



INVESTIGATION REPORT

Placerville Hardware

DATE OF INVESTIGATION:	<u>10/20/2007</u>	ADDRESS:	<u>441 Main Street Placerville</u>
NAME OF LOCATION:	<u>Placerville Hardware-Pioneer Hardware</u>		
CONTACT:	<u>Deanna Fausel, Owner</u>	PHONE #	<u>530-622-1151</u>
CONTACT EMAIL:	_____		
CONTACT ADDRESS:	<u>Same</u>		
Time of day for investigation:	<u>12:20 pm</u>		
Weather Conditions:	<u>Sunny/Partly Cloudy</u>		
DATE OF INITIAL CONTACT:	<u>10/20/07</u>	WHO?	_____
INVESTIGATOR(S) PRESENT:	<u>Christine B.; Lori, Paul and Alex G.</u>		
	<u>Lee Anne, Colin & Nathan M.</u>		
	<u>Carol & Aimee A.</u>		
	<u>Jessica H.</u>		
EQUIPMENT READINGS			
<i>Ask occupants to turn off all electronic & electrical devises</i>			
ELECTROMAGNETIC READINGS			
EMF Base:		Taken:	No readings above normal were experienced
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TEMPERATURE READINGS			
IR Temp Rding:	<u>64-67</u>	Taken:	No drastic fluctuations

CHECKLIST OF OCCURANCES WHILE AT LOCATION

	ORBS	Where?	
X	VORTEX	Where?	Deanna claims there is a vortex in an isle east of the front counter.
	ECTOPLASM	Where?	
	APPARITION	Where:	
	Of What/Whom?:		
	COLD SPOT	Where?	
X	ODORS	Where?	Back section of the store; different areas
	Of What/Whom?:		Smell of smoke; smell of potpourri or cologne
	Batteries losing Charge	Where?	
	Seeing something out of the corner or your eye.	Where?	
	Of What/Whom?:		
	Feeling of being watched.	Where?	
X	Atmospheric changes	Where?	In attic storage area and on back staircase.
	Equipment Failure	Explain:	
	Levitating Objects	What: _____ Where? _____	
	Animals reacting Strangely:	Where?	
	Other – Explain		

Personal Experience

From Deanna Fausel-owner of the building: (From taped interview)

Deanna took us on a “ghost” tour of the building. The building has been owned by her family for over 140 years. She believes there is a vortex or spirit door in one of the isles in the store. She claims that they have had to move some of their merchandise around to please the spirits in the building. Merchandise has moved of its own accord on occasion, as well.

Many times feather duster feathers would be found in the store in the morning. None of the employees use feather dusters to clean up in the store. They have been told that there are three women spirits that clean the store at night.

The most common occurrence seems to be that one of the ghosts enjoys untying the shoelaces of the women employees. It happens so often that the employees who have worked there for a long time have stopped wearing shoes with laces.

Another occurrence has been a feeling of closeness and the smell of someone who smokes in the back of the store. When working in the store at night, some employees have heard things falling off the shelves, but when they investigate, nothing is out of place.

All the paranormal energy in the store is friendly. Deanna was insistent that the store has only good vibrations by the spirits that still inhabit the building.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF LOCATION



Above: Isle in the attic where paranormal events have been experienced.

Deanna and Carol in at doorway to a storage area in the back of the store. Several of the investigators smelled smoke in this area of the building.





Left: Isle where Deanna believes is a door /vortex.

Right: Isle looking forward to the front door of the building. Amiee felt there might a spirit in the hallway, but nothing showed up on the picture.



INVESTIGATOR’S SUMMARY OF EVENTS:

We entered the building and asked for permission to do an investigation, as we had not set one up in advance. The clerks at the front of the store went to get the owner, Deanna Fausel. Deanna agreed to take us around the store and tell us about the spirit energy she has experienced. (Please see the Personal Experience section on page 2)

Several of the investigators felt a closeness in the attic and on the staircase to the attic.

Several investigators also experienced the smell of cigarette smoke in the back area of the store. Carol mentioned that she picked up a light perfume smell in different areas of the building. She made a point of seeing if any of the investigators was wearing cologne that resembled what she smelled, and none of us were.

No unusual temperature fluctuations were registered on our Gauss meter. No orbs were photographed by Christine or on Carol’s video.

Conclusion: This building has paranormal activity.

History of the Building

In 1848 this location was the site of a hotel. It is believed that this building burnt down before 1851.

In 1856 it was rebuilt by Silar Randall, a local brick layer. It became the Pioneer Hardware store at that time. The eastern half of the building was home to the Mountain Democrat from 1889-1991. The western half of the building is the oldest continuously running hardware store west of the Mississippi. The building was purchased by Albert Kyburz in 1946. His grandfather, Samuel Kyburz, worked for James Marshall in Coloma. The building has been in the Fausel family since 1952.