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Historian stumped, forgotten Rose Street poltergeist remains a mystery

In 1875 a poltergeist terrorised the inhabitants of 153 Rose Street, Edinburgh. Objects were thrown, screams heard and water mysteriously poured from the ceiling. Things got so bad that after six weeks of horror the tenants moved out. The story made headlines but had never been thoroughly researched, until now.

A historical podcast, 'The Edinburgh Poltergeist', has been investigating the case and concluded that it remains unexplainable. Historical breakthroughs were made, such as uncovering the identities of the victims, Elizabeth Thomson (86) and Georgina McLellan (12), and the history of the building but nothing to explain the strange phenomena.

The historian behind the podcast, Stephen Miller, said "Through historical research I've got a decent track record of providing sceptical explanations for poltergeist phenomena. But this one has me stumped! There was scepticism at the time but the explanations offered are even more fantastic than the paranormal ones. I'm going to file this into the Poltergeist Project archive as 'unexplained'."

Elizabeth Thompson blamed the strange phenomena on 'The Wizard of the North', the famous magician John Henry Anderson, despite him dying the year before the incidents.

The podcast revealed that the haunted building was demolished to make way for the Rose Street Telephone Exchange in the early 20th century.

The full series is available for free on all major podcast platforms and YouTube.

Editor's Notes

The Edinburgh Poltergeist is the fourth series by the Poltergeist Project, a historical research podcast investigating poltergeist cases from across the UK.

The podcast is researched and presented by Stephen Miller.

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