



The Newby Church Spectre

SPECIFICATIONS:

Date: 1963

Location: Newby Church, North Yorkshire, England

Photographer: Reverend K. F. Lord

Type Camera: Unknown

Other Information:

Location has no history of paranormal activity.

This well-known photo was taken in 1963 by the Reverend K.F. Lord at Newby Church, North Yorkshire. As is so often the case, the Reverend claimed there no one visible at the time he took the photo, it only appearing once the film was developed.

A BBC team examined this photo back in the 1970s and concluded that it was definitely not a double exposure and that the negative had not been tampered with, but the picture still generates a lot of debate today due to the creepy appearance of the figure.

The problem with the photo is obviously with the figure itself. It looks staged or posed and it's wearing what appears to be a sheet over its head complete with eye holes cut out of it. (While that alone would seem to preclude it from being authentic, what if we're not

looking at the ghost of a monk—as is generally assumed—but of an executioner who wanted to keep his identity a secret?)

However, the man who took the photo was a reverend, the one person least likely to pull a hoax, or so one would think. Further, the image appears almost *too* fake! If one was going to hoax a spirit photo, wouldn't they at least attempt to make it look a *little* less hokey?

There will probably never be any way to determine one way of the other whether this is an authentic spirit photo, but it certainly is one of the creepiest ever taken.

Some consider the photo bogus because of the size of the figure. According to calculations made later, the figure stands a good nine feet tall—which seems a bit tall for a ghost. However, a gentlemen from England was kind enough to recreate the photo at Newby Church and send me the results. Comparing the photos will demonstrate that the “ghost” is about average height after all.

