



CECIL PLAINS

History

Cecil Plains Homestead was the focal point of life on Cecil Plains Station which was claimed in 1841 by Henry Stuart Russell, the first European in the area. The property was named in honour of Henry Stuart Russell's mother, Cecil Charlotte Pemberton starting as a single slab cottage built by Henry and his brother Sydenham on the western bank of the Condamine River. The history of the station is inscribed on a plaque at the entrance to the historic homestead.

Between 1844 and 1847, Ludwig Leichhardt (Prussian explorer) used Cecil Plains station as the base for his botanical expeditions into the surrounding region. It is said that Ludwig Leichhardt often sat on the homestead veranda discussing his expeditions with the two brothers.

James Taylor bought the property in 1859. The Taylor family held it until 1916 when it was purchased by the QLD Government for a soldier's settlement.



API Log:

Cecil Plains homestead has many reports of paranormal activity from the owners and guest that stay at the B & B. As well as the homestead building, the land itself has plenty of tales due to severe floods of the Condamine River.

API conducted an overnight investigation at the homestead in May 2010



There are more tales of spirits long-departed at the Old Station Cemetery. Tombstone details have been preserved in a rustic hardwood memorial surrounding a huge gum tree in the centre of this historic cemetery.



The disused railway bridge leading to the opposite side of the river. High EMF readings have been recorded in this area



The old slab hut



Findings:

On base reading around the property there were no anomalous readings.

Between 9 and 10pm frequent EMF readings in the classroom area.

Between 10pm and 1am there were frequent and constant spikes in Mr Taylors room coupled with cold spots.

No anomalous findings on video footage.

No EVP recordings.

Conclusion:

The day started off rather quiet and most of the night too. Around 10pm the EMF meters started spiking in 2 main areas, the 'Classroom' and most impressively in 'Mr Taylors' room. It is an interesting place to stay regardless of the intention and the sporadic EMF reading and temp changes certainly intrigued us. This is the 2nd time API have visited the homestead and we are still left wondering... and wanting to go back again. No evidence was captured on camera that we can say is 100% proof of paranormal activity, enough reasonable doubt has been raised to warrant API coming back for a further investigation of this area.