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Major graham haunted mansion

This spectacular antebellum, historic and haunted mansion is must be seen for curious travelers of southwest Virginia. As you approach Major Graham Mansion, he rises like a phoenix in front of you. Located just 10 minutes and two turns from Interstates 77 and 81 in Wythe County, you will be amazed as you walk through the grandeur of this magnificent estate and learn the secrets of the Graham Dynasty. Indeed, as Major Graham Road's hardtop turns into gravel becomes your portal to the past and real-time seems to fade as you pull up to your massive iron gates. Originally named Cedar Run, the mansion and surrounding hills have long been named after Major David Graham, civil war hero and son of family patriarch Squire David Graham. Legend has it that Confederate officers held secret meetings in an upstairs bedroom, and J.E.B. Stuart was a frequent young visitor. But be warned..... many visitors and passers-by have distanced themselves from their journey to the villa experiencing a strange, inexplicable phenomenon. Private excursions are available by booking as well as bookings for bus tour groups. Private paranormal group investigations are also available by booking. Public tours are limited to private bookings in 2014 due to planned repairs and renovations. The only public tours scheduled for 2014 Don't miss our wildly popular HAUNTED GRAHAM MANSION Halloween event, formerly called SPOOKYWORLD. THE HAUNTED GRAHAM PALACE will be open on 12 terrifying nights every Friday and Saturday from the last weekend in September to the first weekend in November! Major Graham Mansion and the property are privately owned by Josiah Cephas Weaver. Buildings and land can be rented for weddings and events, and paranormal groups can also schedule private paranormal investigations on the property. There is also a private white-tailed deer hunt and spring gobblers hunt. (See www.VirginiaGuidedHunting.com) In 2014 For more information, please contact us at 276-284-0006 or info@majorgrahammansion.com. Brianna is a full-time writer, blogger and editor. Her specialty is terrifying. Travel with her to some truly haunting destinations! Learn more about one of the best haunted places in Virginia! Sit back and enjoy the ride. We left town and are now in a quiet, picturesque part of Southern Virginia. We are entering Wythe County, a small and tight-knit community of about 500 residents, located in the hills of Max Meadows, Virginia. We turn onto a long, gravel road that slowly travels into a forest full of deer; we pass through streams and an abandoned mill. We have finally reached our destination – a massive, beautiful antebellum villa located on a picturesque hill Us. But this beautifully crafted estate has kept a lot of secrets... and some long-deceased guests. Are you ready for the time tour? Major Graham's Villa | Haunted sites in Virginia Major Graham Mansion has been listed on the National Register of Historic Sites since 1984. Come Find Me: Instructions for Major Graham MansionMajor David Graham. Major Graham's Villa | Haunted sites in Virginia The history of Major Graham MansionBuilt on 11,000 square feet of property, Major Graham Mansion (also known to be called Cedar Run Farm) is named after civil war hero and past owner, Major David Graham. Born in 1838, he served as a lieutenant in the Civil War. Squire David, an Irish immigrant, bought the parcel from John Baker in 1826. John Baker was Joseph Baker's son who originally owned the land and built a small cabin in 1785. According to court records, two Joseph Baker merchandise killed him with an axe and cut his head off right down the middle, then dumped his body in a barrel of moonlight. Two slaves, Bob and Sam, were eventually hanged from the property for the crime. Their spirits kept reporting how they roamed the grounds where they were hanged. It was the beginning of the dark history and haunting of this villa as the villa was built around Joseph Baker's original cottage. Squire David married his wife Martha Bell Pierce in 1835. They had eight children, and Major Graham eventually inherited the villa. So how does a family come to build and own such a prominent and massive property? The Grahams were very wealthy in part by owning many other properties, including thousands of acres of land, a mill, general trade, 12 iron shackles and a stove. Squire David also owned some of the local mines. When he died, Major Graham inherited both his real estate and his businesses. In addition to inheritance, he invested and ran several of his own mining and manufacturing companies. Major Graham married Nancy Montgomery Tate in 1868 and also gave birth to eight children before he died in 1898.Many of the renovations, supplements, deaths, tragedies, mental illnesses and mysteries occurred over the hundreds of years that Major Graham Mansion has existed. He also saw his share of the owners. The current owner since 1989, Josiah Cephas Weaver, has maintained the property with the direct intention of preserving the villa and its history and heritage. It also hosts many events in the cedar run villa throughout the year, with the most popular events held during the autumn months. These events include haunted attractions, music festivals and ghost tours. Major Graham's Villa | Places in VirginiaA Look inside the Magnificent PalaceThis massive antebellum villa was built in four parts from 1840 to 1890. The villa itself has three floors and 25 rooms, but there are many outbuildings, as well as on the property. Some outbuildings have been lost over the years, some are original and some have been rebuilt. From now on, they have an outbuilding to the left of the front porch of the villa that served as a washing house and has an original fire pit, chimney, boiling boiler, drain and flushing pool. The outbuilding just behind the kitchen of the main villa was a summer kitchen and a slave chamber. There was also a winter kitchen that was located in the basement. Other outbuildings include an office commissary, a spring and two stables. Just steps from the villa is also the Squire David's General Store which has attracted many carriages of road passengers on their way west in their time. Major Graham Mansion is surrounded by hills and forests which makes for a very picturesque, eerie but beautiful scene. His architectural work reflects more Charleston's influences and excellent woodwork inside and outside the house and rope paneling around his neck to add to the mysticity of the mansion. Throughout the villa you will find original mahogany cloaks as well as decorative and functional radiators. The woodwork on the back staircase is also original and zigzag zags from the main floor to the third floor. The living room opens directly into the dining room with floor-to-ceiling oak doors and is the two most massive rooms in the home. Around the outside of the villa, you can find the original herringbone brick promenade. During the period when Major Graham owned the villa, he added Mansard's roof, tower and dormitories. He then added beautiful Victorian porch overlooking Cedar Run Creek.A Map of the East Coast. Major Graham's Villa | Haunted places in VirginiaMajor Graham Mansion's Notable RoomsThere are several rooms in the home that are well known for strange phenomena and dark history. Let's look: Clara's room: Of all the rooms in the house, this one seems to have the greatest appeal, activity and worst tragedy. The room is located directly above the Hearth room and was actually used as a classroom. Clara is said to have been a civil war orphan girl. She was then secretly adopted by Major Graham Bettie's younger sister. She was kept in Bettie's room and other younger sisters Emily. The sisters are believed to have tortured the poor, young girl for several years before she was ever discovered! After coming in one winter with tuberculosis or pneumonia, Clara died. The sisters allegedly wrapped Clara's body in bedding and then hid her in a closet until winter was over and the ground no longer froze, where they continued to bury her in a shallow grave on The grave is reportedly just beyond one of the hilltop stables. Bettie, whose real name was Elizabeth Ann Graham, kept a journal that has now been published and kept at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville. Clara is the most active spirit in the home, especially if he is given the ball to play with. Martha's Room: There has been a lot of controversy over the story of Martha Bell Pierce, wife of original owner Squire David. Many believe that Squire David was not only an alcoholic, but also an mean and nasty alcoholic at it. Martha suffered through many years of depression and mental illness, probably because of Squire David. Martha would have had crazy seizures that forced Squire David to lock Martha in a room for a long, undisclosed time. Where's the proof of that? In several rooms of the house you will find walls and windows where Martha carved the date and her initials. The dates are believed to have been when Squire David locked her up. In the infamous Martha's Room you'll find an actual window that's been carving since The 24th century. Martha's spirit is believed to haunt the villa and perform pranks on guests. Bride's room: The bride's room is located at the front of the villa. The room inherited its name from the apparition of an unknown woman who is often seen in the window. Often referred to as the Lady in the Veil or Crying Bride, those who have seen her describe her as a very sad, young woman who is in a wedding dress. It is believed she may have been waiting for her fiancé to return home from the war. Only he didn't make it, and she's been waiting for him ever since. The man and his girlfriend, who were housekeepers in the 1990s, claimed to have seen her several times in the window and at the bottom of one of the stairwells. Confederate Room: The Confederate Room is located in the attic on the third floor and also the biggest secret of the villa itself. Historians are believed to have held secret meetings in this room, planning combat strategies against the Yankees. A lot of people wonder what other secrets this room held. Basement: Disobedient slaves were kept in the basement. In fact, there was a room dedicated only to them. That room is called The Shackle Room, and faces much speculation after writing was found carved into wood paneling next to the shackles. Could it be? You guessed it! It is believed that to this day the records of Martha Bell Pierce, and that this was one of the many places where Squire David locked her up. Meet the owner and take a look inside Major Graham Mansion The place has been haunted for as long as I can remember. - - Local investigations into the haunting and paranormal investigations of Major Graham MansionVisitors have become so preoccupied with this place and it's easy to see why, investigators have been coming to this place for a long time and often come. This is because of many reports of activities and entities seen and heard here by eyewitnesses. Here are some of them: The child was heard saying your name? near the Confederate Room. Many report the strong smell of pipe tobacco in certain parts of the villa. In the most active room, Clara's room, an entity believed to be Clara will sometimes roll the ball around the floor. Local residents have often reported many strange events. They heard strange voices and saw lights and faces on the windows. One longtime resident even said: The place has been haunted for as long as I can remember. One local resident drove and came around the bend where Major Graham Mansion is and saw a huge at least 6'6 grey apparition in front of slave quarters roaming the grounds. The resident said the spirit has no pupils, only large round circles where the eyes should be. Can slaves, Bob or Sam, kill Joseph Baker? The villa's owners and guests claim to have walked past Martha's room and saw a woman on an outdoor balcony rocking in a rocking chair she doesn't have. Along with these eyewitness accounts come many phenomena that have occurred to several paranormal research groups or ghost hunters who have spent many nights inside this haunted home. Hand in hand, hundreds of EVs (Electronic Voice Phenomena), apparitions caught on camera and countless other recorded paranormal phenomena are coming. Here's some of the evidence they've gathered: The Virginia Paranormal Society: This group is among some who have done frequent research here. And they've got some pretty good evidence to date. In the drawing room, where the piano is, when asked about playing the song they caught a man clearly saying: I don't play that tune. While another investigator was looking into another room on the 2nd and 2nd. After immediately going out into the hallway to check, there was no one else on the entire floor. Other reports and claims from this group include tugging pantgging, shirts tugged, hearing whispers, and being flat out touched. But my favorite claim was that one of the investigators sang Amazing Grace in the Piano Room. When she stopped mid-verse as an answer technique, she really got the answer! EVP was recorded singing, yes yes yes yes. Paranormal Research and Research (R.I.P): This investigative group has captured some pretty compelling EVs. While in Slavery, a member asked for a name in which a man's voice said: Connor! A man's voice was also heard in Clara's room saying no when asked if anyone would play with the ball being kept in the room. In the Room, one investigator asked if anyone was there where they got the answer that. In the Confederate Room, a male voice was recorded saying yes after being asked if or not he would like to move the table. Haunted Southern TV: This group has done an impressive amount of work and captured the evidence that fits. After doing a total of four investigations, they caught more than 300 EVs! That's more than I've heard in any haunted location! Among them was a very impressive EVP that they believe Martha Bell Pierce saying: Can you please tell Gracie... I need it. Who Gracie is, we're not so sure. They heard the sounds and whispers of the little girl repeating hide. Several investigators decided to have a session in Clara's room. Throughout, they ask if anyone is inside, to which they get an answer in a very deep male voice that says: I'm here with you. T.A.P.S: Perhaps the most famous research group in this location was the T.A.P.S that you will recognize in the very popular Syfy television show Ghost Hunters. Their conclusion of the investigation was that the villa was indeed haunted after their nightly investigation gave some experience and evidence. EVP was caught in Clara's room saying, come play with me. Footsteps and giggles were caught later in the night. Also, one investigator thought they heard skirts rustling and footsteps coming down the stairs. The name of this episode is Moonshine and Madness and it's a must-watch! The title fits perfectly with this villa. Tours and Festivities If you are interested in visits, there are several events that occur at Major Graham Mansion all year round. They are always open for historical and paranormal tours. The public can take Haunted's historic tour for \$15 a person. Public and private investigations are available for \$100 per person. Reservations are recommended. There are also several music festivals that are hosted here all year round. Among the most common festivities is the world's spooky haunted attraction, which is found there every year every October. Wait, a haunted attraction in the right, real haunted place?! You betcha! Spooky World includes several paranormal-themed activities. Check everything out in the video below. I hope to see you there soon! Spooky World at Major Graham MansionThis content is accurate and true to the best of the author's knowledge and is not intended to be substituted for formal and individualized advice from a qualified professional.© 2014 Brianna WCommentsNoel on October 27, 2017: What is the cost of home and age restrictions for children? Josh Osborne on October 08, 2017: How much is itBrianna W (author) from the East Coast on October 01, 2014: Jeannieinabottle - thank you so much for stopping. I don't live that far either. This is definitely worth a visit! Heidithorne- it was a great episode! Heidi Thorne from Chicago 01. A ghost hunters fan and will have to watch this episode. Voted in and interesting! Jeannie Marie of Baltimore, Md. October 01, 2014: Oh, it looks really scary. I don't live too far from Virginia, so maybe one day I have to visit her. Thank you for sharing! Brianna W (author) from the East Coast on September 14, 2014: The Poe Museum is reportedly haunted by children. As for the Byrd Theater I believe they have paranormal investigators there a lot, but I'm not entirely sure what they found. But I do know that apparently there's a man haunting part of the balcony at theAndrew Smith Theater in Richmond, VA on March 14. Is it worth exploring? The Poe Museum is interesting, but Poe didn't actually live there (or even visit). Brianna W (author) from the East Coast on September 14, 2014: Goatfury- definitely! See Byrd Theater, Tuckahoe Plantation or Edgar Allen Poe Museum. All great havens!! Andrew Smith of Richmond, VA On September 14, 2014: Great information! Do you know much about the supposedly haunted places in Richmond? I live in the capital. Town.