

## **My House is Haunted**

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In 2010 my dad, my older cousin, and I moved into the house in which we currently reside. At first, everything was normal but within weeks strange noises began occurring. My cousin heard a baby crying from the closet in his bedroom, as well as a growl on another occasion. This room has been my room ever since he moved out. Noises occurred infrequently for the next few months. However, when my little sister moved in sometime in 2012 a radical change happened literally overnight. While on the main floor (the house has a basement, and upstairs where the bedrooms are) I heard footsteps coming from the kitchen, I looked, and nothing was there. On another occasion we heard sound coming from my bedroom so my cousin and I went to check it out and old time music was playing. It was so clear and we could not figure out where it was coming from!!

Since January of 2013 my little sister sees ghosts and even plays with them. She is 7 so you might find it hard to believe. She says there are a mom, a baby boy around one, a 5-year-old boy, and a nine-year-old girl. My sister will tell you exactly what they look like and what they are wearing. In my house, you'll often hear footsteps, kids giggling and talking, doors open and unlock, lights flicker on and off, you'll feel like someone is watching you and following you. My sister will tell you exactly who they are, and you'll feel cold air. One time I asked my sister to have the spirits leave and she said: "no they are my friends, I play with them, how dare you try to make them leave, I hate you!"

In July we had the Springfield Ghost Society do an investigation and they said our house is haunted. They picked up voices of a kid and adult voice. My little sister says they did not die in our house; they just want to stay here. She also says their dad did not die here either, he passed at another house. However the dad has yet to visit our residence yet. We did visit the library to research the house and found that the original house on this site burned down in 1890 and the current house was built in 1910. The house remains active with each of us having had multiple experiences, and my sister has made some new friends!!