



**Investigation Findings  
&  
Analysis**

**“Ionia Community Library Investigation”  
July 17<sup>th</sup> 2009**



Ionia Community Library Investigation  
“Final Report”  
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**Location:**

Ionia, MI

**Date:**

July 17<sup>th</sup> 2009

**Source:**

Location Administration

**Investigation Duration:**

7.00 Hours (019:00-02:00)

**Investigators Present:**

Wayne – Operations / Lead Investigator  
Chris C. – Technical Manager  
Russ – Technical Manager  
Jo – Case Manager / Investigator  
Erin – Research / Investigator  
Mike - Investigator  
Kathy - Investigator  
Deana – Medical Specialist / Investigator

## Case History – Consultation Notes

**Original Consultation / Investigation Date:** 5/29/09 – 7/17/09

**MPI Representative:** Wayne, Chris C., Jo G.

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

### Supposed Activity:

No activity has been reported in this location prior to the investigation.

### Location Condition:

Two story mansion with basement and attic area, constructed between 1869 – 1870. Modified and up fitted (modern utility) for use as a community library (2003). Wooden floors, typical heavy rafter build, modern HVAC noted.

### Location History:

The Hall – Fowler house was built between 1869 and 1870 by Captain Lucius Mills for Mr. Frederick Hall and his wife Ann. Typical 19<sup>th</sup> century build from local ashlar sandstone with all of the opulence of any period mansion, the home was to become the center of politics and entertainment of the time. In 1903 Marion Fowler – Hall deeded the home to the city with the stipulation that it become “forever used for library purposes” and to be known as the “Hall – Fowler Memorial Library”. The home was listed as a historic landmark in 1992 and is currently recognized as the Ionia Community Library, which is still in operation as a venue of entertainment, education, and enlightenment.

### Location Weather:

Upon our arrival heavy cloud cover was noted as well as falling temperatures were expected, rain at 30% forecast after midnight.

### Location Weather Cont.:

Readings Taken: Continuous

Moon Phase: Waxing Crescent

Solar X-Rays: Normal

Geomagnetic Field: Quiet

Temperature: 62 F Avg.

Feels Like: 62 F

Visibility: 10.0 Miles

Pressure: 29.83 In. Rising (Sea Level)

Dew Point: 54 F

Humidity: 75 % Avg. (100% Max)

UV Index: 0.01 % Low

Wind: 12 Mph. W Avg.

Events: Light Rain

Actual Time: 6:18 AM EDT - 9:17 PM EDT

Length of Visible Light: 16 Hrs. 05 Mins.

Length of Day: 14 Hrs. 58 Mins.

**Equipment on Hand:**

Digital Cameras  
Digital Voice Recorders  
K2 Meter (1)  
CCTV DVR System (4 Cameras) IR Capability / Q – See  
Camcorders Mobile Devices / IR Capability (1)  
Flashlights  
2 Way Radios  
DIN Cables – 700 Ft. Approx.

**Team Rally Point & Monitoring Station**

Side Room – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Operations / Technician(s) – Chris C. / Russ

**Team Assignments:**

**Notes:** All teams were broken down and divided amongst the location for appropriate coverage of that area; all teams spent an hour in each location with a 15 minute break in between each round for refit and reload of equipment.

**Location Key:**

**Alpha** – Kathy, Deana

**Bravo** – Erin, Mikey

**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

**23:30 – 00:30** – Rotation #4

**23:30 – 00:30** – Rotation #5

**00:45 – 01:15** – Equipment Breakdown / Recovery

**Equipment Placement “Video” / Q - See:**

**DVR Camera #1** – Attic / Q - See / 250 Ft.

**DVR Camera #2** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor / Q - See / 100 Ft.

**DVR Camera #3** – First Floor Main Library / Q - See / 100 Ft.

**DVR Camera #4** – Basement / Q – See / 250 Ft.

**Equipment Placement “Audio”:**

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

**Stationary Audio Unit(s)** – Two stationary units were used during the investigation duration.

**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:**

**EMF:**

No major EMF fluctuations were noted from baseline for this report.

**Photographs (Digital / Film):**

No anomalous photographs were noted for this report.

**EVP / Audio Analysis (All):**

**Period room (Stationary / Digital)** – No physical evidence was captured on this device at the time of the investigation.

**Basement (Stationary / Digital)** - No physical evidence was captured on this device at the time of the investigation.

## **Evidence Review & Findings Cont.:**

### **Mobile Units (Audio / 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.

No physical evidence was captured on any device present at the time of the investigation.

### **Video (Q - See):**

**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** – This camera was located in the “attic area” during a team break session a cord of some kind in the frame is seen starting to move. We at this time cannot say that this is paranormal in nature at this time until a visual analysis of the area can be taken (9/10/09). However this only occurs once over the entire duration of the investigation without further movement, the movement is noted for over forty five seconds within the clip than stops. (See sample #1 on the client disc for footage.)

**DVR Camera #2** – No physical evidence was captured on this device at the time of the investigation.

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

**DVR Camera #4** –This camera located in the basement area captured a small, moving light anomaly at 21:18. At the time only one team was in the area on the second floor, which offers no explanation for a light near the ceiling. This occurred only once during the investigation duration and at this time it remains anomalous until further review of the area can take place.

**Mobile Units (Video / All):**

**Notes:** All mobile units outfitted with external IR rigging for maximum range.

**Camera #1** - While on the second floor at exactly 20:38 PM performing an EVP session three distinct footsteps / noises can be heard, in the clip the investigators present are seen reacting to this and seeing if anyone had entered the area. Follow up shows that they were sitting stationary and they were the only persons in the location at the time. (See sample #2 on the client disc for footage.)

**Investigator Feeling / Personal Experiences:**

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

**Wayne** – While I was taping Deana and Kathy during an EVP session all three of us stopped and heard footsteps.

**Deana** – When I was up on the second floor area, we heard three footsteps which were also captured on the video. No one else was in the building at the time.

**Chris C.** – No personal experiences to report.

**Erin** – No personal experiences to report.

**Russ** – No personal experiences to report.

**Jo** – No personal experiences to report.

**Kathy** – Wayne, Deana, and I were upstairs investigating and all of a sudden we heard what sounded like footsteps, this occurred at around 8:30 PM. We all stopped and went to see if anyone had come in and found we were alone in the location.

**Mike** – No personal experiences to report.

**Final:**

With this investigation and its long history we were hopeful that we would be able to indeed see if any paranormal activity was taking place at this location. We were able to gather several interesting video clips (see page #6 and page #7 of this report as well as the client disc for description and sample) from both our mobile devices and DVR cameras that at this point we cannot call paranormal in nature but are worthy of further study and documentation. We hope to return to this location to be able to collect further data to validate any claims of activity that may occur.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that made this investigation possible, for all of your cooperation in both of our research and investigation efforts. It was indeed an honor to be able to investigate a location that is the heart of the community.

**Compiled & Submitted,**

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