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Special Points of Interest

PIM offers scientific investigations of suspected paranormal activity in homes, businesses, and historic sites. We pride ourselves on providing confidential, professional services free of charge.

To have PIM conduct an investigation for you, contact Noah Leigh (Lead Investigator) through our website or by the phone number listed above.

We look forward to meeting you at a public event, investigating with you, or just hearing from you on Facebook or Twitter!

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2015 PIM Expedition

Last month we talked about stop one on this years PIM Expedition, Whispers Estate. Stop two will be to Thornhaven Manor in New Castle, Indiana.

Thornhaven Manor was built in 1845 by Simon Powel. It was originally set on a 1,000 acre farm but now resides on seven acres of woods, meadows and marsh land. Thornhaven is as rich in history as it is in beauty. It was once a stop along the Underground Railroad, was home to many prominent families as well as civil war soldiers and was the eerie scene of a fiendish murder plot.

Simon Powel was married to Elizabeth Thronburg who was a widow and had 8 children. Elizabeth and Simon had 4 of their own children making 12 children to grow up and live in the Manor.

Henry Powell, Simon's oldest son, died in the home after suffering years with an old army wound in his leg. Henry's wife, Amelia, had mental problems, left the home after Henry's death and stayed with her sister. One day Amelia went missing. She was found dead shortly thereafter in a nearby area. Her death was presumed to be a suicide. Some think her spirit has returned to Thornhaven. Lizzie Powel, the youngest of the children, also died in the home at the age of two. A caretaker of the home, Ruben Bailey was though to have been poisoned by his son-in-law and died in the home.

The current owner purchased the property in 2012 and gave it the name "Thornhaven Manor" because of it's abundance of thorn trees throughout the property. The owner had no idea the place had paranormal activity when he purchased the property but it didn't take long for him to make that discovery. It's activity even attracted Travel Channel's Ghost Adventures to film an episode there in 2013.

Some of the claims of activity are footsteps, the sound of a little girls voice, doors slamming, screaming, dragging noises from possibly Henry who limped after his injury, and the spirit of a woman has been seen in the home.



PIM is very excited to make the trip to Indiana to investigate both Whispers Estate and Thornhaven Manor. We will keep you posted on our findings on both of these great locations!!

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Upcoming Events and Investigations

- **August 8th:** Residential Investigation in Franklin, WI.
- **August 17th:** Whispers Estates in Mitchell, Indiana
- **August 18th:** Thornhaven Manor in New Castle, Indiana

Save The Date For The Brumder Mansion Halloween Event!

On October 30th and on Halloween night, October 31st, PIM will be hosting a public investigation at the Brumder mansion located in downtown Milwaukee. PIM has partnered with the Brumder Mansion in the past and this location never disappoints. The history of the Brumder Mansion is a colorful one. It was built in 1910 by a wealthy business man who built the impressive home for his family. He and his wife moved in and had 11 children of which only 8 survived. They lived in the mansion for 10 years and then sold the home to reputed Chicago mobster Sam Picks and his brother Ed during the prohibition years. The two decided to use the ballroom located in the basement to establish a night club as a legal front for their illegal side business of black market liquor, gambling, and possibly prostitution.

Once prohibition ended the building then became a popular boarding house for the local Allis-Chalmers employees, among various things throughout the years including turning the basement that was once used for illegal business into a Christian coffee house.

It was in 1997 that the Hirschi family came to own it. The family spent countless hours renovating and seeking out antiques to fill the beautiful home and make it appear as it once did in 1910. They then opened it as a B&B. That's when the paranormal activity claims began. The Brumder changed hands one more time in 2008 to it's current owners.

The mansion has many claims of activity but most are light hearted and even playful. A few of these claims are that doors slam throughout the night, phantom footsteps can be heard, and breakable objects come crashing down from the walls but somehow remain unscathed. At the public events in the past many noises were heard, unexplained tapping on the stage, and a chair that was placed in the tunnels under the building began to vibrate. You never know what to expect at the Brumder Mansion!

There will be two shifts for you to choose from on both nights. The first one starting at 8:00 pm and ending at 10:00 pm and the second one starting at 10:30 pm and ending at 12:30 am. Tickets are \$40 per person and can be purchased from the Eventbrite page which is linked on our website and Facebook page.





OCTOBER 2015 HAPPENINGS.....*SO FAR*

October 13th: Library Event in White Fish Bay Library@6:30 pm

October 16th: Private Class at UW Oshkosh, WI.

October 20th: Library Event at Muskego Library@6:30 pm

October 22nd: Library Event at Pewaukee Library@6:30 pm

October 30th and 31st: Public Investigation at The Brumder Mansion, Milwaukee, WI

We will keep you informed of more public events that PIM will be doing over our favorite month of the year...October. We look forward to seeing and meeting all of you soon!