

Clifton, Arizona

CLIFTON, ARIZONA | TOWN OF CLIFTON

**FEARING THEIR ENTIRE TOWN IS
HAUNTED, LOCALS CALL THE
GHOST HUNTERS IN FOR HELP**

**IS THIS FORGOTTEN, ISOLATED
WILD WEST TOWN THE MOST
HAUNTED PLACE NO ONE HAS
EVER HEARD OF?**



GHOST HUNTERS

CALL FOR HELP



The townspeople of Clifton, Arizona have stories to tell, each one more frightening than the next... and the hauntings aren't just happening in one building but all over town. The people of Clifton feel isolated and alone – because they are: “When we see things we can't explain, we're afraid because no one knows we're here... Is the town's deadly and violent history the reason for our ghost sightings?”

PARANORMAL CLAIMS

**DEATH FLOOD
CLAIMS MANY LIVES
IN ARIZONA.**

Generations have witnessed the unimaginable here: Full-bodied apparitions are seen, “inhuman-like sounds” are heard, strange shadows lurk on Chase Creek Street, doors slam, and more. Some townspeople believe there are “disturbed souls” here because bodies have been displaced in many of the cemeteries.

HISTORICAL SNAPSHOT



Clifton was once one of the wildest towns in the Western territory. Copper was discovered here in 1860, and mining began. People flocked to Clifton, and it became a lively – but dangerous – boomtown. In 1906, the town was almost abandoned after 18 people perished when a dam broke during a flood. Violent deaths were also common because of shootouts in the street.

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DEATH IN THE WILD WEST



UNEXPLAINED HAUNTINGS

APPARITIONS

- “People” have been seen late at night, walking down the street and in and out of buildings on Chase Creek Street.
- Shadow figures have been spotted in the Old Clifton Cliff Jail.

BEING TOUCHED

- Boarders have been touched by unseen hands in the middle of the night in the Chase Creek Boarding House.

STRANGE LIGHTS & SHADOWS

- Boarders have seen a “white fog” in the Chase Creek Boarding House.
- Large shadows are seen “walking towards” people in the 1890 Clifton Hotel.

OTHER HAUNTINGS

- Workers in the Gatti Building have heard sounds of shuffling and walking when no one else was there.
- Sounds of digging have been heard in the Elks Building.
- Doors slam on their own in the 1890 Clifton Hotel. Doors have mysteriously opened for people as they walk towards the door.
- Sounds of moaning and “sorrowful sounds” are heard in the Elks building.
- Footsteps are heard coming from empty rooms in the Courthouse.

HISTORY

CLIFTON, ARIZONA

- In the mid-1860s, Henry Clifton came to the area to prospect for gold but instead found rich copper.
- Copper mining began in the region in 1872, and Clifton became a town in 1873.
- Early 1900s: Local newspapers called Clifton “The wildest town in the territory.”
- FLOOD DEATHS: In 1903, 13 bodies were found after “a wall of water 8 feet high” devastated the town during a storm.
- FLOOD DEATHS: In 1906, a dam broke during a flood, and 18 people died.
- DEATHS: Early 1900s: Children died from disease from infested waters, miners perished from the dangerous conditions, and people would discriminate against each other, often leading to bloody shootouts.
- DEATHS: Early 1900s: “Killings averaged 3 per week. All of the men and some of the women owned rifles, and there was easy access to dynamite. The Justice of the Peace was busy, hearing 16 cases of criminal violence per week.” – Harvard University Press
- DEATHS: On April 7, 1913, a fire roared through Chase Creek. Five people died, and 25 structures were destroyed.
- “The Great Flood of 1983” destroyed 700 homes and damaged 86 of the town’s 126 businesses.
- About 3600 townspeople remain in Clifton, many of whom are descendants of the original settlers.