

Project

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Chapter 1. History of paranormal investigation

Paranormal phenomena have captured the attention of the public and the sciences in different cultures throughout various eras of human history. The history reveals that methods and technologies of investigation are similar to those we use today.

Investigating unseen phenomena has a long history. When the topics become observable, paranormal investigation comes under the realm of science. In the 19th century many scientists, including Marie Curie, were interested in the paranormal. The development of technologies like the telegraph and phonograph lead to questions about the limits of time, space, and mortality. Projects of paranormal investigation are not typically considered within the realm of the professional sciences today.

Chapter 2. Method of paranormal investigation

Paranormal investigation can follow many different methods though they typically share similar features. Methods may include the use of people and technology to collect data.

Many paranormal investigators use a scientific or pseudo-scientific methods in their investigation. Investigators each have their own methods which rely on technologies and human experiences. One common feature is carefully documenting experiences and movements to help in later debunking.

Choosing investigation site

Choosing a place or person to investigate is an important task for paranormal investigation. Limited resources mean investigators must choose their site carefully.

Every site of an investigation is different and each investigator will have their own preferences.

1. Research the history of prospective locations including accounts previous hauntings and investigations
2. List narratives and people of interest
3. Consider technology needs
4. Contact the site or person to introduce provided services and estimate date and time of investigation
5. Confirm logistical details and supply lists

Conducting exploratory interviews

Exploratory interviews gather context about paranormal phenomena.

Interviews are a useful way to gather information about supposed experiences with paranormal phenomena. Speaking to those who experienced the phenomena can provide important context about the site and help determine if further investigation is needed.

1. Send survey to collect preliminary information about why they believe a haunting is taking place
2. Determine if investigation is necessary based on survey responses
3. Contact interviewee(s) to set up a time and place to discuss their experiences
4. Develop specific, open-ended questions to gather additional information about experiences shared in the survey
5. Meet with the participants and carefully document their answers

Gathering data during paranormal investigation

Determine necessary equipment

Table of common paranormal investigation technologies and prices

There are many paranormal technologies which range in price and novelty. Technologies are not required for investigation.

Technology	Price	
Voice recorder	\$100	
Video camera	\$100-\$150	
Spirit box	\$90	
Ovilus	\$600	
REM pod	\$40-\$150	

Technology	Price	
EMF detector	\$16	

Analyzing data from paranormal investigation

Data that has recorded paranormal phenomenon often need to be adjusted before presenting.

Data collected from a paranormal investigation can be explored in multiple ways but often follow a common procedure

1. Backup data in multiple places
2. Download image and audio editors
3. Slow down, speed up, and/or change the tonal settings on audio to hear voices
4. Alter the lighting and color in images and video
5. Save alterations to a common source like USB or external hard drive
6. Present evidence for collaborative analysis with others

Chapter 3. Paranormal investigation

Paranormal investigation is the investigation of unseen or yet unproven phenomena.

Paranormal investigation is the practice of gathering information about unseen entities. Entities can include ghosts, cryptids, aliens, or other entities. Investigations take place in many settings including homes and businesses.

Investigators may be contacted directly by a property manager or person who has seen or experienced something paranormal. In many cases, investigators offer their services free of charge in exchange for the rights to the evidence they collect during the investigation.