

Newsletter Overhaul

The ISIS Newsletter Gets a New Look

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Let me be the first to welcome you to the NEW ISIS Paranormal Investigations Newsletter. Formerly, our team newsletter was issued via a single Google group email, which we feel, left a lot to be desired in terms of formatting and design. We are happy to release our newly formatted newsletter, one that we feel is more concisely written and one that has a far more attractive and appealing format. We intend to release our newsletter on a regular basis, which will be sent to those that subscribe to our newsletter, and we have future plans to archive the newsletter and make it conveniently available from our website.

New Website Updates

As usual, the ISIS Paranormal Team is extremely busy making improvements to the website. We are still in the process of optimization, but several improved pages are already available. We have updated our article database so that browsing through our article offerings is an easier endeavor. We have also updated our page that offers

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New Case File Released!

(January 6, 2008, Westport, New York) The ISIS Paranormal Team set out to investigate a location situated in Westport, New York after receiving complaints about paranormal activity from the family residing in a single family home.



I couldn't open my eyes, I felt paralyzed. I could not call out to my husband but after a while my husband heard me crying. If my husband's hand is anywhere near my chest. It will tell me, "tell Rob to get his hand away, you belong to me". He raped me once as much as a spirit can but I left my body!

The home consisted of a family of six, two females, and four males: the wife is identified as Sandy, the husband Rob, and the couple's three boys and one daughter currently live at the location in Essex County. The family had resided at the location for a period of nine plus years in a beautifully built home formerly owned by at least two previous owners. The house is continuously under renovation with myriad projects ongoing in terms of repairs. The house was built on the property in the early 1970's, in the Lake Champlain region, and the property was once home to a saw mill in the early 1900's.

Sandy seemed to be the primary target associated with the paranormal events in question. The ISIS Paranormal Investigations Team was called in to either verify or debunk the reported phenomena and to further clarify, what if anything, was occurring at the location. Complaints included physical ailments including continuous and unexplained

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paranormal news headlines. We are now pleased to offer paranormal news headlines from About.com, Ghostvillage.com, and ParanormalNews.com! You can access the following news headlines at:

http://www.isisinvestigations.com/paranormal_news

There are many more updates to come in the near future. Our team is pleased to announce that we are now capable of unlimited uploading to our website since we have upgraded our web hosting account, and that means higher quality pictures and evp samples. We no longer have to be overly concerned with compression, and we can offer larger images than before.

To keep up to date on all of the latest updates offered to you from the ISIS Paranormal Team, you can visit our *What's New* page at:

<http://isis-paranormal.greatestjournal.com/>

ISIS Paranormal Welcomes Back Justyn Staley, Team Clairsentient

The ISIS Paranormal Team is pleased to welcome back team clairsentient Justyn Staley after a short departure from the team.



Pictured Above: Team Clairsentient, Justyn Staley

Justyn has accompanied the team on a number of investigations in the past few years and has been a part of our most recent investigations in late 2007 and early 2008! We are glad to have you back Jusytn and your unique talents!

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14 Degrees: A Paranormal Documentary

Now Available a New Gravity Media Production



14 Degrees: A Paranormal Documentary DVD

The film *14 Degrees: A Paranormal Documentary* is a production created by New Gravity Media. Directors, *Michael Baker* and *Anthony Monti* released the documentary in theaters on October 17, 2007 and the movie had tremendous success when it first appeared. The reviews of *14 Degrees* prove promising as paranormal movie fans from all over the globe rave about the high quality of the film.

The *New Gravity Media* team captured 180 hours of raw footage, and implemented more than 2300 hours to edit *14 Degrees*. The film crew travelled more than 4600 miles to interview paranormal teams located all over the Northeast.

The paranormal groups that appear in *14 Degrees* include yours truly, the ISIS Investigations Team, as well as other fine investigators and teams including:

Spirit Encounters Research Team
New England Anomalies Research
Berkshire Paranormal
Boston Paranormal Investigators
South Jersey Ghost Research
John Zaffis - P.S.R.N.E.
Steve Gonsalves - T.A.P.S.
Keath Johnson - N.E.A.R.
ParaScience

Now you can own *14 Degrees: A Paranormal Documentary* for \$19.95. Contact ISISINVESTIGATOR@aol.com to order!

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ISIS Paranormal Welcomes Brian Evans, Psychic Artist in Training



Pictured Above: Paranormal Sketch Artist in Training: Brian Evans

Brian Evans has joined the ISIS Team in late 2007 and will be receiving hands on training from the group. Brian possesses tremendous sketching skills and is in the process of learning how to tune into the energies around him, to pick up on different energies, to trust his sixth sense, and to convert what he senses into tangible drawings.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SPECIAL EVENT

PLACE: SCHENECTADY, NEW YORK

DATE: MARCH 9, 2008

The ISIS team will be conducting an investigation into claims of paranormal activity in a private home located in Schenectady, New York.

Investigation findings soon to be released!

Stay tuned for more upcoming events!

fatigue or exhaustion, unexplained mood swings, and some instances of insomnia. Meanwhile, further reports of unexplained phenomena include:

Hearing unexplained noises and banging; and seeing the apparition of an unidentified male by the fireplace in the living room of the location.

Visitors to the location have reported seeing a "black figure" in the home, and the apparition in the front yard of a small girl that later disappeared.

Sandy reported that items come up missing, and that she was having problems with appliances in her home. On one occasion, the family lost \$250.00 which was never recovered. Tools, beepers, small household items mysteriously come up missing and then show up in strange places within the home. The air conditioner has been turned off and found unplugged when only Sandy is at home and no one else is present to take such action. Further, on one occasion, the stove timer went off for a period of 45 minutes, despite all attempts to shut it off.

View our entire case write up, photos, and listen to the EVPs associated with our Westport, New York investigation [here](#):

http://www.isisinvestigations.com/Casefile_Westport_NY_2008.html



New Definitions Added to Website!

Incubus and Succubus:

The etymology of the word *Incubus* is rooted in Late Latin and is derived from the Latin *incubo*, meaning nightmare. It is also believed that the word *Incubus* is derived from the term *incubare*, which means “to lie on” (“Incubo”). *Incubo* also means “to hang over, dwell in, [or] lie heavily upon” (“Incubo”). In *The Encyclopedia of Witchcraft and Demonology*, Rossell Hope Robbins asserts that the *Incubus* is known by many other names in many other cultures (254). The French call the incubus the *follet*, the Spanish call the *Incubus* the *duende*, and the Italians refer to the *Incubus* as the *folletto* (Robbins 254). Meanwhile, in *The Terror That Comes in the Night: An Experience-centered Study of Supernatural Assault Traditions* (The Terror That Comes in the Night), David J. Hufford explains that the term *Succubus*, which defines the incubus’s counterpart, literally means “to lie under” (130). Further, the orthographical nature of the term *incubus* has changed little over time. By the year 1205, the now plural form of *incubus*, which is *incubi*, was written as *incubii* (“Incubus”). Around 1330 BCE, the term *incuby* appeared in Robert Manning’s *Langtoft’s Chronicle* (“Incubus”). Later, Geoffrey Chaucer used the singular term *Incubus* in the *Wife’s Tale* (“Incubus”). The singular form of *Incubus* has remained the same to date (“Incubus”). Meanwhile, the now understood plural form of *incubus* as *incubi*, did not become standard until sometime after the year 1801. (“Incubus”). In fact, the plural form of *incubus* in 1801 appears in *Monthly Mag. XII* where William Taylor used the plural form *Incubusses*.

To learn more, visit: http://www.isisinvestigations.com/paranormal_glossary_Incubus_Succubus.html

Poltergeists

In the *Oxford English Dictionary* the term *poltergeist* is defined as “a ghost or other supernatural being supposedly responsible for unexplained physical disturbances such as loud noises and the movement of objects” (“Poltergeist”). Further, the activity and characteristics of a poltergeist are denoted by the term *poltergeistic* (“Poltergeist”). Meanwhile, the actual manifestation of poltergeist activity is sometimes referred to by the term *poltergeistism* (“Poltergeist”). While there are several different words that referred to poltergeists and poltergeist activity, the etymological roots of the term *poltergeist* have not changed since it was first introduced into the English language.

The term *poltergeist* is rooted in the German language and is a combination of two words: *poltern* and *geist* (“Poltergeist”). *Poltern* literally means “to make a loud noise or uproar, to rumble, to thud,” while *geist* translates as ghost (“Poltergeist”). Thus, the poltergeist phenomenon is often colloquially referred to as the *noisy ghost phenomenon* (“Poltergeist”). Orthographically speaking, since the term *poltergeist* has been introduced into the English Language in the late 1860s, there is no evidence that the spelling of the word has changed.

To learn more, visit: http://www.isisinvestigations.com/paranormal_glossary_Poltergeists.html

Ouija Boards: History and Facts

According to the *Oxford English Dictionary*, the *Ouija* is a board that has the alphabet, numerical symbols, and a moveable planchette, all of which are used to communicate with spirits (“Ouija”). The etymology of the term *Ouija* is ambiguous, but it surmised that the word *Ouija* is a combination of two words “Oui” and “ja” (“Ouija”). “Oui” is translated from the French and means “Yes”; and “ja” is translated from German, which also means “yes” (“Ouija”). Thus, the term *Ouija* literally translates as “yes, yes,” and can be seen as an invitation for spirits to communicate. The term *Ouija* is further associated with the term of good luck in ancient Egypt, and some scholars note that the word *Ouija* is strikingly similar to the word *Oujda*, which is actually a Moroccan city (“Ouija”). The *Ouija* has an interesting history, at least as far back as the board can be traced.

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Ouija Boards: History and Facts (continued)

The history of the Ouija Board is highly debated. Some people trace the history of the Ouija board back to the ancient Egyptians, while others trace it back to the Chinese. In *Ouija Boards*, Dr John Ankerberg and John Weldon explain that such tools were considered actual precursors to what is known as today's Ouija Boards or "talking boards." Ankerberg and Weldon also assert that the ancient Greeks used divination tools similar to today's talking boards: "Divination was done with a table that moved on wheels to point to signs, which were interpreted as revelations from the 'unseen world'" (Ankerberg and Weldon 1). The latter men also cite the now understood Ouija Board's beginnings with French spiritualist M. Planchette – for which the planchette is named (Ankerberg and Weldon 1). The first notation pertaining to the Ouija Board appears in the *American Stationer* dated November 10, 1890 ("Ouija"). A company from Baltimore, Maryland known then as the Kennard Novelty Company began producing the Ouija Board and it was commonly referred to as the "Egyptian Luck Board" ("Ouija"). The Kennard Novelty Company came under the supervision of William Fuld in 1891-92 (Murch), and Fuld has since become known as "the father of the Ouija Board" (Murch). Fuld actually had more than twenty patents on the Ouija Board in the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom (Murch). In 1891, the Ouija Board is mentioned in patent 446,054, by Elijah J. Bond: according to the patent, Bond was looking to make improvements to the already existing Ouija board ("Ouija"). Fuld was, however, more successful than Bond with the Ouija Board and in 1892, Fuld made further improvements to the Ouija; he suggested using magnetic devices with the board (Murch). Later, the Ouija Board became immensely popular and is still marketed today by Parker Brothers and other manufacturers as a toy for amusement purposes.

To learn more, visit: http://www.isisinvestigations.com/paranormal_glossary_Ouija_Boards.html

Two Team Members Wed on Valentine's Day!

On February 14, 2008, after being engaged for a period of nine years, team members Dayna and Mark finally got married! In a private ceremony at the home, family members joined Mark and Dayna as they exchanged their vows. A formal Wiccan Handfasting and celebration is being slated for the summer, mostly likely Midsummer. We will keep everyone informed about the events as plans are arranged!



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Discovery Channel's A Haunting: Echoes From the Past is Now Available on Youtube

Here you will find the various segments featured on Youtube of "A Haunting: Echoes of the Past." The ISIS Investigations Team is happy to have participated in this documentary. *A Haunting: Echoes of the Past* is about a family living in New England in Chester Vermont. The Johnsons had contacted our team after experiencing repeated paranormal events that seemed to increase in frequency. You can read the entire case write up of the Vermont Case and view the photos and evps captured at the site as well. Below are the Youtube feeds available in six segments, just in case you missed its appearance on the Discovery Channel. Enjoy!

Visit the Youtube Feeds Now at:

http://www.isisinvestigations.com/Echoes_of_the_Past.html



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