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City of London poltergeist mystery solved

125 years ago an office in the City of London was terrorised by paranormal activity. Objects were thrown, doors opened and closed on their own and a disembodied voice was heard. A Catholic priest was even brought in to bless the premises. The additional mystery of the 1901 City of London poltergeist story was that no-one knew exactly where it had happened, until now.

Historian Stephen Miller has been researching the story for a series of 'The Poltergeist Project' podcast. The show focuses on historical poltergeist cases from across the UK. His research has uncovered that the business being haunted was the St John Del Rey Mining Company, who operated gold mines in Brazil from their office in Finsbury House, Blomfield Street.

“The case piqued my interest for a number of reasons, there was a lot of paranormal activity. I was also drawn in by the mystery of not knowing where it all happened. It’s unusual for a poltergeist story to be centred on a business premise. Uncovering the location has given the story a whole different angle. The company's gold mines had a dark story to tell about slavery and Imperialism and the site of Finsbury House itself is in the grounds of the old Royal Bethlehem Hospital, or to give it its nickname, Bedlam.”

Two episodes of the podcast have been released with more to follow delving into the history of Finsbury House and the site it was built on. The mystery of the poltergeist may never be solved but a forgotten piece of London history has been restored.

‘The City of London Poltergeist’ podcast is available on all major podcast platforms for free.

The Poltergeist Project

The Poltergeist Project is a historical research podcast investigating poltergeist cases from across the UK. Each series presents a different historical case with episodes being released during the course of the research, there's no telling how the stories will end.

The podcast is researched and presented by historian Stephen Miller.

Hosted by Podbean at <https://thepoltergeistproject.podbean.com/> and available on Spotify, Apple Podcasts, Amazon Music, Youtube and Audible.

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