

## The Phantoms of Niagara Falls

### SPECIFICATIONS:

**Date:** August 15, 2008

**Location:** Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada

**Photographer:** Name withheld

**Type Camera:** Sony DSC-W55

**Other Information:** None available



While I receive lots of “vortex” pictures from people (a vortex is a vaporous apparition supposedly in the midst of manifesting itself), rarely do I receive one that looks like anything paranormal. Usually, it’s just exhaled breath on a cold night or cigarette smoke that someone thinks looks like a ghost. This shot, however, sent to me in September of 2008, is the exception.

The young girl was walking on a street near Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada on August 15th, 2008. According to her father, her friends took her picture, along with several others, on his digital camera and this appeared on one shot. The close up on the right shows what appears to be a multiple series of fairly clear faces—anywhere from three to half a dozen

if one looks carefully. The two lower faces appear to be the clearest. While my first impression was that this is one fine Photoshop trick, I am convinced the gentlemen—who was quite willing to discuss the details of the photo and had no problem with me using his name (although I won’t for privacy reasons)—has neither the ability nor the inclination to create such a sophisticated hoax, leaving me with a pretty spectacular photo. Metafile data also shows a two second exposure time, so this could be just a bit of motion blur, but if it is, it’s remarkable how clear the “faces” are. I’m still not 100% convinced it’s a bunch of ghosts, but if there ever was a picture of a real vortex manifesting itself, this would be it. *(Used with permission. All rights reserved.)*

