

## Ashmore Haunted House Gets National Attention

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ASHMORE- Spooky tales from an old Coles County mental hospital are getting a special sci-fi series. Ashmore Estates has been rumored to be haunted for years. Now some ghost hunters are making a documentary to see if the tales are true.

Wednesday was the first day of filming just outside of the small town of Ashmore. Paranormal professionals will stay up all night testing the old house.

Ghosts, spirits, demons, whatever you want to call them, they're getting national attention. The St. Booth brothers are known as professional "Ghost hunters" and they've traveled the country to central Illinois to see what or who might be lurking inside.

"Find the place that has the most insanity in it and of course the activity and we found the top floor to be that," said producer Christopher St. Booth.

Ashmore Estate owner, Scott Kelley took us through a tour of every nook and cranny of the old home.

Some say the old house used to be an insane asylum and the people that lived here, well they haven't left.

"We said 'Could you say 'Hi to Phil', and that's me and it said 'lady burned' and the reason that we're here is because there was a girl that died in a fire in 1880," noted the director as he explained how the ghost testing works.

There's a whole cast of characters the ghost hunters are looking for.

"There's a little boy you supposedly haunts the place and there's a guy named Kentucky Joe with a very shallow face and a hat," said St. Booth.

The story is that people see ghosts and spirits wondering around all over Ashmore Estates but they're gone in a flash. Alright, so some of it is a little hard to believe but in the world of the paranormal tracking whoever might be living here is a science.

"We'll use a laser graph, Keith will use a thermal camera to catch shadows," explained St. Booth.

Folk historians are excited the ghosts have decided to stick around in Coles County.

"I think anything that doesn't have to do with Lincoln around Coles County cause it's a big thing here any kind of other history is good for people to know about," said Coles County folk historian, Michael Kleen.

It'll be on the Sci-Fi network in a series called "Children of the Grave 2" and should air sometime next summer.

Anyone can get a tour of the Ashmore estates call **217-512-9499** or email: [spookmeister@ashmoreestates.net](mailto:spookmeister@ashmoreestates.net)