

## Haunted Places in Cimarron, NM

The Village of Cimarron, NM has a population of about 1,000 people. A small village with over a dozen haunted sites and still counting. Situated on the Santa Fe Trail (New Mexico Hwy 21), according to paranormal investigators, the Santa Fe Trail is traveled by the spirits moving from place to place. Many nearby places are noted for their paranormal activity.

### Haunted places in the Village of Cimarron, New Mexico include:

#### Cimarron Elementary School

- Numerous sightings by various people.

#### Cimarron Old Town

- Swenks Saloon, Stage office building and old jail
- All types of reports from various sources
- Original town site of Cimarron with lots of killings, etc

#### Dr. Bass's House (built early 1900's) – Currently a private residence.

- A rather wealthy man, Dr. Bass was known for going around town at night taking firewood from various people. He would then throw the wood down the coal bin at his house, making a loud “bang.”
- Still hear loud bangs in the coal bin—go to check and nothing is there.

#### House/12<sup>th</sup> & Euclid – Currently a private residence.

- Light goes off and on upstairs for no apparent reason
- Find pile of sand on sheets in downstairs bedroom

#### National Hotel (built 1854) – Currently a private residence.

- Current residents & their dog (who growls) hear footsteps following them.
- Various people working on the home report hearing footsteps following them but no one is there.
- The current residents believe their ghost may be a family member who used to live there.

#### Russells Grocery Store

- Security cameras at store over gas pumps in front of building go off due to a motion detector. Alarm went off late one night. Store was not broken into but when he checked the security camera film there was a strange apparition that formed up like a man standing, going past the building. Grocery store situated next to the old Santa Fe Trail—Hwy 21.
- Video from this sighting on youtube.com  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eVWxGLj-AcU>

**St. James Hotel (built 1872 & located in Cimarron Old Town area)** – multiple ghosts with much documentation from various paranormal research groups

- Mary Lambert—smell rose/floral scent, knocks on windows if left open
- TJ Wright—appears in mirrors and sometimes forms in hallways or shows up in rooms. Has his own private room #18 in hotel. Most recent documentation by paranormal research team on March 15, 2011. This hotel featured in the TV show ‘Ghost Adventurers’ in 2014.
- Two young girls—play outside H9 Governor’s room of historic hotel
- Small boy—probably Mary’s son who died in an accident in the hotel. Appears at bar and/or plays.
- The IMP—practical joker who steals small things, pulls silverware out of napkins they were rolled in, lights, music, etc. going off and on at weird times and places, locking people out of rooms, etc.
- Lots of come-and-go “spirit guests” due to the Santa Fe Trail being directly outside the front door and the fact that this place has always been a saloon, dining room and hotel—a place where all types and kinds of people came and went.

**Swastika Hotel (built 1908)** – Currently a private residence.

- Hear music upstairs where the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor used to be located.
- Feel spirits upstairs as if they miss the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.

**WS Ranch House (built 1908)** – Currently a private residence.

- Little girl (4 or 5 year old) believed to have been kidnapped from her house. Has bedroom she calls the “kidnapped room.” Found pennies left by little girl on several occasions. Remembered find them in a row from the “kidnapped room” going down the hallway about 4 inches apart. Found pennies at other times. Saved them.
- A previous owner of the house had the St. James Hotel at the same time. At that time the owners would lock up at night, leaving the hotel without anyone other than the guests. Mary Lambert (hotel ghost and wife of original owner, Henry Lambert) would go to this house if something happened at the hotel. Previous and current owners both have smelled Mary’s flora scent and then found out someone was hurt, been arrested, etc.

**Village of Cimarron/City Hall Complex**

- Reports of lady dressed in really old fashioned dress would show up apparently trying to report something. Happened fairly often until the original building was destroyed.
- Reports from City Hall state she has been seen but only a few times.

**Nearby locations with paranormal activity:**

- Dawson Cemetery
- Mountain View Cemetery
- Philmont Boy Scout Camp—Urracca Mesa; ‘*When the Sun Goes Down: A Collection of Philmont Ghost Stories*’ by Jared & Lori Chatterly.