

## PARANORMAL HAPPENINGS AT HOT LAKES RESORT, LA GRANDE, OREGON

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### Subject: Hot Lakes Resort

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Hello,

My name is Stephen Terry, I was a student at Eastern Oregon State College in La Grande, OR during a period of 1998 to 1999.

I am absolutely convinced that Hot Lakes Resort is haunted by some sort of spirit or spirits. I say this because one night I took a drive out there with some friends from school. Upon arriving, we approached the front entrance and heard strange noises which we attributed to the wind as most of the windows were broken out, and it was windy. However upon stepping through a window, we were immediately assaulted by large banging and howling like nothing I have ever heard. I was frozen in place and I made a decision to remain there and to wait for my friends who wanted to walk around some more. I began to hear noises coming from a piano, and I was sure it was my friends playing jokes on me. It wasn't. The piano was playing by itself... Not a player piano, but a regular piano, it was playing by itself. There were finger prints on the keys where dust had formed and I was certain that I could feel something pushing me away as if I was in its way. I immediately left the building and waited in the car for my friends to return who told me about strange noises they heard upstairs coming from a hospital area.

I do not know who to contact about this place, nor have I heard anything about it, however the locals in La Grande rarely talk about it as if it doesn't exist. This property when I was living there going to school had been bought and sold at least five different times by five different owners over a period of about five years. There are stories I have heard from people that worked there as maintenance people stating things like they quit... They could not deal with the stuff going on there, and would only last a couple of days.....

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..... Everything I have been able to find on the place states it was originally a sacred Indian land, which they used to settle their disputes between the tribes. It was later turned into a Hospital/Asylum, and there was a doctor there, which performed some of the early brain surgeries in the United States. The hospital lasted for quite a few years until the doctor finally died. However, from my understanding from the locals who lived there while I attended college, which only a few would actually even acknowledge the place's existence stated that the doctor was actually performing surgeries as experimentation on people and if the surgeries went poorly, and the patient died, they would pack their bodies back up and ship them home on the train. Some people swear though that people were buried on the property near the springs, which I am not sure of nor do I have any information or proof.

What I can tell you for certain, is that piano did play on it's own, I was pushed by something, and there was finger prints left in the dust on the piano, and the keys were moving up and down, and it was not a player piano. My friends that I went with were so freaked out by what they heard and saw upstairs, that for months none of them would talk about it, except finally they stated there was an operating room with an old table and equipment, and while they did not see anything they could hear moaning, and felt extremely unnerved. I can not tell if it was attributed to the basic fear involved with knowing about the place or if it was a legitimate experience however I would say it was a little of both, especially the moaning and noises. Trust me that Piano played on it's own... That I saw, heard, and witnessed, and I have heard other stories about the piano from locals but it is really hard to get them to talk about it.....

Stephen Terry