

Abandoned Prison Foot

SPECIFICATIONS:

Date: June 23, 2016

Location: Ohio State Reformatory, Mansfield, Ohio

Photographer: Name withheld

Type Camera: Nikon D5100 (F3.5 exposure, .62 second shutter speed)

Other Information: Location has a history of paranormal activity.



While I occasionally receive photos of ghostly heads and upper torsos, I rarely receive photos of appendages such as feet or hands. As such, I was surprised when I received the photo in mid August of 2016.

The photo was just one of over one hundred photos a woman took during a tour inside the famous Ohio State Reformatory in Mansfield, Ohio (parts of which was used in the filming of the popular prison movie *The Shawshank Redemption*). She didn't notice the "foot" at the time and only discovered it later.

While my initial reaction was to consider it a trick of light and shadow, after careful examination I am unable to see it as anything other than what it appears to be: a shoe and lower extremities of a pair of slacks. Another possibility is

motion blur (an anomaly in which the object of the photo appears badly out of focus because of an overly long shutter speed and rapid movement of the subject), but in this case the exposure time is too short—just over half a second. Additionally, even if that were the explanation, one must ask how only the lower part of one foot managed to remain visible while the rest of the body is entirely invisible. Normally motion blur shows an entire torso, with the extremities normally missing because the arms and legs are the parts of the body most commonly in motion when being photographed.

In any case, a curious photo that suggests ghosts may sometimes only partially manifest, leaving odd photos like this for one to ponder. *(Used with permission. All rights reserved.)*