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GHOSTS

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The tradition of ghosts or poltergeists is a tradition that posits that after some deaths, the spirit of certain persons remain on earth and often appear to living human beings. In most cases the ghosts met death in a violent manner or were unable to finish their journey because death intervened.

Many scientists have sought to explain some of the traditions. Certain ghost stories have to do with lights that appear where persons are buried. A man name Reichenstad posited that this was the result of methane gas that escapes as the bodies decompose.

The movie Poltergeist suggested that ghosts had emerged when a house had been built over a grave site. There is a colonial house in Medford, Massachusetts, where a fire years ago killed two children. The mother was killed trying to save them. Today the various persons have reported they have seen the woman who never finished her task. Everytime someone tries to light a fire in the fireplace where the disasterous fire started, the ghost rattles around and causes such a disturbance, that no one has lit a fire there in years.

The Rundlett May House on Middle Street has a similar ghost. The overseers of this property have reported a number of strange happenings. The Rundlett family owned this house for years and Edward Rundlett was a doctor who had an office in the rear. The last owner-occupant was Ralph May, who was a local author and historian.

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