Waverly Hills Sanatorium

LOUISVILLE, KY | WAVERLY HILLS SANATORIUM

CAN THE MOST TERRIFYING BUILDING IN AMERICA BECOME EVEN *MORE* HAUNTED?

THE SOULS TRAPPED IN WAVERLY HILLS HAVE TORMENTED VISITORS FOR DECADES. BUT RECENT EVENTS ARE A COMPLETELY NEW KIND OF HORROR...





GHOST HUNTERS

CALL FOR HELP



Owner, Tina Mattingly, knows Waverly Hills better than anyone alive. She thought she had seen (and heard) it all in the former sanatorium, but frightening new paranormal activity is leaving Tina baffled. Now she has no choice but to turn to the only team she can trust to provide her with answers.

PARANORMAL ACTIVITY



Past *Ghost Hunters* teams have seen full apparitions, shadow figures crawling on the walls, disembodied legs running through the halls and flying entities. Investigators have been touched, grabbed and have had items thrown at them. Grant & Jason recorded a disembodied conversation and Steve & Tango picked up a distinct growl on the 4th floor.

HISTORICAL SNAPSHOT



In the early 1900s, Jefferson County, Kentucky was overrun with tuberculosis. In an effort to contain the disease, the Waverly Hills Sanatorium was opened outside of Louisville. But the number of TB cases continued to rise, so expansions were made in the mid-1920s to accommodate more patients. By the 1960s an antibiotic had all but eradicated TB, so Waverly was converted into the Woodhaven Geriatric Facility in 1962. It closed 21 years later after reports of overcrowding, abuse and neglect.

Rear of Waverly Hills, Present Day



PARANORMAL ACTIVITY

BALL MOVING ON ITS OWN

 During the live Halloween special, Jason & Grant captured video of a ball that appeared to move on its own and roll approximately 16 feet across the floor.

STRANGE VOICES/NOISES

- Steve & Tango caught an EVP of a distinct growl in the Nurses' Ward
- Jason & Grant caught three overlapping voices on a recorder saying things like: "yeah I see them."
- Steve, Tango & Britt caught EVPs of light female moans inside the Body Chute (AKA "the Death Tunnel.")
- Amy conversed with a spirit through knocking after strange sounds were heard in the Nurses' Ward.

MYSTERIOUS TOUCHING

- During an investigation on the 4th floor, Steve felt something grab his leg.
- After getting responses from what she thought was a child's spirit, Amy felt something touch her back on the 5th floor.

SHADOW FIGURES

- A dark shadow figure (referred to as "Creeper") is seen crouching in corners. When approached, it will often stand up and scale the wall/ceiling.
- Grant witnessed a full-body shadow figure on the 4th floor.
 When he tried to chase the strange figure, it disappeared.
- Britt & Adam saw a shadow figure hiding in the Morgue.

THERMAL IMAGES

- Jason & Grant captured thermal imaging of disembodied legs, possibly of a child, crossing a corridor on the 2nd floor.
- The same night, Steve also caught a similar thermal image of legs walking next to him.

APPARITIONS

 Multiple apparitions, including child patients and doctors wearing lab coats, have been spotted throughout the property.

FLYING ENTITIES

 One camera caught something fly across the ceiling of a hallway. The entity seemed to come out of one wall and disappear through another.

HISTORY

DEADLY EPIDEMIC RAGES THROUGH THE COUNTY

- <u>July 26, 1910</u>: Waverly Hills opens during a time when tuberculosis was on the verge of becoming a full-on epidemic in the area due to the swamplands nearby.
- 1926: The building is expanded to accommodate up to 400
 patients, which is an upgrade from its original 40 to 50 person
 capacity. Tuberculosis was spreading like wildfire in the area,
 so they needed all the space they could get.
- At the time, Waverly was considered the most advanced tuberculosis facility in the country. This was despite electroshock therapy and other gruesome experiments that took place in attempts to find a cure for the disease.
- <u>DEATH TO NOTE ON SITE:</u> After becoming pregnant out of wedlock and getting an abortion, a nurse hanged herself in Room 502.
- <u>DEATH TO NOTE ON SITE:</u> A nurse threw herself off the roof after being diagnosed with tuberculosis.

A NEW ERA

- 1961: Streptomycin, a tuberculosis-curing antibiotic, began to greatly reduce the number of TB cases. By 1961, there were so few cases that there was no longer a need for such a large hospital.
- 1962: Waverly Hills reopens, but this time as Woodhaven Geriatric Facility.
- 1982: The building permanently closed its doors after allegations of understaffing, neglect and abuse, including one case where an unattended elderly patient fell and died.

THE MATTINGLY'S TAKE OVER

- 2001: After sitting vacant for years, Waverly Hills Sanatorium was purchased in 2001 by Charlie and Tina Mattingly to restore alongside Charlie's father, a former employee.
- Charlie's father passed away shortly after the restoration began, but Charlie and Tina continue the job in memory of his father.

THE GHOST HUNTERS ARRIVE

 The Ghost Hunters team has investigated Waverly Hills three times prior: in 2006, 2007 and 2011.