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METRO PARANORMAL INVESTIGATIONS

Pere Cheney Cemetery
Final Report
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Location:

Pere Cheney (Roscommon), MI

Date:

August 25th 2007

Source:

Local legend

Investigation Duration:

Day-long (greater than 8 hours)

Investigators Present:

Chris F. (*Lead Investigator*)

Wayne M. (*Lead Investigator*)

Deana M.

Alyssa M.

Wendy F.

Chris C.

Erin C.

Jo G.

Russ G.

Kyle B.

Tim F.

Guests:

(Joint investigation with Wind Spirits Paranormal Society WSPS)

Suzie

Travis

John

Rick B.

Erica B.

Location Condition:

Formerly the county seat of Crawford County, Michigan, Pere Cheney was virtually abandoned by 1914. In 1917, the area's land was auctioned off by the state government. In the present day, virtually all traces of the town have ceased to exist. The outlying town cemetery is very well kept although many of the headstones there have been removed or destroyed by vandals. An examination of the area that used to be the town of Pere Cheney only revealed one existing foundation that was formerly used as the town's one-room school house. There are many mysteries, rumors, and stories surrounding the exact cause of why this once thriving logging town was abandoned. Possible contributing factors include multiple fires that ravaged the town on several occasions; disease outbreaks, such as scarlet fever and smallpox, that struck the town's populace; finally, changes in the local railroad route also contributed to the town's decline. Much of the data concerning this location can not be verified by official source and much of the data is based on rumor and hearsay as well as personal experience.

Location Weather:

The day started off with heavy rain until mid afternoon and cleared up towards early evening with light to no wind. As the evening progressed, temperatures dropped with low ground fog noted in the investigation area.

Moon Phase: Waxing Gibbous

Solar X-Rays: Normal

Geomagnetic Field: Quiet

Temperature: 67°F

Visibility: 10.0.0 mi

Pressure: 30.09" rising

Dew Point: 43°F

Humidity: 42%

UV Index: 3 Moderate

Wind: South 5 MPH

Equipment On Hand:

Only light MPI field kits were brought out to this location due to it being an outdoor area with no active power supply available.

Micro Cassette Recorders

Digital Voice Recorders

External Microphones

Laptop computers (3)

Flashlights

2 Way Radios (7)

First Aid Kits (3)

Reported Activity:

- Children's laughter and crying
- Voices and whispers
- Apparitions and shadows
- Electrical equipment failure
- Feelings of being followed and watched
- Being touched
- Cold spots and unexplainable wind changes
- Intense fear
- Handprints on vehicles
- Bad luck

Evidence Review and Findings

Audio:

During the course of the evening, over two dozen persons not involved in the investigation were present at the site. The grounds of Pere Cheney are a popular destination for the residents of the area, as well as those interested in paranormal subjects. As the area is open to the elements and the public, with large groups of persons moving about the grounds, severe contamination of the audio recordings is present on all audio recorders.

Digital Recorders (All mobile units) – No physical evidence captured at the time of the investigation.

Micro Cassette Recorders (All mobile units) – No physical evidence captured at the time of the investigation.

Video:

No video recording devices used at this location.

Photographs:

During the course of the evening, over one thousand pictures were taken of the location grounds. After extensive review, no physical evidence was captured at the time of the investigation.

EMF:

Baseline readings were taken at the afternoon location walkthrough; high-power lines were present in the area, located underground.

Thermal:

Due to the rapidly changing weather conditions and heavy winds no thermal devices were used at this location to avoid "false positive" results.

Investigator Feeling / Experiences:

(Note: Personal experiences cannot in itself determine paranormal activity in a location, unless documented by video or audio equipment)

Chris F. – No experiences to report.

Wayne M. – No experiences to report.

Deana M. – No experiences to report.

Alyssa M. – No experiences to report.

Wendy F. – No experiences to report.

Chris C. – No experiences to report.

Erin C. – No experiences to report.

Jo G. – No experiences to report.

Russ G. – No experiences to report.

Kyle B. – No experiences to report.

Tim F. – No experiences to report.

Final:

The abandoned town of Pere Cheney is an interesting location with a history that lends itself to the proliferation of stories related to paranormal events. During MPI's time at the site, efforts were made to find reasonable explanations for some of the activity reported on the grounds. MPI was able to disprove some of the events persons have reported as happening at the location, and review of the data collected during the investigation yielded no evidence of any unexplainable activity on the grounds. The location's remote nature, as well as the long history reported activity there, makes it a popular destination for local youths looking for excitement, or for those wishing to come to the site hoping to experience paranormal activity. However, MPI could find no evidence to support any of the stories reported concerning Pere Cheney over the years. As a result of this lack of evidence, as well as the popularity of the site itself, we feel confident classifying Pere Cheney in the Urban Legend category.