

The McDonald family and the Baldoon Mystery

Have you ever been in a haunted house?

Vocabulary

1. wing 2. footsteps 3. curse 4. bullets 5. haunted 6. goose 7. porch

True Story

The story says that long ago, the McDonald family lived on a farm in Baldoon, Ontario. Their home was _____, and people believed a witch had put a _____ on them. The family heard _____ in the kitchen, saw _____ and stones fly through windows, and watched fires start around the house.

To stop it, they asked a woman with "second sight" for help. She told them to make a silver bullet and shoot a black-headed _____. When John McDonald hit the bird and broke its _____, he later saw an old woman on her _____ with a broken arm. After that, the haunting stopped.

Quiz

1. Where did the McDonald family live?
2. What did people believe happened?
3. What unusual things happened in the McDonald home?
4. How did John McDonald stop the haunting?

True or False

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| 1. The McDonald family lived in the city. | True False |
| 2. A woman helped the McDonald family stop the haunting. | True False |
| 3. Ronald McDonald shot a black-headed goose. | True False |

Conversation

- A: Did you hear those footsteps again last night?
B: Yes, and I saw a stone fly through the window!
A: This is getting scary!
B: Let's try the silver bullet plan.
A: Alright, I'll aim for the black-headed goose.
B: Oh! Maybe we can make goose nuggets after!

Discussion

1. Do you believe in ghosts or haunted houses?
2. Have you ever heard a ghost story?
3. What would you do if you thought your house was haunted?
4. What scary movies have you watched?
5. What costume would you wear to a Halloween party?