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OFFICIAL INVESTIGATION
REPORT

**THE PEARCE INSTITUTE,
GOVAN ROAD, GLASGOW
INVESTIGATION NO 65**

SATURDAY 14 MARCH 2015

OFFICIAL INVESTIGATION REPORT INTO ALLEGED HAUNTINGS
THE PEARCE INSTITUTE, GOVAN ROAD, GLASGOW.



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Scottish Area
Investigation Case No: 65
The Pearce Institute, Govan Road, Glasgow – 14 March 2015.
Investigation Team Schedule and Rota
Investigations Officer - Derek Green

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Investigative Night Visit to **The Pearce Institute**, Saturday 14 March 2015.
Owners and Occupants: **Pearce Institute Trust.**

Address: **The Pearce Institute**
 840 – 860 Govan Road
 Glasgow
 G51 3UU

GHOST CLUB INVESTIGATION SCHEDULE:

18:30 hrs - Arrive at **The Pearce Institute**. Car parking on Pearce Street down side of building.
NB: All Investigators must arrive at the Institute for no later 18:45 hrs.

18:40 hrs - **Brief Tour.**

19:00 hrs - **Equipment placed by Investigators.**

19:15 hrs - **Briefing by Derek Green**

19:25 hrs - **Investigation teams make way to first location.**

NB: PLEASE REFER TO THE GHOST ROTA BELOW TO SEE THE TEAM YOU ARE IN AND THE PARTICULAR LOCATION YOU ARE IN FOR EACH TIMED VIGIL.

Rota of Investigators / Experiments
Investigation at THE PEARCE INSTITUTE, GOVAN, GLASGOW
Saturday 14 MARCH 2015

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Please also refer to your **GHOST CLUB INVESTIGATION SCHEDULE:**

THE PEARCE INSTITUTE, GOVAN, GLASGOW
INVESTIGATION TEAMS ROTA OF 9 VIGILS
ALL EQUIPMENT WHICH IS OWNED BY INVESTIGATORS MUST BE BROUGHT TO
INVESTIGATION.

ALL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT MUST BE PAT TESTED.

Investigations Officer/Health & Safety: **Derek Green**

Team Leaders: **Joan Green**
 Kia McCracken

Investigation Support: **Bill Green**

NB: Responsibility of Team Leader is to ensure that Group vigils run to time and groups are in correct location.

NB: ROTA MAYBE SUBJECT TO CHANGE ON THE DECISION OF THE INVESTIGATIONS OFFICER.

INVESTIGATION TEAMS ROTA OF 9 VIGILS

TEAM 1

Derek Green (Investigations Officer)

Bill Green
Lisa Bowell
Soraya Badar
Stephanie MacDonald

TEAM 2

Joan Green (Team Leader)

Lynn Robertson
Kay Robertson
Fiona Bisset

TEAM 3

Kia McCracken (Team Leader)

Barry McCracken
Marco Piva
Sharon Steward
Peter McCue

BASE CAMP: CONFERENCE SUITE.

NB: The following times have been agreed with permission of The Pearce Institute. Caretaker Michael Rice will be in attendance.

PRIOR TO INVESTIGATION TRIGGER OBJECTS TO BE PLACED ON THE STAGE OF THE MacLEOD HALL.

MacLEOD HALL – BEAM BARRIERS IF POSSIBLE IN GALLERY

| <u>Vigil</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Time Allocation</u> | <u>Team Number</u> |
|--------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 | 19:30 - 20:00 hrs | The Cellar | 30 Minutes | 1 |
| | | MacLeod Stair | 30 Minutes | 2 |
| | | Billiard Room 1 st F | 30 Minutes | 3 |
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| 2 | 20:05 - 20:35 hrs | MacLeod Hall | 30 Minutes | 2 |
| | | MacLeod Stair | 30 Minutes | 1 |
| | | Billiard Stair | 30 Minutes | 3 |
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| 3 | 20:40 - 21:10 hrs | MacLeod Hall | 30 Minutes | 1 |
| | | The Cellar | 30 Minutes | 3 |
| | | Billiard Room 1 st F | 30 Minutes | 2 |
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| 4 | 21:15 - 21:45 hrs | MacLeod Hall | 30 Minutes | 3 |
| | | Billiard Stair | 30 Minutes | 2 |
| | | To Be Decided | 30 Minutes | 1 |
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| | 21:45 - 22:15 hrs | BREAK | 30 Minutes | ALL |

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| 5 | 22:20 - 22:50 hrs | The Cellar MacLeod Stair Billiard Room 1 st F | 30 Minutes 30 Minutes 30 Minutes | 2 3 1 |
| 6 | 22:55 - 23:25 hrs | MacLeod Hall Billiard Stair | 30 Minutes 30 Minutes | 2&3 1 |
| 7 | 23:30 -00:00 hrs | To Be Decided | 30 Minutes | ALL TEAMS |
| 8 | 00:05 - 00:30 hrs | To Be Decided | 25 Minutes | ALL TEAMS |
| 10 | 00:35 - 01:00 hrs | To be Decided | 25 Minutes | ALL TEAMS |

Ghost Club Investigation notes

Official Report compiled by Derek Green from notes of the Investigators

The following information has been taken from the notes of the investigators present and where possible notes have been copied verbatim and listed by location.

PRIOR TO THE PEARCE INSTITUTE INVESTIGATION.

MARCO PIVA

BILLIARD ROOM

Marco sensed dancing in this room.

McLEOD HALL

The feeling of Priests and a Church.

LYNN ROBERTSON

BILLIARD ROOM

I felt a vortex in the centre of the room and really cold.

STEPHANIE MacDONALD

The impression of an American Flag and the names Benjamin and Frank.

OFFICIAL INVESTIGATION REPORT



The Pearce Institute

VIGIL ONE

LOCATION: THE PEARCE INSTITUTE – THE CELLAR

TIME: 20:00 HRS

INVESTIGATORS: TEAM 1

OUTSIDE WEATHER CONDITIONS: DRY

Derek asked out and Lisa sensed a woman on the stair, wearing a long black skirt. The woman then went back up the cellar steps. The year was 1910 and then Soraya sensed the same woman and described her as having white hair. Lisa said that she had the first name of Elsie for this woman and surname Withershaw or something like that. Lisa added that she felt unbalanced and was swaying from side to side. Derek then sensed a male energy and Stephanie also noted a male energy. Derek gave a description of the man as being tall with bushy eyebrows and by the surname of Fitzpatrick. This was a man of authority who was very severe looking, but did not look down on people. In the first room on the left hand side of the cellar there was a male energy which clearly did not want anyone there. This was his space and he wanted it to stay that way. Lisa and Soraya noted that they had a similar feeling as well. Derek had feelings of a strong energy trying to push him out which he felt was coming from this male who did not want to give any details about himself away. This man clearly wanted to be alone. In the smaller annexe within the cellar, Stephanie felt that there had been a few bodies wrapped up in cloth like shrouds. Stephanie added that there had been bad sickness at some point. Derek added that he was aware of a woman standing at the bottom of the stair and she was very gaunt looking. Derek then had to come back to information about the secretive man saying again that it was his area and that he had looked after everything in the building, the place was important to him, and he really didn't like people in there without him knowing who they were. He wanted us to leave him be but he would not cause any harm to us. Soraya then explained that she had the spirit of a small boy and that there had been a fatality. The boy was called George but his father had always told him not to speak. Lisa felt that there had been a

bad illness like Pneumonia and Derek commented that he once again could feel energy pushing into his back. Derek noted that this man was really forward about wanting his own space. Temperatures were taken during the vigil and remained a steady 18C throughout.

VIGIL ONE

LOCATION: THE PEARCE INSTITUTE – STAIR OUTSIDE McLEOD HALL CORRIDOR

TIME: 20:00 HRS

INVESTIGATORS: TEAM 2

The Team made their way to the first floor of the stair and Lynn said that she could see lights going up and down a door like a Christmas tree. Lynn was sensing a strong feeling in that part of the landing and then she then started to sense a lady with a child in her arms. The child was about three years old and with a blotchy rash and this was around the 1950's. Lynn also sensed a consultation room and a nurse and a doctor. The Mother of the child was sobbing and the child had a summer dress on. The condition was rife and the mum was frantic as she was not sure where she was going. Lynn then gave the name Peter Lambert and this was from the early 1900's and she added that there was talk of a bookmaker and bets being placed and all was legitimate and not underhand and it was very male orientated. Lynn then added that her left cheek was cold but her temperature was 27.8 on her face. Lynn insisted that she could feel someone at her face and she was feeling very cold and with this she was sensing an elderly female who was much shorter than Lynn and at an average height of about 4ft 11. This lady had a very wizened face and had a lot of knowledge and knew a lot about the building.

Lynn then added this woman had gnarled hands but they were soft. She was touching Lynn and laughing saying "She did not like the noise" (underground train). She said to Lynn she was around the building a lot and Lynn sensed her name may have been Myra. Lynn then gave the surname of Lipton and the woman was saying that Mr. Lipton was a business man. She then said "there's more to come my dear." The woman then laughed again but Lynn described her as being a very gentle soul, she was wearing a long ankle length skirt and she looked as if she was around the turn of the century with the clothing she was wearing. Lynn also described her as wearing a huge ring on her finger with a very large emerald stone in it. The woman had had a very comfortable life style. She then said to Lynn that during the night someone may talk about the Blacksmith. The name Mistress Cuthbertson was given and Lynn added that she was very pleased with the detailed information she was being given and the woman then said to Lynn "I'm very sure you are."

At 20:00 hrs, Kay felt there would have been a school condition with Children coming up and down the stairs. The children were aged about seven and the girls were wearing grey pinafore dresses and brown leather strappy shoes. Kay added that people may have seen balls of light thinking that they were orbs in the building.

VIGIL ONE AND TWO

LOCATION: THE PEARCE INSTITUTE – THE BILLIARD ROOM

TIME: 20:00 HRS

INVESTIGATORS: TEAM 3

Marco called out and no response. At 20:06 hrs, Marco sensed the name Marjorie and this was from a woman dressed in white wearing a Victorian style dress, she was in her 20's and had black hair, brown eyes and was considered a beauty, but she died young and was unmarried. Marco took a temperature and it read 15.5C in the corner of the room near the door. At 20:10 hrs, Barry set up a torch on the chair and asked for it to be turned over. At 20:12 hrs, Marco asked for sounds and the torch to be turned off and then on. Marco then asked for the lady in white to try and show herself and if there was also an energy at the door, to do the same thing. Marco then checked the temperature and it was 16.6C and the time was 20:17 hrs. At 20:19 Marco checked again and the temperature was 15.2C. Marco then asked spirit to help and he asked for the temperature to be reduced and at 20:18 hrs the temperature was 16.7C then it dropped to 15.2C then again to 14.3C and Marco thanked spirit. Marco then took further temperature recording and they were:-

20:30 hrs – 14.2C

20:40 hrs – 13.8C

20:43 hrs – 13.4C

At 20:37 hrs, a distinct dark shape was seen at the heater in the room on the right hand side. Marco sensed that this was a male and possibly a billiard/snooker player and that he could only describe the man looking like Gary Lineaker and that this man was possibly French. This man was from 1950's and had the name Bernard or Bertrant. At 20:25 hrs, Kia noted a feeling of ladies meeting in this room and at 20:27 hrs, Barry asked if the room had changed purpose at some time, nothing significant was reported.

At 20:28 hrs Marco knocked the wall and asked for a response as he believed that there was a female energy there. Kia also noted that she was sensing a cat.

VIGIL TWO

LOCATION: THE PEARCE INSTITUTE – STAIR OUTSIDE McLEOD HALL CORRIDOR

TIME: 20:35 HRS

INVESTIGATORS: TEAM 1

Derek asked out, and half way up the stair Soraya said that she was sensing a nervous male energy who was in his late teens, he was curious but not hostile and his name was Albert. Soraya described him as a playful energy but she felt sadness and illness around this male. Soraya said that the spirit was aware of what the team was doing but was not annoyed in any way. Soraya added that people had been happy being there from the late 1800's although the building was erected in 1906. At 20:55 hrs, Soraya felt a cold draught on the stairs and Bill felt this as well. Soraya then explained that she was sensing a matron type person and she was strict but not bad. Soraya also added that this lady was keeping things in order and she was not a hospital matron, but she was strict as the people could be rowdy. Soraya then said that the Matron had left and understood why the group were there. Stephanie noted that she felt there had been an argument on the stair.

VIGIL TWO

LOCATION: THE PEARCE INSTITUTE - THE McLEOD HALL

TIME: 20:35 HRS

INVESTIGATORS: TEAM 2

Kay commented on a nice feeling in the hall with weddings etc and at 20:46 Kay and a few of the team heard a loud bang come from the Gallery as if someone had hit against the Gallery or something had been dropped against another object that was maybe metal, and this was coming from the area of the stair at the side or the Gallery. It was agreed by the team that the upper area seemed to have an eerie atmosphere as if someone was watching everything that was going on on the hall floor.

All the team commented on what they described as a strange smell. The temperature was recorded at 19.2C. Lynn then said that she was sensing a male who had walked past her with a gas mask and Lynn commented that the building may have been a strange place during War years. The male then removed his army jacket and was showing his shirt sleeves and Lynn described that he was also jingling a bunch of keys and he had walked from right to left. Lynn also said that she was sensing a banqueting event of some kind having been held in the hall. There were beautiful tables set with table linen and that there had been a significant event which had happened outside in the street in connection to the fountain but this was to do with a contamination of the water. Lynn then added that she could see the Hall or the Gallery having been used at some point for old fashioned photography. The temperature was recorded at 20.6C. Lynn then added that milk churns were being brought into the building and were being rolled in. Lynn then added that she had the name James McCann and that he might have been a soldier. Lynn said that the soldier may have been sensed in the building at some time before or may have been sighted. The feeling of strong emotions was coming from the Gallery and the direction of the stage. At 20:45 hrs, there were noises which were heard by the team. These sounds seemed to be coming from the direction of the Gallery Door. The team then went up the stair to the Gallery and stood quietly listening and all agreed that the atmosphere did not feel quite right and Lynn said that she was sure that people may have heard the odd chord being played on the organ. Lynn also asked if bats had been a problem in the building.

VIGIL THREE

LOCATION: THE PEARSE INSTITUTE - THE McLEOD HALL

TIME: 21:05 HRS

INVESTIGATORS: TEAM 1

Derek asked out and asked for the lady who had been sighted in the hall to step forward and try to communicate in any way she could. Lisa was sitting on the stage and she said that she could see what looked like a figure up towards the back of the Gallery, positioned on the left hand corner as you looked at it. Derek asked out and a bang was heard to come from the Gallery. Derek and Stephanie quickly made their way upstairs and made a thorough check of the Gallery. Lisa added that the figure that she could see had a raised arm in the air and Soraya said she felt the team were being watched and observed but nothing was hostile. Soraya added that she also felt that there was a male present observing us as well and that it might be a priest or a man of the clergy and Soraya also added that she felt that the hall had been used one time as a church for services. Soraya had seated herself near the organ and explained that she could feel cold spots all around the organ area. While on the Gallery, Derek then asked for Lady Pearce to step forward and make herself known to the team. Derek and Stephanie then made their way back down to the main floor below. Lisa added again that she was sure that there had been spirit activity in the Gallery. Derek walked down to the front of the stage and looked up at the Gallery and did note what looked like someone moving around but in shadow form. From where Derek was standing he did describe a shadow appearing to be standing very close to the middle window. Lisa then said that she also had seen a similar shape while Derek had been asking for Lady Pearce to step forward.

Stephanie noted at 21:16 hrs, *“Derek and I both heard a loud bang at the area of the entrance to the Gallery staircase and at 21:28 hrs, Derek said he was sure he had seen a figure by the chairs but on investigation nothing was there.”*

VIGIL THREE AND FOUR

LOCATION: THE PEARSE INSTITUTE – AREA OF AND INCLUDING BILLIARD ROOM

TIME: 21:00 HRS

INVESTIGATORS: TEAM 2

Kay noted a musty smell in the room and Kay also said she heard a whimpering sound near to the stair and she said it sounded like a female. Temperatures were taken and they read 18C and then 16C. Joan started using her pendulum. Lynn asked Joan to stand in the same spot Lynn had stood in during the tour. Joan stood in the same spot and the pendulum appeared to pick up a strong energy, Joan then called out. Lynn then said she had a communication from a lady who had been in service in the Billard Room and she was wearing black and white. Lynn then added that she was sensing a cabinet with cleaning materials and the female cleaning the tables. Lynn described the lady as being plump with Varicose veins, and the chair that Lynn was sitting on used to be where the cabinet was situated. Lynn explained that the lady was distraught as she knew the tables were removed. Lynn also added that while the female had worked in the room there had been an accident which involved a Tourniquet and the lady was distraught when it happened. The time was 21:20 hrs, and Joan clearly heard someone clearing their throat while Lynn was speaking. The team for a short period moved towards the stair and as they did this Joan noted hearing what sound like a female whimper at the top of the stair. Joan asked out and asked for spirit to try and knock back. After a short period the team returned to the Billard Room and Joan's pendulum was behaving erratically. At 21:35 hrs, Kay heard another noise which was coming from the corner of the room near the door. The lady explained to Lynn that the room had changed but at one time was very original and also had fancy crystal glasses but it was a shame that the room interior was not appreciated. Lynn then said that there had been some kind of Board meeting. Lynn then sensed a gentleman who was communicating with her and the year seemed to be as far back as 1948 and this man had a leg in plaster, was using crutch like sticks, and he was very well dressed. Lynn could also see a smoke filled room. The man explained that his leg was in plaster but he was actually going to have it amputated and it was no laughing matter. There was a very strong Masonic connection and the man had lots of badges on his lapel. He then asked Lynn if she knew where William McQueen was. Lynn then said she was sensing a communication from a shy lady dressed in black and Lynn was feeling many discussions had been made in this room. A man had put his hand up and said it wasn't a closely guarded secret about the counterfeit notes. He was also crying with another man who was very small in height. The crying man said "you disgust me" and the smaller man was not reacting to the outburst. The smell from the fountain was putrid and water was

bubbling up through the cobbles. Lynn seemed to be jumping around with various communications and then she explained that Samuel Phillips was here for the Billiard Room meeting. Joan then asked out for information on the Counterfeit money but the feeling was that the gents round the table knew about it but it had to remain a close secret. There also seemed to be a problem with money when the building was completed but there was no foul play involved. At 21:55 hrs, Lynn described seeing a long line of people standing having a jag for Diphtheria. Lynn also explained that in the 1960's the building was also being used for Highland Dancing competitions for adults and Lynn could hear the bagpipes and sense great hilarity. Lynn now could sense William Pearce and a strong connection to Rothesay and the Isle of Arran for William and his spouse. At 22:05 hrs, Lynn was now sensing a connection to an Orange Order in the room and Joan thought she could smell citrus polish. The team then discussed a barrel vaulted ceiling and wondered if it was linked to Sailors and Maritime. Joan then noted that she could see what looked like a cat light in colour walk across the room and Kay felt that money had been stashed under the floorboards.

VIGIL THREE

LOCATION: THE PEARCE INSTITUTE – THE CELLAR

TIME: 21:10 HRS

INVESTIGATORS: TEAM 3

Marco and Barry tried a question and answer experiment. There was no clear response to the questions, they did hear clicks which seemed to answer certain questions but on reflection it could have been the electricity box.

VIGIL FOUR

LOCATION: THE PEARCE INSTITUTE – THE FAIRFIELD HALL

TIME: 21:45 HRS

INVESTIGATORS: TEAM 1

As Derek, Soraya, Bill, Lisa and Stephanie were walking to the Fairfield Hall they clearly heard what sounded like a cat Miaoww in the corridor but no cat was there.

The vigil was quiet in the room and at 22:00 hrs, Derek asked out and tried some knocking for responses. The team agreed though that the general atmosphere in the room seemed to change. Derek carried on trying some knocks on doors, walls as he worked round the room but nothing was given back as a clear response. Lisa did note that she felt her throat was being constricted.

VIGIL FOUR

LOCATION: THE PEARCE INSTITUTE – THE McLEOD HALL

TIME: 21:45 HRS

INVESTIGATORS: TEAM 3

Marco called out and said that he was sensing a man of the clergy and at that point there was a knock heard. Barry then called out and Marco said that he was sensing a tall gaunt man with white hair and as Marco was writing this down, there was another knock but louder this time and coming from the entrance to the door which led to the Gallery. At 21:50 hrs, Marco felt cold and at 21:59 hrs, Marco kept thinking on the song Danny boy and he kept thinking that some one was also saying "Some one forgot Dublin." Marco also noted that there was a connection to an Irish personal conflict. Marco was sensing a male with this and at this point more knocks were heard in the room and Marco noted Carrickfergus. Marco then kept thinking of a man with a pointed nose.

BREAK

VIGIL FIVE AND SIX

LOCATION: THE PEARCE INSTITUTE - THE BILLIARD ROOM

TIME: 23:00 HRS

INVESTIGATORS: TEAM 1

Derek asked for spirit response and said that he was sensing the year 1887, Derek described then that he could see a small piece of light then it was becoming dark again then light again and followed by darkness. Derek then said that he could sense coloured bunting tied all the way up the staircase and there would appear to have been a celebration and with this came the name Betty. The Billiard room was also very Smokey and hazy and four men were seated round a table and they all had bowler hats on. There seemed to be a discussion and there was old fashioned bank notes being counted. More money then was taken from a tin and counted and then placed in a large ledger book. A very well dressed Lady was also there making sure that everything was in order. The money was going to be dispersed to other areas and this lady was very strict about the operation and was making sure that everything was in order and done by the book. The amounts of money was then being entered very carefully into the Ledger. The well dressed lady had a stick but it was not a walking aid, it was a fashion accessory. Derek could see her as a middle aged woman. Derek then spoke of a great time of upheaval and he thinks that this was in the 1920's or 1930's. A lot of people were round the table and they were questioning whether they were capable of handling the situation as it is hard times. At 23:14 hrs, Stephanie sensed Children and babies and she was not sure if this was connected to the room or not. Stephanie said that she sensed there was a duty of care for the children. Derek said he was now in a different era and there was a gentleman who was sitting beside Derek and he had breathing difficulties. The man is very rich and he wants to help the poor. His breathing is bad and he says "I am angry about the Clock." Derek said that people are now walking into the building and handing over cheques to a man sitting behind a desk. They all look like business men and the money has been gathered to help less fortunate people. Derek says that the lady is still there and that she has trouble with her knees and has difficulty climbing stairs. Although the room was the Billiard Room, it was sometimes used for other purposes. The room had been used for meetings and some of these were good and some were bad. The lady has said "he says it won't last." At 23:40 hrs, Stephanie noted "I have had a very sore head for the last 20 mins and the energy feels quite heavy."

Derek then said the lady had gone but she left him feeling very cold all round the back of his head and his back was cold. Derek added that this lady is always in the Billiard room and will make people feel unsettled if they see her. The lady was not nasty but wanted everything done properly.

Lisa then stated that something was pulling the back of her chair. Derek said that the Lady had not liked the room being used for Billiards and as far as she was concerned it was the waste of a good room. Lisa then said she could see a man dressed in red sitting beside Bill. Derek then said that the lady had come back and commented that she was not happy that the men had been using the room, as she had wanted the room used for Women and Children. and that she was concentrating on the rights for women and that women were not being given their correct place. Women were still treated as second best and men reaped the benefits. The lady was around the early 1900's up until the 1930's. She then explained that she was quite happy now though, as the building was being used for the Community and that the situations now are more fair and equal.

Derek then mentioned that the room had at one time been used for nursery conditions and he could see beds up and down the room.

VIGIL FIVE

LOCATION: THE PEARCE INSTITUTE – THE CELLAR

TIME: 22:55 HRS

INVESTIGATORS: TEAM 2

Lynn said there was flooding in the Cellar and it was possibly connected to a hydrant. Lynn explained that she could see papers, cash books and ledgers floating . These documents were important and it created a big problem. Lynn then said that she could hear kids enjoying themselves. Lynn said that she was being taken out to the water fountain and there were kids with no shoes and all the children were gathering round it. Lynn then sensed that there had been a theft of goods but she was not sure what time period this was. Lynn can see that the cellar area was also

being used to store furniture and there was a rocking horse. Lynn then said that the lady Myra had come back, she was not the lady of the house but was connected to the lady of the house. Lynn then said William Pearce but Lady Myra was a generation above Lady Pearce. Lynn then said that she was touching Lynn's left ear and said to Lynn "Don't worry about the water you are quite safe." Lynn added that the lady was wearing a fancy ring and was holding an emerald necklace which matched the ring, she wore this morning, noon and night. Lynn said that she had explained that she suffered from a thyroid problem and sometimes her hair was long or up in a bun. When combing her hair she used a beautiful bone comb. The lady then started speaking to Lynn and talking about the Orphanage as there was an Orphanage near by. (this has been researched and Merryflats was the orphanage and was built in 1874. Govan Parish Council ran it until 1930) The lady said Children were coming into the building suffering from Diptheria and injections were administered. The lady also explained that there had been a sister called Bethany Sinclair but she had a habit of not being too friendly towards the children. There was also a different uniform for the staff dealing with orphanage kids, it was green with a white stripe. The lady also explained to Lynn that there had been a maypole not far from the building. She also explained that her husband had a connection to boats and they were tied up in a small basin near the Pearce. A name of Archibald Fitsimmons was given. The lady then introduced Lynn to this man and he was wearing navy coloured trousers and a dark blue jumper and he was carrying a case of navigation equipment. Lynn then said that some of the children were working in the area polishing boots, shoes and saddles. This was going back to early 1800's BEFORE the Pearce Institute, the children were kept out of public view and were very dirty in appearance. Lynn could see a man with authority carrying polishes and it was all done in a cellar. At 23:15 hrs, Lynn then sensed a busy ladies' embroidery group, the women were wearing long skirts early 1900's. There were sitting sewing fabric onto hoops and they were a group of elite ladies and they were talking about the Pearce Family.

VIGIL FIVE

LOCATION: THE PEARCE INSTITUTE – STAIR OUTSIDE McLEOD HALL CORRIDOR

TIME: 23:00 HRS

INVESTIGATORS: MIXED TEAM

Marco called out and at 23:07 hrs, Marco noted down William. At 23:12 hrs, the team moved to the Fairfield Hhall and Kia said that she could sense an elderly group and a misty atmosphere. At 23:17 hrs, the team noted that there appeared to be a shadow which seemed to be moving near to the alcove door. Both Marco and Barry also heard knocks coming from the same area. At 23:19 hrs, Marco sensed a Victorian lady, very rich looking and Marco commented that she was now in the room with them. No other communication came forward.

VIGIL SIX

LOCATION: THE PEARCE INSTITUTE – THE McLEOD HALL

TIME: 23:30 HRS

INVESTIGATORS: TEAMS 2 & 3

Joan and Kia went up to the Gallery as they were climbing the stair, Joan went to speak to the investigator behind her as she was aware of another member being at her back, but on turning round there was nobody there!! Marco then noted that he felt there was an energy on the Gallery close to the door. Lynn said that she was sensing a soldier and she asked him to step forward. Lynn also commented on a choir singing and there were a number of Christenings as Lynn could see babies at different times all being Christened. At 23:45 hrs, a sound was heard coming from the area of the gallery door. Marco also noted that during this vigil he sensed a wedding and church bells and Italian money (500 lira). It was the late 1930's and it was a girl's first communion. Marco then on a few occasions asked for the sound to be repeated for the team. The team then used a balloon which was attached to a table and decided to see if they could carry out an experiment but with the balloon swaying from draughts due to the wind outside, this experiment would have been difficult to conclude one way or another.

VIGIL SEVEN

LOCATION: THE PEARCE INSTITUTE – THE McLEOD HALL

TIME: 00:30 HRS

INVESTIGATORS: ALL TEAMS

Various members of the team noted seeing what they thought was a figure on the Gallery but this was not clear enough. It was then decided to hold a communication circle. The circle sitters were:-

Marco
Lynn
Fiona
Kia
Lisa
Stephanie

Lynn opened the circle.

- Marco sensed 1876
- Lynn saying next time she would show where the animal heads were kept.
- Marco, the name of Hannah who spent time in the area.
- Lynn could smell incense.
- Marco said he could feel a strong breeze at his left arm.
- ALL HEAR A CRACK COME FROM THE GALLERY
- Stephanie sensed a woman aged 50 in building and quite angry. She was told if she got married she would have to leave her job and the building.
- Marco sensed a James who had a loud voice, this was very much in fun, but not many people liked it. This was in the 1950's. Marco also sensed a tall figure with short hair but this male had something wrong with his nose.

Circle closed at 00:55 hrs.

END OF INVESTIGATION

SUMMING UP

Firstly on behalf of the Ghost Club Council, our investigation team and myself, I would like to take this opportunity to offer my sincere thanks to Ms Sinead Carrigg and Mr Michael Rice and the staff of the Pearce Institute, for all their help and kindness in making this investigation possible for members of the Ghost Club.

I would like to sum up this investigation with some interest. During the course of the night there was some very interesting incidents. Some we rule out, some we could put down to accidental occurrence and some could be beyond explanation at present.

All our mediums on the night worked very hard to try and give as much information as possible my thanks must also go to Lynn Robertson and Marco Piva for the volume of information which they gave on the night. This information will now be researched and I will also liaise with the Pearce Institute to see if anything is kept on record and we hope that there may be some corroboration. We are returning to the Pearce later in 2015 and from the second Investigation, more information will be gathered. At present I would like to mention the Cat which would appear to have been sighted and most clearly heard during the night. After Team 1 had heard the cat, enquiries were made with Michael who was the caretaker on the night. Michael confirmed that there was no cat in the building and he even checked the building just to make sure no moggy had slipped in the door.

I am of the opinion that due to the age of the building and that fact that it has served the community of Govan for nearly 110 years, there will be a residual energy from events of the past which will every so often re-enact itself. At

times it would appear that there are bursts of activity which may require staff investigation but I do believe that it could be possible that many of the spectral visitors come and go at their own discretion.

Indeed, a fascinating building and an interesting investigation that was enjoyed by all who attended. I do look forward to returning to the Pearce later in 2015 and 2016. In the meantime the file on the Pearce Institute shall remain open.

This was certainly an interesting investigation and again my thanks go to the Investigation Team on the night, and all the Staff at the Pearce Institute for their kindness and for making this investigation possible for the members of The Ghost Club Investigation Team.

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