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## METRO PARANORMAL INVESTIGATIONS

Fort Wayne Detroit Investigation #2  
Final Report  
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**Location:**

Historic Fort Wayne, Detroit, MI

**Date:**

August 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 2007

**Source:**

David D. (Fort Wayne Coalition HFWC / Visitor Liaison)

**Investigation Duration:**

8/03/07 19:00 – 04:00 (7 Hours)

8/04/07 19:00 – 03:30 (6.5 Hours)

**Investigators Present:**

Chris F. (*Lead investigator*)

Wayne M. (*Lead investigator*)

Deana M.

Wendy F.

Kevin J.

Kristie J.

Chris C.

Erin C.

**Guests:**

Dave D.

Bill

Sonya

Mary

Kathy

Bev

Robyn

Karie

**Guests (Cont.):**

Virginia  
Deanna  
Amy  
Bill

**Location Condition:**

Decommissioned riverfront military garrison complex in a star-type formation constructed in 1845. Inside the fort itself there is a four story barracks complex as well as a powder magazine and tunnels (called “sally ports”) that run the length of the fort’s perimeter. The complex also has many outlying buildings that served as Officer and NCO housing during the period of its commission. These buildings were constructed between 1870 and 1910. The entire complex is undergoing massive renovation and many of the buildings are dilapidated and are overgrown by vegetation rendering them unsafe for investigation. (See case file #1 for supplemental historical data and mapping images)

**Location Weather:**

**8/03/07**

Friday evening was warm with a steady breeze blowing to the northwest. The night found falling temperatures as well as a clear ceiling through the entire investigation duration. (See attached weather reports)

19:00 Hrs (Condition notes NWS)

Temperature – 88 F  
Humidity – 28 %  
Dew Point – 51 F  
Wind – NW 8 MPH  
Ceiling - Clear

**8/04/07**

Saturday was a clear day with clouds gathering at a high ceiling as the night progressed. As with the previous evening the temperature dropped again as the night progressed with cloudy skies. (See attached weather reports)

19:00 Hrs (Condition notes NWS)

Temperature – 82 F  
Humidity – 21 %  
Dew Point – 27 F  
Wind – SSW 4 MPH  
Ceiling - Overcast

### **Reported Activity:**

- Sightings of apparitions
- Audible phenomena - doors slamming, footsteps heard
- Cold spots
- Feelings of being watched
- Voices being heard
- Phantom smells
- General uneasiness in certain areas of the location.

### **Assignments & Operations Schedule**

This report and assignment roster will cover both investigations that took place over a two day period. It will reflect the findings and observations as well as the technical field notes that were taken on site.

### **Headquarters Location (rally point)**

Main floor coalition headquarters building, equipment and supply area.

### **Team Roster:**

Alpha – Chris F., Wayne M., Chris C. (*Control / Aid / Technical*)

Bravo – Wendy F., Virginia, & Deanna (*Investigation*)

Charlie – Deana M. & Bev (*Investigation*)

Delta – Jo G. & Kat (*Investigation*)

Echo – Russ G. & Dave (*Investigation*)

Foxtrot – Erin C. & Bill (*Investigation*)

**(Note: Team roster and positions were modified due to location change at several points throughout the investigation)**

### **Investigation Schedule:**

Team rotation will cycle through until 02:30 after which all teams will have open access to all available research areas on both nights. Schedule will be used on both investigation dates.

#### *Barracks*

9:00 PM –Delta, Alpha teams

11:00 PM - Bravo, Delta teams

01:00 AM –Foxtrot, Charlie

#### *Grounds (includes sally ports, powder magazine, and moat areas)*

9:00 – Bravo

11:00 – Foxtrot

01:00 – Delta team

*Spanish Jail* (outlying grounds)

9:00 – Foxtrot

11:00 – Charlie

01:00 – Bravo

*Building #1*

01:00 – Alpha team

**Technical Notes / Equipment Placement:**

**8/03/07**

- 2 DVR cameras - located in barracks between 3rd and 4<sup>th</sup> floors
- 1 DVR camera - Sally port #2 entrance
- Hi – 8 camera - Sally port tunnel gun room
- Mini DV camera - Spanish jail
- Hard Drive Camera (HDC) – Sally port tunnel in gun room

**8/04/07**

- 2 DVR cameras – Located on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floor stairwell (mid section)
- 1 DVR camera – Spanish Jail (cross shot)
- Mini DV camera – Sally port #2 entrance
- Hard Drive Camera (HDC) – Sally port #1 facing towards outside visitors center walkway.

All teams carried at least one mobile recording unit with them. Several stationary units will be placed at various locations throughout the location. The technical staff will note all locations for equipment pickup and reload.

**Equipment on Hand:**

Digital Cameras (various)

Digital Voice Recorders (3)

Micro Cassette Recorders (3)

External Microphones

Laptop computers (3)

Computer Station

Video Recorders (handy cam w/night shot, digital, Hi-8)

IR Headlamps

Flashlights

2 Way Radios (7)

Digital EMF gauge

Cell Sensor EMF gauge

Laser Thermal Contact Gauge

Ambient Temperature Device

DVR Night Vision Camera System (3)

### **Equipment on Hand (cont.):**

First Aid Kits (3)

## **Evidence Review and Findings**

### **Photographs:**

As per MPI protocols each team member had a digital camera on hand at each investigation site to document any activity that may be occurring there. Hundreds of photographs were taken during both nights of the investigation and several did have interesting anomalies but most, if not all of the photographs, can be explained by natural phenomena and camera failure. Therefore, we cannot say that any photographs submitted contain anything paranormal in nature.

### **Audio:**

Per team protocol every research team had a mobile audio device with them at the time of the investigation. Each unit was checked and had an external microphone to try and eliminate mechanical noise from the device. We also had 2 stationary devices positioned in the top left attic of the barracks building. Listed below are the results of our review of all of the submitted audio:

**Digital** (stationary devices) - There were two devices that were left stationary in the same locations inside the barracks building during both nights of the investigation. Upon careful review of all of the audio that was submitted by the team, only one anomalous segment was captured on the devices present. This device was located in the upper “dormer” area of the left section of the barracks, and most of the audio was silence except for equipment check once an hour. At approximately 2:31:06 on 8/3/07 on recorder #1 there was a loud bang that seemed to come from inside the room itself; this was compared to outside noises that were also noted during review and no explanation was found. After examination of previous audio segments taken in the same area it does seem to similar in nature to the sound of a door being slammed on the same level. However at this time we can neither confirm nor deny that it is paranormal in nature. (See segment #5 40:52 – 47.88)

*Note:* During examination of this area at the time of equipment pickup there was no signs of anything falling or out of place in the room itself, and upon review of the team schedule during this audio record (2:31:06) there were no investigators present in the barracks at the time the recording was made.

**Micro Cassette Recorders** (mobile units) - Throughout the investigation we fielded several micro cassette recorders at different areas of the location. After a review of all submitted audio we were able to pick up several “whispers” that were captured on several different audio devices. The segments listed below will be shown to the client for review:

(See attached client disc for audio segments)

**Segment #1** – During a vigil there was a whisper caught on MCR #1 Side B, the team present was just talking at random and upon review the whisper was noticed. (See segment #1 11:35 – 13:50)

**Segment #2** – During a vigil in the forward house basement an inaudible voice / growl appeared on MCR #2 Side A; the “voice” does not coincide with the voices of those present in that area. (See segment #2 9:32 – 11:08)

**Segment #3** – During a vigil in outlying house #2 a short whisper appears on the tape after the investigator finishes the sentence. (See segment #3 5:18 – 4:05)

**Segment #4** – As one of the investigative teams was investigating the Indian mound area a whisper was captured on the recording device. (See segment #4 12:50 – 15:00)

### **Video:**

After an extensive review of all submitted video we can report that only a handful of instances were captured on the recording devices. The anomalies are not visual but can be heard on the devices in the sally port area of the fort perimeter. Listed below are the results of our findings by device:

### **8/03/07**

**Hard Drive Camera (HDC)** - (Located in the left sally port tunnel “gun room”) No physical evidence recorded on this device at the time of the investigation.

**Mini DV** (Located in the Spanish jail, facing the cell area) No physical evidence recorded on this device at the time of the investigation.

**DVR Camera #1** (Located on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor barracks mid section, long hallway) No physical evidence recorded on this device at the time of the investigation.

**DVR Camera #2** (Located on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the barracks building left section dormer hallway) No physical evidence recorded on this device at the time of the investigation.

**DVR Camera #3** (Located in the #2 sally port facing the entrance way) No physical evidence recorded on this device at the time of the investigation.

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**Hard Drive Camera (HDC)** – (located in Sally port #1 facing towards outside visitors center walkway.) No physical evidence recorded on this device at the time of the investigation.

**Mini DV** – (Located in sally port entrance #2 facing outward toward parade field) Several knocks and metallic bangs were heard at different intervals throughout the 6 hours of video that were captured. These only occurred when there were no investigative teams present in that area. The sounds themselves seem to be emanating from inside the tunnel. At this time we cannot explain the origin or cause of these noises and cannot verify they are paranormal in nature. (See attached video sections for examples)

**DVR Camera #1** (Located in the Spanish jail “cross shot” facing the cell doors) No physical evidence recorded on this device at the time of the investigation.

**DVR Camera #2** (Located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the barracks middle section stairwell facing up the staircase) No physical evidence recorded on this device at the time of the investigation.

**DVR Camera #3** (Located on the second floor of the barracks middle section facing down the 2<sup>nd</sup> flight of stairs to the landing) No physical evidence recorded on this device at the time of the investigation.

**EMF:**

During both days of the investigation, both EMF meters were used. No anomalous readings above the baseline data were reported by any of the personnel present at the time of the investigations.

**Thermal:**

During both days of the investigation the Laser Contact Gauge was (LCG) used at various locations throughout the fort and outlying buildings. Baseline readings were taken at each location and with the weather taken into consideration and its rapid changes we noted no anomalous readings at any point during the investigation

**Investigator Feeling / Experiences:**

**Note: Personal experiences cannot in itself determine paranormal activity in a location, unless documented by video or audio equipment. NOTE: All of the personal experiences listed on this report will reflect both investigation dates.**

**Chris F.** - While looking for another team member saw a strange light on the second floor of the barracks in the window; no personnel were present in the barracks at that time. While entering the right sally port entrance, heard the sound of metal being dropped twice from the rear of the tunnel; four other investigators present heard the same noise.

**Wayne M.** - No experiences to report on either date.

**Wendy F.** - No experiences to report on either date.

**Erin C.** - No experiences to report on 8-03-07. While on vigil on the second floor of the barracks building several unexplainable noises were heard that seemed to follow questioning. (8-04-07)

**Chris C.** - No experiences to report on either date.

**Deana M.** - Heavy feelings noticed near the Indian burial mound. (8/03/07) Heard a tapping sound come from the latrine area of the span/am guardhouse. (8-04-07)

**Jo G.** – Felt a strong pull to the backroom of the span/am guardhouse; uncomfortable feelings while in outlying house #3; while in the same location heard what sounded like keys rattling on the top floor.

**Bev** – Heard two taps while on vigil in the span/am guard house.

**Kat** – Heard tapping in span/am guardhouse that seemed to follow questioning.

**Virginia** – Felt something brush by her right knee while on vigil in the span/am guard house; also a heavy feeling noted in the same area.

**Bill** – While on vigil on the second floor of the barracks heard a light knock every time a question was asked.

**Sonya** – Off and on throughout the night felt “spider web” feelings while walking on the road near the burial mound.

**Mary** – Felt heavy feelings several times in different areas of the location; felt like I was being watched while in the jail area of the span/am guard house; oppressive feelings while entering the left sally port walkway.

**Sensitive Report:**

No data to report, as no staff sensitives were available at the time of the investigation. However in the near future we will be bringing our team sensitive to this location for a standard read of the fort and surrounding area.

**Conclusion:**

This being our most recent visit to historic Fort Wayne, we were able to experiment with new areas as well as try new tactics to be able to draw out any activity that may be present there. Once again there were some personal experiences that took place amongst the investigative team while in certain areas of the fort, as well as some interesting audio clips that were found during the review process. We have yet to uncover or capture any viable proof of a haunting at this location but at each new visit it seems that we are able to gather new data and track personal experiences to specific areas of this investigation

site. We will be meeting the client to discuss this report as well as reveal some audio and video segments for their review within the week as well as hopefully set up a follow up investigation of this location to try and document this activity further.