Resources for Finding and Creating Ghost Stories

Digging Into History
Various Resources for discovering historical information and other sources that lend themselves to creating original ghost stories

- State Historical Magazines
- Local newspaper archives
- Historical societies
- Museums and Archives
- Interview with older relatives
- Older siblings
- Libraries
- 398.2 section of the library

Urban Legends
These snippets and stories are passed along as if they were true but there is little to no supporting evidence and no one is entirely sure where they originated. They often contain humorous or supernatural elements and can be moral tales.

Thrillist’s Collection of Urban Legends from each state

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https://www.insider.com/urban-legends-us-2018-1
Another list of each states creepiest urban legends—not all of them the same as the Thrillist version

Wikipedia’s Collection of Commonly Told Urban Legends
Wikipedia’s Urban Legend page lists a bunch of legends, most of which have a link to a page of their own for more information.

Ghost Story Audio
https://www.youtube.com/c/BitesizedAudioClassics/playlists
Longer form stories originating from written pieces—classic ghost story genre

Priscilla Howe—The Ghost with the One Black Eye
www.youtube.com/watch?v=i0nHz0Ztdrw

Oral Ghost Story Performances
Some of today’s top oral storytellers (and some who have passed to the other side of the veil) sharing scary/spooky/supernatural/ghost stories

**Donna Washington** telling stories at Charleston Ghost Story Concert  
www.youtube.com/watch?v=PkttKZ-WFaA

**Charlotte Blake Alston** telling the *Conjure Woman* at the 2016 Kansas City Storytelling Celebration  
www.youtube.com/watch?v=2QAku7SeSv4

**Tim Tingle** telling *The Choctaw Alligator Man* at the 2016 Kansas City Storytelling Celebration  
www.youtube.com/watch?v=-hGA4hcq63g

**Priscilla Howe**—The Ghost with the One Black Eye (audio only version)  
www.youtube.com/watch?v=i0nHz0Ztdrw

**Jackie Torrence** telling *The Golden Arm*  
www.youtube.com/watch?v=DTJJajXPZV8
Anne Shimojima telling *The Deveil and Wicked John*
www.youtube.com/watch?v=2i_jZSxro1c

Eth-Noh-Tec performing *Heaven and Hell*
www.youtube.com/watch?v=ldRchdCH8CY

Three tellers telling the story of *Mr. Fox*: Lyn Ford, Anne Shimojima, and Jeff Gere, www.youtube.com/watch?v=e2HL6ELxJ7E