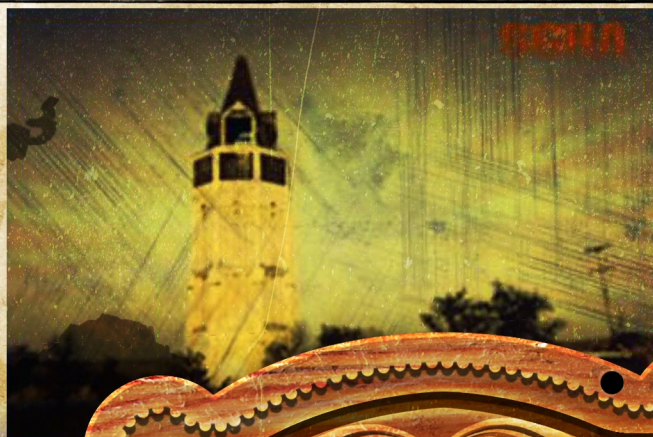




REPORT

CRAZY MAN'S TOWER

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The word “investigation” is defined as
“a searching inquiry for ascertaining facts; detailed or careful examination.”

The key word here is “facts”. Do ghosts exist? No, it has not been proven.
Therefore are no facts to investigate.

What we do have is the testimony of the witnesses and this is where an investigational process will work. Investigations are often viewed as a skeptical activity because the main goal is trying to determine what the witness actually saw. Is it explainable or not? This is done through critical thinking and an event replication process developed by SGHA. This is an important concept because what defines a haunting or ghost sighting is “Multiple witnesses reporting unusual phenomena over a period of time”. If these phenomena can be explained, the witness reports are no longer validating paranormal activity as a cause and thus there is no ghost or haunting. Additionally historical research may be done in an attempt to validate facts.

It is important to understand that the goal of an investigation is not to find evidence of the paranormal but to attempt to identify any natural or manmade causes of the reported phenomena

Definition of Terms

Investigation Status: Unsolved investigations will have either an open or closed status. An investigation is given an “Open” status if:

The investigators were unable to replicate all of the witness events. Something significant remains that is still unsolved.

It is important to understand that an “open” investigation does not mean that the unsolved facts are paranormal in nature. It simply means that we have exhausted our resources and cannot solve the “open” items/events.

A “Closed” status indicates that there is insufficient data or confounding variables that prevents replication or identifying possible explanations. This often occurs when investigators do not have direct access to witnesses or some other environmental change have occurred that creates confounding variables.

Confidentiality Notice

Many of the witnesses interviewed have wished to remain anonymous in exchange for presenting their accounts of paranormal experiences. We honor that request and thus witnesses will often be identified by aliases. Any coincidence between aliases and actual persons is unintentional.

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Part 1: Location Information

Crazy man's Tower, Lakes of Brookstone Subdivision

Northeast of Eagle Parkway in far north Fort Worth off 35W South of 114 & East of 156

Part 2: Location History:

Crazy Man's Tower is a relic of an upscale development that Bradley pursued in the late 1980s until the funding collapsed in the savings and loan crisis. After Bradley's project went sour, developers Donald and Phillip Huffines planned a 297-home neighborhood, using the name Bradley gave it: Lakes of Brookstone.

It never materialized.

The neighborhood featured a water tower at its center, hidden inside a stone facade topped with a fancy clock. Now the stone is a pile of rubble.

Part 3: Reported Phenomena (General)



Johnatan Nerbes had bought some land near Dallas and proceeded to build the tower despite warnings that he should not build there. The myths say this is due in fact from everything from Indian burial grounds to a sacred place of sorts. Some have even suggested that it is a portal to the "other

side". Some satanic activity has been reported there and the signs of that are apparent on the remaining pillars of the house and foundation.

Now somewhere in this line of events, stories differ, this guy goes crazy, kills his wife and hangs her inside the tower, then kills his kids and buries them in to tower too. The tower was then bought by some individuals who were involved in some sort of real estate scam and arrested, thus leaving the tower abandoned as it is today. Down a cracked concrete road choked with weeds

stands Crazy Man's Tower, a rusting shell with charred wooden beams and "Satan's Playground" scrawled on the side. Word has it that a developer went



mad out there, killed his wife and hanged her inside the spire, then buried his murdered children at her feet. Pass it at midnight, some say, and you may meet a corpulent, bearded ghost reclining in a lawn chair, soaking up moonbeams in the nude.

There is also a creepy tale from a local police officer. "He said there were bad things out there. Just a week before, they had found a burned car with a body inside on the premises. He also mentioned finding a skinned and dismembered goat, candles burning, and other strange things on various nights, and that the place gave him the creeps.



After driving through a pair of gates and a short drive up a hill you arrive at the tower. It can be seen from quite a distance as it is about 3 to 4 stories tall. Very gothic in appearance, it is crowned with a set of open windows that are

aligned exactly with the four directions. There is no way to easily get in, according to reports there was once a staircase that wound up the east end up to the top of the tower but it and the house that was next to the tower were destroyed in a fire awhile back.

The sides of the tower and the remains of pillars (of the house) are very vandalized and painted with graffiti. In two sections of the tower, the walls

have been smashed in revealing a metal substructure underneath. It appears that even the vandals who did this couldn't even break past this.

To the north there is a small pond, which supposedly has some type of odd creature living in it that makes noisy splashes every now and then. We still don't know what could be in there that could make so much noise; however we only heard it twice the whole time that we were there. The general area surrounding the place consists of small hills with a few groves of trees surrounding it in various places. If nothing else, the place has a very creepy ambiance.

Part 5: Historical Research

Katherine Boyer, head of the Roanoke Public Library, has heard "crazy man" stories for nearly a decade. She tells patrons that it's all urban legend and that no documentation exists. If there was a murder, as described by the legend, there would be documentation of it somewhere. There simply isn't any.

We also searched through the public records to attempt to find any police reports concerning a burned car with a body inside. This search turned up nothing. There is also no record of Nerbes or any other killer in that particular area. If someone actually went crazy and murdered their family it would have been covered in the media and easy to find.

Part 6: Conclusion

The historical facts do not match up with the reported phenomena. This location is rampant with myth building and has become an urban legend that is supported by the local teenagers.

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