Everyone loves a ghost story. Young people in Logan grow up hearing stories about the ghost at “the Nunnery,” a story inspired by St. Anne's Retreat, in Preston Hollow.

In the early 1900s, Hezekiah Eastman Hatch, a prominent Logan businessman, built a cabin at the location. His descendants expanded his cabin into a recreation camp for the family. Over time, the camp grew to include 21 structures: two main lodges, six smaller cabins, a playhouse, and several other buildings. Outside, there is a fire pit, fountain, bridge, and swimming pool.

In the 1950s, the property was offered to and accepted by the Catholic Church. It became a summer retreat for nuns and was renamed St. Anne's Retreat. At some point after this, the ghost legend was born.

There are several versions of the legend. According to one, a nun staying at St. Anne's Retreat became pregnant. To keep the birth a secret, the mother drowned her baby in the swimming pool. Some say that you can hear the voice of a child coming from near the pool. Others claim that the ghost of a nun haunts the retreat, eerily emerging from the forest. Sometime she is accompanied by two white Doberman Pinschers with blood-red eyes. Others have reported seeing a woman dressed in black who appears out of nowhere on the highway near the retreat. And beware if you are a first born son, for if you see St. Anne's Ghost, your own death is imminent!

Unfortunately, vandals visited the retreat from time to time, causing a great deal of damage. As the ghost stories circulated, vandalism increased. The nuns became alarmed and eventually no longer wished to stay at the retreat. So the Catholic Church sold the property. Visitors, please note that it is private property. Please be respectful.

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