

1886 CRESCENT HOTEL & SPA

Eureka Springs, Arkansas | Historic Hotel

FIELD INVESTIGATION / 1886 CRESCENT HOTEL & SPA

An Ozark landmark with a remarkable history and ghost legends.

Opened in 1886, the Crescent later housed a women's college and Norman Baker's fraudulent cancer-treatment facility. Today it is a historic hotel.

DOCUMENTED HISTORY

The Crescent opened in 1886 as a resort. It later operated as a women's college and, in 1937, as Norman Baker's fraudulent cancer-treatment hospital.

REPORTED PARANORMAL ACTIVITY

Hotel folklore includes Michael of Room 218, Theodora of Room 419, Breckie, and stories connected to the former morgue.

LEGEND CHECK

DOCUMENTED

The 1886 opening, school years, and Baker operation are documented.

PARANORMAL TRADITION

Named apparitions and morgue hauntings are unverified folklore.

PARANORMAL HOTSPOTS

ROOM 218	Michael legend; note nearby guest sounds.
ROOM 419	Theodora legend; observe only with access.
MORGUE TOUR	Guided access only; compare echoes.
CORRIDORS	Consider footsteps and hotel activity.

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WHAT TO WATCH FOR

☐ Footsteps / creaks

☐ Voices / distant speech

☐ Shadow / reflection

☐ Door / latch sounds

☐ Temperature / airflow

☐ Ventilation / plumbing

☐ Guests / hotel staff

☐ Street / exterior noise

BASELINE NOTES

SOUND / ACOUSTICS

LIGHT / REFLECTIONS

AIRFLOW / TEMPERATURE

PEOPLE / ACTIVITY

WEATHER / EXTERIOR

OTHER CONTROLS

INVESTIGATOR NOTES

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THE HISTORIC-HOTEL SOUND BASELINE

During an authorized tour, document ordinary sounds and changing light before evaluating unusual experiences.

1. POSITION

Record the approved room or tour area.

2. BASELINE

Identify HVAC, footsteps, and voices.

3. LIGHT

Compare lamps, windows, and shadows.

4. SOUND

Note possible sources of knocks.

5. REPEAT

Record timing and recurrence.

6. RESULT

Separate likely causes from open questions.

LOCATION PROTOCOL

Respect hotel guests, tour rules, and staff directions. Restricted areas and investigations require advance authorization.

CHALLENGE RESULT

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VISITOR INFORMATION

1886 Crescent Hotel & Spa | 75 Prospect Avenue, Eureka Springs, AR 72632. Confirm hotel reservations and ghost-tour schedules before visiting.

LINKS + RESOURCES

OFFICIAL HOTEL



GHOST TOURS



HISTORY / VISITOR INFO



VISIT COMPLETION

☐

Followed hotel access rules

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Reviewed hotel history

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Respected guest privacy

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Researched reported legends

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Completed sound baseline

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Followed tour protocol

FIELD JOURNAL

INVESTIGATION #

VISIT DATE

ONE THING I COULD NOT EXPLAIN

Research basis: Crescent Hotel published history and attributed folklore.