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## House atop cemetery is haunted ... go figure

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In the movie, Poltergeist, a family finds its house taken over by unfriendly spirits.

But on Seattle's Beacon Hill, the Washington family finds its house taken over by "friendly" ghosts. And a psychic confirmed their suspicions.

"We live with it and we know they're here," said the home's owner Beverly Washington.


Washington had her house built on the site 7 years ago, not knowing it was part of the old Comet Lodge Cemetery. But, from day one, they've known they were not alone.



"All the lights went out the day we moved in. They all went out and stayed out and

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**Although abandoned, some of Seattle's earliest settlers were buried at the Comet Lodge Cemetery.**  
 eventually they came back on?" she said.

On several occasions, Beverly turned off the lights in her display case, only to find them on again once she left the room. One night, just to make sure it wasn't one of her kids trying to spook her, she did a test.

"I turned them off again, and then I went back to my bedroom and stood at the door to peek and they came back on again," she said.

While home alone making dinner one night, Beverly actually saw a ghost.

She said it looked like a clear cloud, swooping past here.

"So, I holler and yell, 'who's there?' and nobody says anything.

Beverly then followed the ghost to her bedroom. And she could see it clearly, a full outline of a person as if in a cloud, which then swooped into the bathroom.

"So I take it and I throw back the curtain and there wasn't anybody there," she said.

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But from then on, she was convinced her house was haunted.

Beverly isn't the only one to see ghosts. Daughter Quimma says that after visiting the graveyard one day, she saw a ghost right outside her bedroom window.

"This lady, who had long hair with loose waves, she just came to my window. She looked happy and I just got up and looked at her," Quimma remembered.

Ten-year-old Brooke and 13 -year-old Jameel say they too often see ghosts when looking out over the cemetery.

While the family is not afraid of these strange sightings, they are curious about them. So, Evening Magazine invited psychic Lorena Simon to tell the family what she feels.

The response was immediate.

There are numerous amounts of spirits around the radius. There are probably between 50 to 100 spirits. I don't feel any bad spirits but it doesn't mean they can't come back at anytime," Simon said.

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**The Washingtons say they don't mind living in a haunted house, so long as the ghosts are friendly. cemetery.**

"When people are disturbed in a resting place, they come back until the job is finished," she said.

That means that until the Comet Lodge Cemetery is restored, the spirits won't be able to rest in peace. And, Beverly's family will be able to rest their minds.

"I love my house, but I don't feel right it's on top of a cemetery," she said.

In the meantime, the Washington's are happy to share their house with these ghosts, just as long as they remain friendly.

Their house is one of 11 that sit on top of the old cemetery.

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