately sounded, Andy asked it to go from red to green and it reacted straight away. The team introduced themselves, Andy mentioned that he would be playing Gregorian chant music and the alarm sounded on the meter instantly. Andy asked if it was a male communicating and the alarm reacted instantly. Andy asked for confirmation of a male presence and the meter sounded. Roland then asked for the alarm to sound and it did. The team decided to change approach and the alarm reacted just before the meter was turned off as if in protest.

Temperature taken was 12 degrees.

### **21:13 Silent vigil**

This began with team members seated together. Temperature taken was now just 5 degrees.

### **21:30 Silent Vigil ends with no activity**

### **21:35 Gregorian Experiment**

Gregorian music was played using a CD Player while the team sat in the dark during which Dawn sensed a male presence watching from outside the gated entrance beckoning "come with me" Dawn noticed during this time her video recorder had been switched off via the power button. When she switched it back on it was still displaying a full battery.

21:42 Andy can smell burning wood but none of the other team members encounter this

21:45 Andy observers a flashing light orb on the inside of the castle wall above where Dawn is sitting.

21:50 Andy observes a faint image of someone walking past the team towards the main entrance to the castle.

21:53 Andy again smells wood burning and again no one else sitting nearby can smell this

21:56 Andy hears a loud scream but no one else hears this.

21:58 Flir 5 thermal camera used but nothing shows up on the imaging.

### **22:00 Experiments ends**

### **22.10 Ovilus 3 Experiment at the Spiral Staircase.**

The Ovilus came out with Apart, life, water, automatic, placate, Harriet, thing, shoot, alright, kind, time, common, eat, chair, Paul, course, hernia, fly, trap, run, casket, next GREY came up in response to a request for another name suggesting maybe Harriet Grey or Paul Grey, six, late, English, then METAL this came up as Andy had put his hand on the metal gate, aunt, then MEN came up in response to Dawn asking who used the spiral staircase, records, green, quite, haste, bury, projection, lesson, WAVE came up in response to Andy saying we were going to leave soon, pose, the last word on the ovilus was wash.

When using the Ovilus, Roland witnessed several words coming through to our questions: Water, metal, fly, Harriet, Paul, Aunt, six, men, chair and apart. This was interesting as we had sat apart on chairs previously. Harriet became a name of interest later to Roland.

Roland heard a bleep from the previous area where the team had been. He did not report this at the time. When Andy checked his video camera later in an adjacent room, it had been switched off and Andy indicated that it would have beeped when doing this. The video camera could not have turned itself off due its positioning and inaccessible control switch.

### **22:35 Olivus Experiment ends**

and the team return inside the castle Dawn noticed her video recorder had been switched off for the second time by the power switch while all members of the team were in a different area of the building and the battery had been significantly drained. Dawn then set up video recorder number 2. Andy who has hidden a camera inside a wall cavity also finds that his camera has manually turned itself off and given that the switch was inside the wall the team cannot explain this.

The team took photographs before the next part of the investigation

### **22:47 EVP Experiment**

For the EVP experiment the team moved to the next part of the building, and asked a succession of questions in turn for EVP response. In this area the team had some success with using the Olivus three experiment with names like Harriet and Paul being interlinked or words being produced that were in conjunction with what members were doing at that exact time. For example Six men came up when asked about who went up the tower.

### **23.20 Spirit Box Session.**

Dawn asked for communication to be made and the response was “MEAN YOU NO HARM” This was the exact phrase Dawn had mentioned in the earlier session. Andy asked for a name and immediate response was “CLIVE” followed by “THATS MY FIRST NAME” then “JOHN” “STAY” “GOOD SONG CHOICE, DISTRACTION” This could have been in reference to the music we played earlier in the investigation. Dawn asked how many fingers she was holding up “ONE” followed by “YOU C##T” this was repeated. Then “SAD” Then the name “JOHN” came up for the second time. Dawn asked for a hello and immediately got “HELLO” followed by “HI” then “PAUL” came up on the spirit box, this was relevant because it had come up on the Olivus earlier on during the investigation. Then “HARRIET” came up on the spirit box this was also relevant because this had also come up on the Olivus earlier too ! So that was the same two names during the course of the investigation being mentioned on two different pieces of equipment throughout the evening. Then “DOWN” Dawn asked where is Harriet ? the immediate response was “SHE'S DEAD”

When Roland asked if Harriet had a second name, Dawn, Rory and Roland witnessed an immediate response of the word “pigeon”. Roland’s great grandmother’s name was Harriet Pidgeon. Just before this Dawn has asked the same question to Harriet and the response had been “grey”. Interestingly the words grey and pigeon have a link. This was relevant to Roland as it resembled a deceased family members name, which is quite a rare name to be heard.

Andy asked How many spirits are here ? FOUR was the immediate reply. Which monarch is on the throne? Reply was “ME” Andy then asks what's your name ? Reply was “RITCHARD”

Andy asked How many spirits are here? Reply was “FOUR”

Roland asked for a name, the reply was “BILL” Then Andy asked how old are you Bill ? The reply was “20..... A MAN”

Dawn picked up the torch and asked, What am i holding in my hand ? Reply was “BEACON”

“C##T” was heard Dawn asked for the foul language to stop then she asked Do you think its funny? There was a giggle heard immediately Dawn responded by saying “i'm going to speak to your mother” then it all went very quiet.

### **23.40 End of investigation**

