



**Investigation Findings
&
Analysis**

**“Armada Residential Investigation”
February 13th 2009**



Armada Residential Investigation
“Final Report”
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Location:

Armada, MI

Date:

February 13th 2009

Source:

Homeowner

Investigation Duration:

17:00 – 02:00 (7 Hrs.)

Investigators Present:

Chris F. – Lead Investigator / Operations Supervisor / Technical Manager

Wendy - Investigator

Wayne – Lead Investigator / Operations Supervisor

Deana – Investigator / Medical Specialist

Kristie - Investigator

Case History – Consultation Notes

Original Consultation / Investigation Date: 12/06/08 – 2/13/08

MPI Representative: Chris Forsythe / Wayne Miracle / Chris Cloud

Note: All permission and investigation request documentation reviewed and signed by client at the date of consultation / investigation.

Note: Client requests copies of all gathered case file data; documents will be issued at case completion.

During the initial consultation we were able to interview the current residents of this location; the activity that has been witnessed at this location seems to be ongoing over a long period. Several former occupants and neighbors have also reported activity within this location. During the interview we were also informed that at least one death had occurred within the residence as well as this home having a reputation locally of being haunted. At present, we have been unable to confirm the report of any deaths occurring on-site.

Supposed Activity:

Phantom Smells, Kinetic Movement, Apparitions, Physical Contact, Footsteps, Cold / Hot Spots, Constant Animal Reactivity

Notes: The apparition seen at this location has been seen dressed in what can be described as an antique yellow nautical “rain slicker”.

Location Condition:

A large parcel sub – rural farmhouse built in the 1800’s with outlying buildings for livestock and equipment storage. The building is two stories tall with basement. Several renovations were noted, including an upgrade from coal heating, and modern electrical and other upgrades to bring this building to current code compliance.

Location / Local History:

Our initial research on the land that this location sits upon shows that it used to be part of what was once called the Sauk and Fox nation by the early tribal inhabitants of the region. This band migrated from the east into the Great Lakes territory of the larger Algonquin tribes. It was noted for its prosperity until the French fur trade disrupted the peace and minor conflicts erupted between the tribal parties. Further research indicates that the band moved out west; however, several of the tribe members remained in what is now the city of Romeo. Trade between the early settlers of Armada and these tribes were a common practice with several notations of this present in early Michigan historical documents. During the period between 1832 and 1836 Macomb County was expanding, with much of what was considered wilderness beginning to be settled and many of the indigenous tribes moving to the west.

Location / Local History Cont:

The only remaining artifacts of those tribes were several burial mounds located near the Clinton river basin. This location was the start for the community of Armada. The 3rd house built locally in the community called by several names such as Burkes Corners, Sellecks Corners, and briefly named Honeoye. The township (city) of Armada was organized by legislative vote on April 22, 1833 although the village itself was not recognized until October 15th 1869 (incorporated 1867). The area was rich in agricultural holdings and several businesses, including a post office and town hall, were established circa 1834 - 1840. Many of the original settlers of Armada could not stay in the township due to its location; this changed when the old Indian trail was converted into a travel road which is known today as Armada Ridge Road. This passage would become an important connection between Romeo and Port Huron. The village in its prime had several hotels, general stores, a theater, and an opera house coupled with traffic from lower south east Michigan, including several stage coach stops - most notably, the Romeo - Port Huron line, located on what is now Fulton Street. This only helped to aid the development of the inner village and its outlying community. In 1899 the village experienced a fire that destroyed many of the town's wooden framed buildings. Reconstruction of the village brought about many of the current permanent buildings that stand today. The village was finally connected to a major railroad line (Michigan Air Line) in 1925 which ran until 1953 connecting the eastern and western part of the state.

An interesting fact was found in our research that may or may not have relevance to this report: a local man by the name of John Huff - a sharpshooter with the 5th Michigan Cavalry Company E (US) in the civil war - was credited with mortally wounding confederate general J.E.B Stuart at the battle of Yellow Tavern on May 11th 1864. The General died of his wounds the following day; this would have a grave impact on the confederate cause.

Sources:

<http://www.macombcountymi.gov/historicalcommission/directory.htm>

<http://www.online-isp.com/~maggie/macomb/armada.htm>

<http://www.anytown.info/armada/hometown.htm>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Armada,_Michigan

<http://www.armadalib.org/>

The Armada Genealogical Society

<http://www.tolatsga.org/sf.html>

Note: All historical data entered in this report were taken from available sources locally, and is kept vague to protect the identity of the client. (See attached documents for further historical data)

Location Weather:

Our arrival at the location was met with relatively calm and mild conditions but throughout the course of the investigation the wind had picked up speed dramatically. Falling temperatures below freezing were also noted.

Location Weather Cont.:

Readings Taken: Continuous

Moon Phase: Waning Gibbous

Solar X-Rays: Normal

Geomagnetic Field: Quiet

Temperature: 31 F Avg.

Feels Like: 30 F

Visibility: 10.00 Miles

Pressure: 30.14 Steady

Dew Point: 27 F

Humidity: 83%.

UV Index: 0 LV > 0 Low

Wind: SE 3 Mph. – NNW 14 Mph.

Events: Blowing Wind / Minor Snow

Actual Time: 7:30 AM EST (Rise) 6:00 PM EST (Set)

Civil Twilight: 7:01 AM EST - 6:30 PM EST

Nautical Twilight: 6:28 AM EST - 7:03 PM EST

Astronomical Twilight: 5:55 AM EST - 7:35 PM EST

Moon: 11:10 PM EST (2/13) 9:07 AM EST (2/13)

Length of Visible Light: 11h 28m

Length of Day: 10h 30m

Equipment on Hand:

Digital Cameras (6)

Digital Voice Recorders (4)

Micro Cassette Recorders (3)

External Microphones (3)

CCTV DVR System (4 Cameras) IR Capability / Lorex

Flashlights

2 Way Radios (3)

DIN Cable (400Ft.)

Team Rally Point & Monitoring Station

Location: Studio Room

Operations / Technician: Chris F.

Team Assignments:

Notes: Due to the size of this location only one team was used in the location with total area coverage to avoid any possible audio contamination. After each investigation segment each team was granted a fifteen minute break for refit and reload of equipment.

Alpha: Wayne, Wendy

Bravo: Kristie, Deana

Team Rotation:

19:00 – 20:00 – Setup / Briefing

20:00 – 21:00 – Rotation #1

21:15 – 22:15 – Rotation #2

22:30 – 23:30 – Rotation #3

23:45 – 00:45 – Rotation #4

01:00 – 01:45 – Rotation #5

01:45 – 02:30 – Equipment Breakdown & Recovery

Equipment Placement - Video:

Note: All cameras were hard mounted to tripods and checked prior to the start of the investigation; all cord lines were taped and marked to eliminate false camera movement.

DVR Camera #1 – Upstairs Hallway

DVR Camera #2 – Kitchen / Moved to main room 3rd rotation

DVR Camera #3 – Basement (Small Room)

DVR Camera #4 – Basement (Large Room)

Equipment Placement - Audio:

Mobile Audio Units – Each investigative team had at least one mobile recording unit on hand during each investigation rotation and area.

Note: All “mobile” units were outfitted with external microphones to limit possible contamination of audio evidence.

Stationary Audio Units – One stationary unit was used during the investigation, the unit was located in the attic area.

DVR Camera Audio - Each DVR camera is equipped with direct feed audio to the DVR hard drive and will act as a stationary device for each camera position.

Equipment Notes / Checks:

All recording equipment was loaded with both fresh batteries and recording media as is MPI investigation protocol, and voice checks were performed for recognition and recording quality. All media transferred to digital file for review upon completion of the investigation.

Evidence Review & Findings:

Note: Any and all data marked / noted within this case file as submitted audio, video, or photographic evidence sample is available on digital media (disc / drive) attached to the client copy of this report. All original reports, segments, or files and are to be retained at MPI headquarters for filing / storage. All digital media samples and reporting materials are property of Metro Paranormal Investigations Inc.

EMF:

No anomalous fluctuations from the original baseline readings were noted throughout the investigation duration.

Photographs (Digital / Film):

No anomalous photographs were noted for this report.

Evidence Review & Findings Cont.:

EVP / Audio Analysis (All):

Camera #1A Audio (Stationary) – No physical evidence was captured on this device at the time of the investigation.

Camera #2A Audio (Stationary) – No physical evidence was captured on this device at the time of the investigation.

Camera #3A Audio (Stationary) – No physical evidence was captured on this device at the time of the investigation.

Camera #4A Audio (Stationary) – No physical evidence was captured on this device at the time of the investigation.

Mobile Units (All):

Notes: All analog devices were outfitted with external microphones to avoid internal machine noise and stands were used during the recording sessions to avoid handling noise.

Analog (All) - No physical evidence was captured on any device present at the time of the investigation.

Digital (All) - No physical evidence was captured on any device present at the time of the investigation.

Video:

DVR Camera #1 - No physical evidence was captured on this device at the time of the investigation.

DVR Camera #2 - Sample #1

Device: IR Camera

Make / Model: Lorex SG7555B W / Audio

Cable Length: 100 Ft.

Conversion Software: Windows Movie Maker 2.1 to WMV (Segment Trim and label)

Trigger Object: Flashlight (Tactical End Switch)

Time / Rotation: 2nd Rotation – 22:04 PM to 22:17 PM

Area Taken: Kitchen / Main Room

Investigators Present: Deana, Kristie

Segment Length (Raw): 14:01

Capture Area (Raw): 0:26.03 - 0:42.05

Evidence Review & Findings Cont.:

Video Cont.:

DVR Camera #2 - Sample #1 Cont:

Description: During the 2nd rotation, Kristie and Deana were in the living room which is adjacent to the main room where a flashlight was set on the table as a trigger object. In the video segment you can hear the investigators asking standard EVP questions and asking if anything present can turn the flashlight on. Starting twenty six seconds into the video clip the flashlight starts to come on and flicker several times, and over a course of sixteen seconds the light stays completely on.

DVR Camera #2 - Sample #2

Device: IR Camera

Make / Model: Lorex SG7555B W / Audio

Cable Length: 100 Ft.

Conversion Software: Windows Movie Maker 2.1 to WMV (Segment Trim and label)

Trigger Object: Flashlight (Tactical End Switch)

Time / Rotation: 2nd Rotation – 22:21 PM to 22:30 PM

Area Taken: Kitchen / Main Room

Investigators Present: Deana, Kristie

Segment Length (Raw): 03:00

Capture Area (Raw): 0:59.00 - 1:01.00

Description: After seeing the flashlight trigger come on while in the living room, both Kristie and Deana turned the light off and proceeded to the upstairs area to investigate and perform more EVP questioning. While they were up on that level no one was near the trigger object, and on the camera the flashlight is seen to turn on and off (flash) suddenly.

DVR Camera #3 - No physical evidence was captured on this device at the time of the investigation.

See attached client disc for all available video segments

Evidence Review & Findings Cont.:

Video Cont.:

DVR Camera #4 – Sample #1

Device: IR Camera

Make / Model: Lorex SG7555B W / Audio

Cable Length: 100 Ft.

Conversion Software: Windows Movie Maker 2.1 to WMV (Segment Trim and label)

Trigger Object: Flashlight (Tactical End Switch)

Time / Rotation: 3rd Rotation – 22:50 PM to 23:42 PM

Area Taken: Basement / Small Room

Investigators Present: Wayne, Wendy

Segment Length (Raw): 11:00

Capture Area (Raw): 3:21

Description: With the flashlight trigger responding on the upper floor of this location the device was moved to an area that activity has been reported in previously. In the clip the two investigators are heard asking standard EVP questions, and the question is asked “Can you turn the light on for us? That would be neat.” At this, the flashlight lights up and stays on continuously.

See attached client disc for all available video segments

Investigator Feeling / Personal Experiences:

(Note: Personal experiences cannot in itself determine paranormal activity in a location, unless documented by video or audio equipment)

Chris F. – No personal experiences to report.

Wendy – While we were on the first floor during the first rotation we set a flashlight up and asked if anything can turn it on, almost immediately after that question it came on. We were the only ones in that area at the time and we were at least 15 feet from the flashlight. It also happened several more times right after we had asked the same question in another area of the home.

Deana –When we were coming down from the upstairs after the second rotation both Kristie and I saw that the flashlight we had left on the table was on, it wasn't on when we went upstairs. Also we thought we saw a black shadow cross the doorway when we were upstairs.

Wayne – Several times during the night we had used a flashlight as a trigger object and asked if anything could turn it on, the light had been turned on several times in two areas of the house almost right after I had asked it to happen.

Kristie – Both Deana and I thought we saw a black shadow while we were upstairs; it looked like it moved really fast across the doorway when we were sitting up there. In the same location we were doing EVP work and my right arm and hand all of a sudden went numb, this only lasted for a few seconds. We were coming down from the upstairs and when I looked at the flashlight we left on the table in the main room it was on, we made sure it was off when we went upstairs.

Final:

This location, deep in both history and local lore, was an interesting case indeed. Several of the investigative staff did have some personal experiences and we were able to try using a flashlight as a kinetic trigger with some results. We cannot at this time say that the video clips are indeed paranormal in nature; however, we were unable to recreate the same results after several vigorous tests of the trigger object. We will continue to test the device and make sure that we are not receiving false positive results. We were unable to document any of the specific claims of activity that were made by the client, but we can say we did have some interesting and anomalous instances throughout the course of this investigation that could not be explained. We hope to be able to further work with this client and try to document the claims of paranormal activity that may be happening in this location. This report and its findings will be presented to the client at a meeting scheduled for the near future.

Compiled & Submitted,

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