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In 1942 a family by the name of Poindexter moved into a small community in Adair County called Breeding, Kentucky. The house they moved into was a two-story farmhouse located high on a hill surrounded by large cedar trees and land owned by Mr. Gilford Yarberry. Mr. Crit Poindexter, the father, was a sharecropper and had entered into an agreement with Mr. Yarberry to till his land on a share-crop basis. The other members of the Poindexter family who moved in were his wife, Maude, and their two children, Oleta and Howard.

The day that the Poindexters moved in, they arranged their furniture to where they could settle down for the night. By this time, it was late in the evening. Crit went to the barn to do the chores, and Maude and Howard were in the kitchen cooking supper. Oleta was in her room sitting on her bed.

Suddenly, Maude and Howard heard Oleta screaming for them to come to her bedroom. When they arrived, Oleta was sitting on her bed and crying. She told Maude and Howard that the stair door, which opened up into her bedroom, had opened halfway by itself. When she screamed for her mother and brother, it stopped abruptly. After she yelled, it proceeded to open the rest of the way by itself and banged against the wall. Needless to say, Maude and the two

children were scared to death when Crit arrived back at the house from the barn.

After hearing the events that had taken place while he was gone to the barn, Crit tried to assure them that there was no such thing as ghosts that would have opened the door or caused it to open. To reassure them that there was nothing in the house other than the family, he proceeded to walk through the house with the family following close behind. As there was no electricity in the house, Crit struck matches as they went from room to room. Crit was not the type of man to be scared easily. However, when he entered into the hall and struck the first match, there in the hall hanging before them was a large black raincoat, which sent a chill down the spines of the entire family.

After reassuring them that there was nothing in the house other than the family, Crit then fastened the stair door to where it couldn't be opened without quite a bit of effort. Then Crit said that he was going to get some sleep. Maude and the two children couldn't sleep, so they sat up and talked at a whisper until about 4:30 a.m. At that time, Maude went to the kitchen to start preparing breakfast and Crit went to the barn to do his chores. Howard and Oleta continued to sit on Oleta's bed and discuss what had happened earlier. Suddenly, the stair door opened about halfway back. The children heard the door open, and when they turned to look, it stopped. Then it gradually opened on back, squeaking

and bumping against the wall as if someone had full control of it. When Crit arrived back from the barn, it didn't take the family very long to tell him the events that had just taken place and to convince him that they needed to move away from this house.

After breakfast, Crit went to talk with Mr. Yarberry and explain to him what had taken place and that the family would be moving as soon as they could find another place to live. Mr. Yarberry, being a very kind gentlemen, told Mr. Poindexter that that was perfectly ^{all right} alright. He explained that he understood the situation. It seemed that the family who had lived there before the Poindexters had had a similar situation. Mr Yarberry went on to tell Mr. Poindexter that the previous family that lived there was sitting in the living room one stormy night, and they heard a mumbling noise that sounded as if it were coming from outside. As they looked outside, there was a loud clap of thunder and a bright flash of lightening, and in the yard there appeared to be several small children playing a game, like "Drop the Handkerchief" or "Ring Around the Roses". The children suddenly disappeared, and there were no voices to be heard, as if they had never been there. Needless to say, that family moved out the next day.

The Poindexters lived in the house for one week. They never had a chance to speak with Mr. Yarberry again to see if any other incidents ever took place.

In 1977, thirty-five years later, Howard Poindexter, the youngest of the two children, took his family to visit the house. Nothing mysterious happened while they were there and no one lives there anymore, but it still has a ghostlike appearance.

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