

Is White's Castle haunted?

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Kildare-based Soul Searchers, who claim to be paranormal investigators, this week reveal their findings into White's Castle in Athy. Ghostbuster Sam Stone of Soul Searchers undertook the investigation of the 14th Century castle last week.

White's Castle is a tower house that was built in 1417 by Gerald FitzGerald, the 8th Earl of Kildare, and it is now a private residence. The ghost investigation took place during the late hours of last Tuesday night.

Mr Stone explained the team was escorted by Brendan Mulhall, who guided the team through the castle, explaining about the cells, its long-forgotten inmates and the execution room where hangings were a norm.

Mediums Samantha Acton and Tom Colton joined Deborah R in the quest to find the whereabouts of the residing spirits. And it wasn't too long before they did.

"One of these spirits was most prominent throughout the night. His name was John, an inmate whom appeared to be a negative spirit. He was an English gentleman whom had practised the dark arts, and was locked away for this very reason.

"Strangely enough during the night he had attached himself close to Deborah R, her appearance reminded John of his lover whom helped him in his wrong doings, which included many killings of innocent folk and then stealing their body parts that would be used to practice dark magic.

"Deborah wasn't too impressed that she could resemble such a nasty person," Mr Stone joked.

Another medium at Soul Searchers picked up on a spirit of a coloured woman, who went by the name of Aliysa. According to Mr Stone, she would have been bought as a slave girl in the early 18th century, but was mistreated and in return had a child from a well-known figure. This led her to her death, for she was blamed.

Another medium Tom Colton entered one of the cells in the Castle and immediately became aware of a spirit name Eamonn. "Tom automatically began re-enacting Eamonn's characteristics and pain that he was suffering," said Mr Stone.

In relation to the scientific side of the evidence, Soul Searches said they captured many moans, stones throwing and in one of the cells they managed to capture a sound that resembled a church bell on one of the voice recorders. Did a church bell ring at 1am in Athy? Believe it or believe it not.

Soul Searchers is also continuing their quest for the Most Haunted Pub in Kildare and Mr Stone is looking for Athy's scariest, so if interested contact Soul Searches on Facebook.