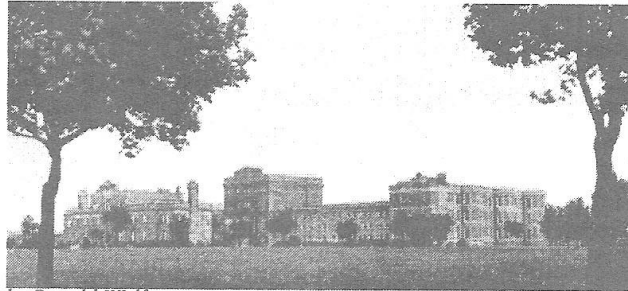


# Things That Go Bump In A Canadian Night

## The Old Guelph Jail, Guelph ON



by Ronald Wolf

When you think of old jails you would probably think of inmates wearing stripped prison outfits hooked up to a ball and chain as they pulverize boulders into gravel. You would not be too far off from the truth.

The Guelph Correctional Centre (GCC) a.k.a. the Guelph Reformatory, started construction in the first decade of the 20th century and didn't really finish until about 60 years later in the 1970s.

A paranormal investigation took place on Nov. 25, 2007 at the GCC.

"We were working with YTV's show Ghost Tracker's at the time and they had asked us to come in and conduct a preliminary investigation to better find out what was going on there in regards to paranormal activity. We had asked Wanda Hewer, a psychic from Guelph to join us for the investigation too," Stephanie Cumerlato, co-founder of Haunted Hamilton said.

A two-hour tour filled the first part of the investigation, she said.

"Then darkness started to creep in. The long hallways started to feel like they were closing in on us. The air became heavy and mysterious. The fact that Ghost Trackers was filming there was pretty neat too, because they had their purple spot lights set up all around the building, casting an eerie purple glow.

It was an overwhelming feeling that became even more intense as it got darker and darker. It almost felt like the prisoners

were still there, trapped inside the jail forever."

Cumerlato said she saw something which made her stop in her tracks.

There were several incidents which have occurred that night.

One incident that stands out in my mind was when we were walking through the infirmary area. I was the first one up the steps and was met by a long hallway with a bunch of doors on either side, she noted.

"I quickly saw a black shadow dart from one room to the other, across the hall. That scared me enough to not want to venture any further so the rest of the team had proceeded a bit further until we all got the sense that we shouldn't be in there. We looked around a few rooms and then left the area immediately.

"But before we did, there was one patient room that both Wanda and I stepped into. She started pacing in a circle and said that she was picking up on a spirit in there that was very nervous and anxious. Maybe he was waiting for a procedure to be done?

"We're not sure. But Wanda did sense that he was torn up about something. He (the spirit) couldn't sit still because of the pain."

"All in all, the location is definitely haunted, not by one, but many spirits that are still trapped there," Cumerlato finished.

The GCC is just one haunted experience in Ontario that is being taken extremely serious in the paranormal realm.