

SCOTTISH GHOST STORIES



European Legends (Collaborative Writing)



Halloween in Ravenswood House



In 1820, in Ravenswood House lived a family for five generations. This family was very calm. In this village there were a lot of ghosts so the family had isolated their house against the cold but most particularly for the ghosts. Some of their neighbors were attacked. But the worst was yet to come ...

It was Halloween night and the family's grandma was preparing the dinner, for this special night, while the rest of the family was having fun setting the table. But suddenly the dishes, glasses, forks and knives started floating. At that time they heard a scream coming from the kitchen, then they went to the kitchen and they saw that the grandma was flying through the window and fell into the river. When this happened the grandma's spirit went out of its body. Later they locked themselves in a room, but...



but later another scream was heard, this was from the mother who saw the head of her son dead on the table. The whole family was very frightened because they knew that there was a killer in the house. But the nightmares were not over yet. When the younger sister saw the grandmother flying out of the window, because a ghost had taken possession of her soul, and when the ghost took off from the grandmother's soul, the grandmother fell into the river and drowned. The mom went into the living room and saw the soul of her grandfather, murdered a decade earlier, on the sofa, who said he had killed his wife and son because he was a murderer and that he had been killed by his wife (the grandmother) with cyanide. Indeed, after a couple of days the grandmother had found an inscription made with blood that read "I will return" but she had never told anyone.



The next day, the police arrived to investigate the house after the neighbors told them about the house. When they got to the house, they knocked at the door but no one answered it. They broke the door and got into the house. First, they saw a blood stain and they decided to follow it. It led them to a room where they found every family member's dead body. At the corner of the room, there was an armchair that was facing the wall. One of the police officers turned the armchair to face himself only to see the grandfather's dead body. They all were shocked and frightened. He was holding a knife covered with blood in his hand. For a second, the police saw the grandfather smiling and they immediately left the house. After that, all of the policemen claimed to see the grandfather's ghost around them. Nobody believed them. They closed the house forever to not let anyone get in. And still no one dares to step in that house.

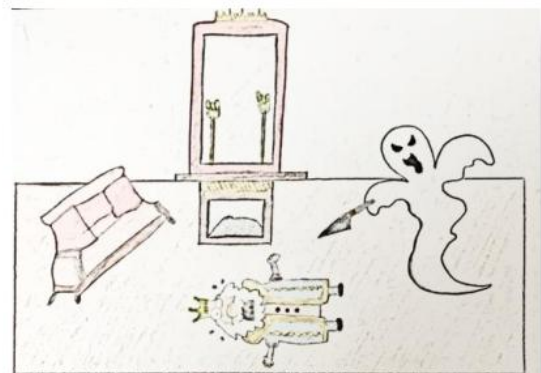


Evil spirits in Hermitage Castle



In the 13th Century, Sir William De Soulis's ghost, who was a devil spirit in Hermitage Castle, in Newcastletown, terrified the owner and residents of this castle, torturing and raping his victim.

For the next few weeks the ghost locked himself in his closet, waiting for his next prey. Several people entered: a gardener, two tourists, and a group of children. Nothing was known about them since they entered. The days passed and the ghost was starting to get bored. No one dared to cross the river and enter the castle. One day while he was sleeping, he heard the door creak. He was about to torture him, but something happened. He knew that his end had come.



Indeed, it was midnight , it was a very cold night , there was fog and it was very windy. The doors of the castle opened with a screeching sound, in the ghost the sensation of a new prey, a new victim was making the ghost very happy, a sadic smile covered his face. After entering, the newcomers heard noises coming from the infested room, a laughter, a terrifying laughter began to spread over the rooms of the castle. When they opened the door the laughter stopped and they saw many ghosts, so many, there was like fog, a cold and scary fog that was entering the castle. Every ghost was a victim of Sir William, when they entered the castle they all began to say "REVENGE; REVENGE, REVENGE ON THE SINNER".



When the people saw the ghosts they started to run away from them to find a place to hide. They were very scared, but slowly they began to understand the ghosts weren't attacking them but Sir William. They began to incite them to kill, destroy the man. Sir William's ghost began to float away, he tried to hide in his room again but it was too late, too late; the flock of ghosts found him and William saw that in the group of ghosts there was a strange figure, a black figure with a schite. It was the Death itself. When the Sir William saw him, he froze, he tried to float away from him and he started to scream for help but he knew that no one would to help him.

Finally, Death after chasing Sir William, casted a spell upon him. The ghost said " It was good while it lasted". After that Sir Williams was exterminated. The ghosts of his victims were satisfied with that, as they got their revenge. So, one by one they started to vanish in the air.

A secret in Blackness Castle

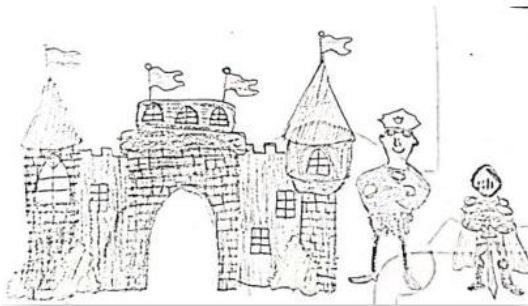


Once upon a time, in Blackness Castle situated in Falkirk, in the 14th century, people believed in ghosts. The Blackness Castle was isolated in the middle of the Blackness bay. It was beautiful but it was haunted by the Black knight since more years after his death by the king. Everyone that went into the castle were probably killed because they were not seen again.

Everyone from Falkirk was wondering why so many people had disappeared? What was going on at Blackness castle? Passerbys who passed near the castle heard screams and then ran away. One day a Falkirk inhabitant decided to see what was happening in this strange castle. When the boy arrived he saw that the castle door was open, and he entered. When he entered, he was impressed because all the objects were moving and all the missing knights were ghosts. the young man could not believe it was the haunted castle! —



The castle was haunted by the souls of the knights who died in battle and people who were never seen when they entered. It was a rainy winter night and there was a very strong wind that frightened the boy. The young man wanted to find out how and why those people died. The young man began to search for the castle's secrets and legends to understand the motivation for the murders. He started searching the castle rooms until he got to the library. He started to read a book that told the story of this castle. He discovered something that could be related with all those murders...



Inside of the book, he discovered an inscription containing unknown letters and symbols, that seemed to have a cognito hazardous effect on the boy. The boy fell into a state of paralysis and completely froze. After that, the book fell on him, an entity came out of the pages and rooted itself onto the boy and took complete control of him. It then forced him to head towards his home and family, made him enter the property and put all of his family under a curse, a curse that had the form of green sludge and acted like a virus that "infected" whoever stomped on it.

In the child he found all the evidences they need and realized that everything was caused by the king who lived in the castle who had a disease of this madness and compulsively killed people, the police caught him thanks to the child and the castle was totally closed but ... do you think someone will be able to reopen it?

The Green Lady



It is said people saw a ghost in Lanarkshire, the Dalzell House. A beautiful lady appeared between midnight and 1:00 am, the most beautiful and graceful lady of Scotland but, this lady was green. A lot of people were scared and didn't sleep at night... Many rumors were around this lady. So, I went to Lanarkshire to see whether the green lady of Dalzell House was real.

It was a winter rainstorm, so the house looked really dark, and I was very scared, however I entered because I was curious about what was happening. First, I knocked on the door, but nobody answered it, the door was very old, so it was too easy to break it and enter. The house didn't have any light, some of its walls were lost in the darkness. I was walking in the house, and after 10 minutes I entered a room, where I could see something green. At this time, I discovered the green lady.

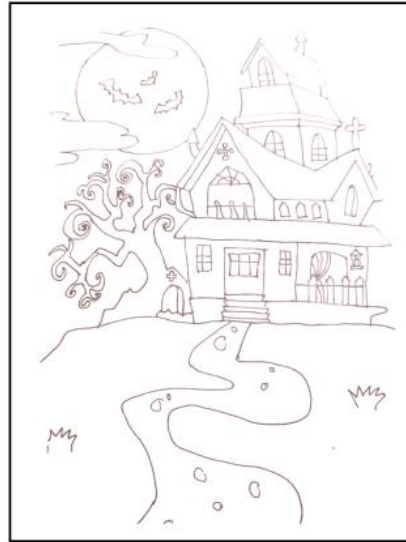


The Green Lady turned and looked at me , I took courage and I asked the Lady for why she was green and how she had died. She was amazed by my questions but she told me her story. Looking into my eyes she told me that many years ago, when she was alive, many women were jealous of her, because she was the most beautiful woman in Lanarkshire, some of these women were famous for making spells and were very jealous of this Lady. Then they cast a spell on her to turn her green. The lady who turned green was very sad from this spell, so she killed herself. Her ghost stayed in the Dolzell House for revenge, she wanted to kill all the women who turned her green. I was very worried and as I was walking slowly out the door she told me that she had already killed two women and that she would never stop.



I paused first. Then I ran out of the house. I was supposed to stop The Green Lady, but I wasn't sure how to do it. I ran away from there. I went and talked to the wizards first. Because I thought they could find a solution for this. Many of them said they couldn't do anything. But while I was hopeless, the last wizard I went, said she could do something. She said she could help the Green Lady turn her green color into the skin color. So, I believed her and we went to the house and saw Green Lady. The wizard tried to change the color. But she didn't succeed and even more she turned my skin color to green, too. I regretted it but there was nothing to do. I teamed up with the Green Lady from then on. And it is said that those who came to that house after that, would never come out again.

The butler



After the death of a mother and her child in 1820, the house in Crathes where they used to live in became a veritable haunted place. The mom Skye was 35, and her daughter was 10 years old before their death. The ghosts of them haunt the house now. A lot of people have visited the house and said that they have not seen any ghosts.

It is said that the day when both mother and daughter of hers died, the father was in and he was able to see what happened. But no one knew about him since he was not seen there. People who entered the house started to say that they had seen the mom and the daughter as ghosts.

One day, a man saw the father alive, which made him suspect that he was the killer and the story had been made up. But is it true?



The story did not go like this. In fact, the butler who had made up the story about the father was the butler of the house reduced to slavery. The family could not pay him because they were going broke, but they always exploited him and demanded perfection from him. The butler, when everyone was still alive, decided to kill the mother and the daughter to rebel against "slavery". He left the room and killed both of them at night. The father then had left the room hearing screams and saw dead bodies on the floor. He cried desperately and the butler blamed him for the murders.

After a few years, father went to jail and the butler turned the house into a museum. As his getting away with his crime was not enough, he made a lot of money from this situation. It is said that ghosts still roam around the museum. Even some travelers claim they have seen them but no one actually knows if they are still there.



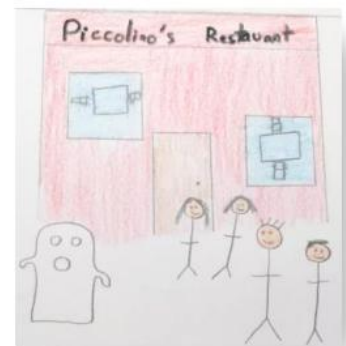
Mystery at Prince's House



The story takes place in the Prince's House in Scotland in the 17th century. The house was haunted but the family did not know that. They had lived their best times of life until the child found a ghost in the loft. He said it to her parents but they did not believe that. Whenever he went to the loft, he saw the ghost with no one's information.



Every time the little kid, named Sam, went up, the ghost warned him. The warning was that if went back up a relative of his would die in a supernatural way. The boy went upstairs and told his parents what had happened. They got paralyzed with fear and decided to lock the basement. Then they decided to go out for dinner. But what they did not know was that the ghost had locked it with the padlock and left. It followed the family to the Piccolino's restaurant, there the ghost was transformed into a waiter and to do that, he killed one of them (waiters) and got into his body. Every time the waiter's body took a step this creaked, scaring all the people who were having dinner.



The little kid went to the bathroom because he was feeling dizzy and the ghost seized the moment and went to the bathroom then said -Your sister, Emma, will die- and the ghost snapped his fingers. The head of her sister exploded.

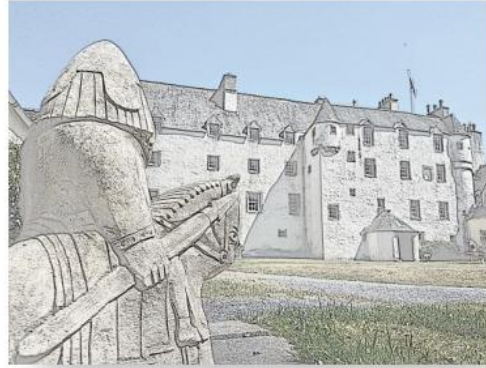


Sam, after the death of his sister, tried to escape but the way back home was very long so he decided to go to a cemetery near the restaurant. Meanwhile the ghost left the waiter's body and decided to chase Sam. Sam tried to hide in the cemetery but at one point he felt something on his neck. It was the long beard of the ghost that had found him. The ghost killed Sam and took possession of his body. At night he went to the Prince's House and went to Sam's parents' room. Sam's parents were asleep, and the ghost approached them and killed them.

The next day, Sam was terrified and anxious about what would happen now that he was an orphan. He was laying in his bed when he suddenly heard a loud noise from his parent's bedroom. He went to check if everything was okay, and the lights were already on. He turned them off and when he turned his back to leave the room the lights were blinking. He was in panic and managed to run but the ghost held him back. According to the neighbors that night screams were coming out of the house.

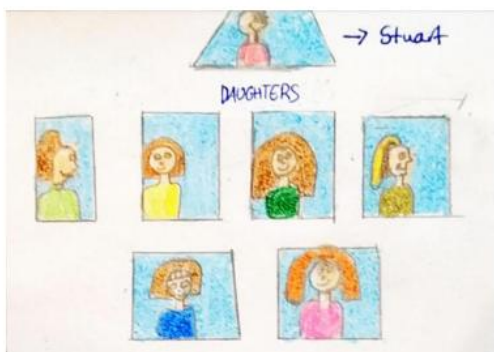
After killing everyone the bearded ghost left the boy's body and performed an ancient ritual on the him. That way he summoned the boy's ghost and cursed him. The bearded ghost said to the boy's ghost that he needed to kill the next family who were going to live there and curse the youngest child to perform this curse again. The boy's ghost asked scared and confused if that curse was going to last forever. The ghost revealed a trap door in the basement and opened it. There were dozens of skeletons. He tossed the boys body there to rot and went to the afterlife. Leaving the boy's ghost to do his task .Legends say that this curse happens to every family's youngest child that lives there. Leaving dozens of bodies behind.

The Betrayal



Stuart was one of the six daughters of John Stuart, 3rd Earl of Bute. Traquair is Scotland's oldest inhabited House. It has been inhabited for over 900 years and was originally a hunting lodge for the kings and queens of Scotland. In 1491, it was given away by the Earl of Buchan to his son, James Stewart, who became the 1st Laird of Traquair.

James's sister, Lady Louisa Stuart, was very jealous of him. Luoisia wanted to get hold of her brother's wealth. The only way was to kill him, but she couldn't do it alone. He bribed the butler by promising to marry him and give him half the inheritance. One night, James Stewart was waiting for dinner, he was very hungry. Half an hour later, his sister called Lady Louisa Stuart came with the food that the butler gave to her. James, perceived that the food was different.



The next day, James Stewart died in bed, he had been poisoned. Finally, Lady Louisa Stuart became the owner of the Traquair House. However, she did not keep the promise made to the butler and after taking power, he began to command all the servants until the day of his death.



After the queen had betrayed the butler, he decided to summon all the people who had died in the palace including all the kings, queens, princesses etc.. Their souls were unconscious so they could easily be controlled and manipulated by the butler. The souls of the people who had died there kept on haunting the queen so she became crazier and crazier but nobody believed that she was haunted so she hanged herself in the main hall where she could be seen by everybody. After the incident she was known as the queen that became crazy for no reason and killed herself. It is said that she still haunts the palace.

The Well of the Seven Heads



A cold night of 1663, a young chief died because of his brothers, who killed him during a family brawl. The chief became a spirit, and "lived" beside a monument with the heads of him and his brothers represented. This monument attracted him and pushed him in his zone, where he felt as if he were back home. He became dependent from the place, dependent from the lake, dependent from his hills. He felt that if he quitted the monument, he would really die. Until one day when a little boy and his friends came to the area of the monument, - strange thing because the monument was repulsive to the humans - but the ghost didn't expect that moment to change his non-life...

The children had gone to visit The Well of the Seven Heads by Loch Oich, where the chief's spirit lived...there happened that the chief got into the body of one of the children. One of the little ones walked to the house of his brother with a thought of revenge. This feeling of revenge continued in the house of the other brothers, killing them one by one.



The possessed child showed up at the brothers pretending to be poor and the brothers welcomed him into their house. He wanted to get their trust and then take revenge and he was successful. When one stormy night the brothers fell asleep, the child beheaded them.

The boy after beheading the brothers, possessed by the spirit left the child's body.

The child, after realizing what he had done, started running in shock.

After years a man going for a walk with his child, whose ball crashed near the monument., saw, like in a movie, the scene of the murder that had been buried deep inside him.

Suddenly a gentleman slapped him on the back and told him he wanted to talk, the boy sat down and listened to what the stranger wanted to say to him, who was not as unfamiliar as he thought. Before he could talk to him about what he wanted, the boy realized that he was the one who pushed him to commit the double murder when he was young. He told him that he understood who he was and the gentleman confirmed him and explained why he did it.

Eventually the place stopped being haunted, but the boy still had regrets for what he had done and one rainy night he went to the monument and nailed a knife deep into his chest.

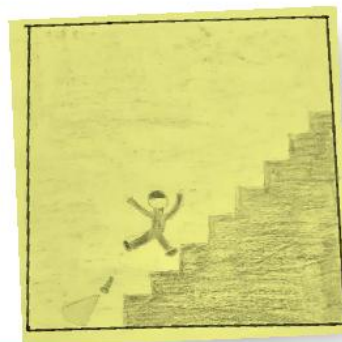


The Dead Wife



This story takes place in a haunted house in 1800. It was haunted by the Green Lady, a woman who lived in this house and one day died but nobody knew why. Not many people were so brave to visit the house, but the few ones affirmed they had seen the ghost of a green woman and, apparently, it was the Green Lady.

Dalzell's house was quite empty, but the Green Lady was still there even though she had already died. None dared to get into the house because they knew she was still there, until one dude tried to... He climbed the left tower of the house until he reached the top. It started raining outside so he couldn't get out of there. Then he decided to get in using an open window... Everything was dark, so he turned on his lantern and he saw a presence, a dark presence, darker than the setting. He did not mind facing this presence, so he started chasing her... but all of a sudden, he fell down from some stairs and his lantern started running out batteries...

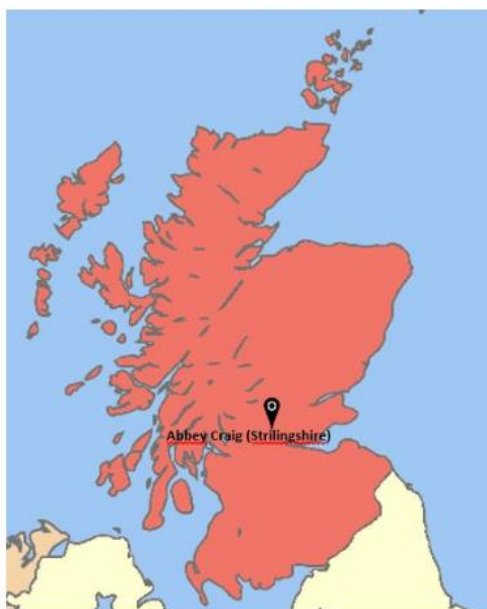


Many years earlier, the wife of Jack, the man who saw the Green Lady in the haunted house, died of tuberculosis leaving him alone. After the death, her body was not found, in fact the people of the neighborhood thought her soul was still there. Now Jack's lantern was fading, so the man ran behind the Green Lady. After the lantern turned off, Jack stopped running and the Lady talked to him: "Why are you here Jack?". The man, surprised, said: "How do you know my name?" "Do you remember me? I'm your dead wife, Jackie, I have loved you for all this time!" Jack couldn't believe it, turned pale and he passed away..

When he woke up, he saw the Green Lady hanging around. The old woman proposed to him to join her and live on this special side. The side of the dead. Jack inched with the worst memory. The Green Lady was his exwife... "You!" Jack said "You killer! How dare you propose to me to join your side? My lovely wife is now dead because of you. Do you even have an idea how hard it is to tell everyone that my wife died because of tuberculosis and not because of you?" And the Lady said: "But I love you. Why don't you do the same honey?" Without hesitation, Jack moved his face closer to that of the Green Lady and said: "You're dead". These words drove her crazy, so she locked him inside the room and pronounced these words: "You won't be happy if I'm not!"



A curse in Abbey Craig



In Stirlingshire, a long time ago, there was a big tower called Abbey Craig. Every day, William Wallace visited the place to look at the beautiful Stirling Castle, one of the biggest castles in Scotland. William Wallace was a Scottish knight and he was appointed Guardian of Scotland.

One day William Wallace was walking around the street when he saw that the English army was going to enter the castle. He thus started running to the castle. When he entered the castle, he told the king that he had seen the English army. Then the Stirling king looked through the window and he did not see anything.

William was frightened, he did not understand why the king couldn't see the army. The next few days were terrible, the man started thinking he was going crazy. Every single day, the man kept seeing shapes of the man with the armor and sword pointing at him, he was very scared. The ghost of the army and its leader, Jacob, tortured him because when they were at war, William had killed Jacob. By then, the men of the army, who were killed with him, sent a curse on William. The curse made him see in all his dreams the moment he killed the enemy commander.



William called a psychic and she explained to him that, if he wanted to get over the curse, he had to go to Myot Hill and sacrifice his horse. William was sceptical about it because he loved it and had had it for over 15 years, but he eventually decided to do it. The instructions the psychic gave him were clear. He had to wait for the full moon and then take his sword and kill his horse while telling a hymn.

When the night came, William took his horse to Myot Hill to sacrifice the horse. When the full moon emerged, William grabbed his mighty sword, looked deeply into his horse's eyes, and stabbed his beautiful mate that had stood beside him for 15 years. While William was hearing the awful cry of his horse dying, he saw his mate's fresh blood shining under the full moon. Days later the ghosts had not disappeared. Then William went to the psychic to ask why ghosts were still in his vision. The psychic laughed with the lthy smile of her, William clunged her collar and said, "Have I killed my horse for nothing?" Psychic grabbed her dagger to kill Wallace right there but suddenly the ghosts came in from the door. William said "Was that all your plan? Have you sent these ghosts? To drive me mad" The psychic smiled and said: "No Sir William, it was Longshanks' plan ". After those words William killed that lthy psychic by breaking her neck. Then he saw the ghosts screaming in terror and fading away. The curse was gotten rid of. With the relief for that and with the growing hatred to Longshanks, he fought with great morale along Scotsmen and against the Englishmen.





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