

Irene (Mrs. Ernest) Bourgeois. Graysville, Manitoba, 204-828-3507 (personal interview 8/28/76)

There isn't too much to tell (about sighting on March 27, 1975). It's just what we heard. My daughter (Sharon) woke me up about 2 o'clock in the morning and she wanted me to get up. She'd been sleeping in the front room and the whole front room was red. And she thought the house was on fire, so she called me and I got up and by the time I got my housecoat on, it (the object) was way to the south there (waving her arm), like the sun coming up in the south.

Q. You could see it out there?

A. Yes, it was an orange . . .

Q. How far to the south?

A. To me, it looked just over the bush, about 3 miles. But it was the noise that woke us up.

Q. What kind of noise?

A. It's kind of hard to describe. It was just so fast and so loud that, just like a real shrill siren, like pulsating, eh? Just a steady, noise.

Q. Have you ever heard any other sound like that?

A. No. I thought it was something tangled up in the big evergreen trees. I didn't know what it was. The noise woke me up. It was so fast I didn't know whether I was dreaming or what, but she told me because she got so scared. She was ~~adaxix~~ afraid. So I got up and we looked out the window to the south where the noise went. It seemed to come this way (sweeping her hand from north to south over roof of house)

AQ. It seemed to come over your house from the north?

A. From the north going south.

Q. And it went right over your house?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you see the red light in the livingroom?

A. No, but by the time I got my housecoat on it was already to the south, but but it was the light that woke her up. She--I had my mother staying here

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and she/was asleep in the front room and the noise woke her up too but when she ~~x~~ opened her eyes it was just all red in the front room.

Q. Did your mother wake up?

A. No. My husband, it woke my husband up. but he wouldn't admit it for a long time, but he wouldn't get up soon enough. He did get up soon after but he didn't get up soon enough to see the light in the sky.

Q. Did it (the light) just keep going?

A. It just seemed to go ~~x~~ over the trees and disappear. Whether it went down or what, I don't know.

Q. When Sharon woke up, you say it was the light that woke her up?

A. The noise.

Q. But when she woke up she saw the whole room was--

A. Red.

Q. And how long did that last?

A. I don't¹ know, but by the time she called me and I got up it was way to the south already.

Q. Was she frightened by this?

A. Was she ever. She still won't sleep in the front room yet. For 3 weeks she slept right by our bedroom door with a mattress/ It really, she was pretty near sick after that. She didn't know what it was.

Q. She was 14 at the time?

A. She was 14 in April that year and 15 this april. . .

Q. Did it frighten you?

A. The noise did, beaause know, I thought it was something hitting the house or something. I didn't know what it was, and it just went ~~x~~ so fast, it was here and gone. So fast it went. The RCMP asked me how fast I figured it was going. Well, there was no way I could tell how fast. It was just a noise and it was gone.

Q. Did you call the RCMP? At that time?

A. No.

A. It was a month after. I didn't know it was supposed to be reported. Well, we didn't know what it was.

Q. It was after the Diemerts--theirs was April 9th or 10th?

A. Shortly after, like my daughter went to school the next day, and she told ~~them~~--I think it was the minister's daughter, and she told the kids and they didn't really believe her. They thought she was making up the story. So, any-
way about a month passed. It was about a month after^{when} it came out in the paper, and it was about a month ~~later~~ past and one night the phone rang and I think it was Mr. McLaughlin (minister) and he asked Sharon about it, and the next thing the RCMP is phoning, wanting a report on it and he told me I should have reported it. Well, I didn't . . . They just told me if I ever see anything like that again to report it. And then Diemert came out here with his airplane and looked around.

Q. Did you talk to any of your neighbors about this?

A. No.

Q. None of your neighbors heard or saw anything?

A. Well, there was a man in Graysville. He seen it too but I don't know if I should give you his name, 'cause I don't know if he'd say anything.

Q. Give us his name and we'll find out.

A. It's Jimmy Owens. He lives right in Graysville.

Q. How far are you from Graysville?

A. About 5 miles.

Q. He saw something the same night?

A. Yeah, well, he was talking to my husband. He told Ernie not to tell anybody. I'm not even supposed to know about it. That's why I don't know if I should give you his name or not. He was watching TV and he seen it in the kitchen window and he went and looked and then he went around over his house and watched. And He never did tell his wife. Would have scared her to ~~xxx~~ death.

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Q. He saw it the same night?

A. Yes, the same night.

Q. The same time, around 2 a.m.?

A. Yes, he was watching TV.

Q. How does Sharon feel now (Sharon was away the day of the interview)?

A. I don't know. I think if she ever seen anything in the sky that didn 't look like an airplane, she'd be taking off. It really frightened her.

Q. And for 3 weeks she slept outside your bedroom door?

A. Yes, with all the curtains closed . . . She was so sure, she was positive it was right out here in the pasture. She went out the next day and looked, that 's how positive she was. She thought it was setting right there, something in the pasture there.

Q. Did she look out the window before she called you?

A. Well, yeah. That 's when she seen it--to her she said it was right her beside the trees.

Q. Did she say it was sitting there for a moment or what?

A. I don't know whether she figured it was setting there or no but she was so sure it was there that she went out the next morning and looked, but there was no marks or nothing. I even went and looked at all my calves

Q. And they were all there?

A. Oh yeah (laughs). . . .

Q. You've got 3 boys?

A. Yeah, there was the three boys upstairs too.

Q. Did they wake up?

A. They woke up, but it was so fast they don't know whether they heard anything or not. The oldest one, he got up and came down stairs. He was mad because we didn't wake him up (earlier) but there was nothing to see.

Q. What 's his name?

A. Rpy, he's 21.

Q. Who are the other two boys?

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A. Jimmy and Danny. Danny's 13 and Jimmy's 17.

Q. And your mother--

A. She heard the noise but she didn't get up. She'd just been in the hospital for an operation and she's quite old and didn't get up.

There was just the three of us--Ernie, Sharon and me--who got up.

Q. What about your dog--did he act any different than normal?

A. Never noticed. He jumped up and looked out the window like the rest of us. I never paid any real attention to him.

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