

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 ~~xxxxxx~~ 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)

~~Q~~Q. 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't⁺ 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, because 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 ~~xxxx~~--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, anyway about a month passed. It was about a month ^{when} after it came out in the paper and it was about a month ~~xxxx~~ 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.

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. Roy, 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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Mrs. Peter Zazulinsky, Gimli, Manitoba 204-642-8388 (by phone 826/78)

It was a red light. It was a long time ago. Every time I think about it I get scary (laughs). We were coming home from Winnipeg and Peter never showed it to me for a long time. And he said, 'Look at that light in the sky--it's going the same speed we were,' and it seemed we were keeping up with it. And so then we came a 1 the way to Gimli and when we got about a mile before town or so it crossed the road and was going into town and then it decided to goback into the base (airport west of town) and then it crossed the road again and it started going further and we followed it north and it stopped so we went to this guy's yard (Walter Zabirka, north of Gimli) and we were watching it and it seemed like every time lights would come down the highway it would go back. And when there would be no lights it would come closer to us. We didn't have any lights on in the car and we were sitting watching it and you ~~couldn't~~ couldn't hear nothing. Peter seen it through ~~binoculars~~ binoculars. I didn't. And then it started going back so we followed it it without lights for quite a while. and over in (Joe) Malinowski's yard (west of Gimli), it stopped over the yard, like hovered over the yard, Peter got out of the car, and I decided like that I'm going to be brave and get out, so Peter ran for the house and called Joe. It started coming lower and lower and that 's when I seen it. It was in the shape of a saucer and it had these little windows. Peter seen it through the binoculars, different colored lights through the windows. I didn't see it through the binoculars. Peter seen more of it than I did. I just seen it when it was coming over Joe's. You could see the shape. . . . I could just see it was the shape of a saucer.

Q. What was it doing over Malinowski's yard?

A. Well, it came down. It landed and when it landed the lights went out and we couldn't find it and we looked and looked and drove around, shone the lights on the field and we just couldn't find it. and after we came back to Joe's yard and shut the lights off, about 2 or 3 seconds after

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we shut the lights off it took off again and when we seen it take off it had landed on the runway

Q. Over at Apsen?

A. Yeah. It landed in there and when it took off, it took ~~off~~ ^{di ferently than like} a plane took off, and we followed it for a while and it kept going ~~xx~~ further and further.

Q. Did you ever get real close to it?

A. No. . . . It seemed like it landed behind Joe Malinowski's barn, but it ~~xx~~ didn't . . .

Q. Were your children with you?

A. Wel^w, we have only one girl.

Q. How old is she?

A. 4.

Q. What s her name?

A. Sheri.

Q. What was she doing at this time?

A. She was scared.. She was saying, 'Let's go home, Daddy, let's go home.'

Q. What were you doing?

A. I wanted to go home! (laughs) I was pretty scared. I didn't want to follow it. I wanted to leave it and go but he didn't want to, he wanted to follow it.

Q. What is your name?

A. Linda.

Q. How old are you?

A. 24.

Q. How old is Peter?

A. 27.

Q. And he works at the (Calvert's) distillery?

A. ⁴es.

Q. What does he do? A. He's a cooker operator.

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Q. You followed this all the way from Clandeboye?

A. Yes.

Q. On Route 9 or 8?

A. 8.

Q. Were the windows open in the car?

A. They were closed when we were following it, but when we came to Walter's (Zabirka's) I think they were open. . . . There was no noise. I was so scared I didn't want to look at it.

Q. What was date of this?

A. April 23 or 24, I think, it was a Friday night. We had gone shopping in Winnipeg and started back home after the stores closed at 9:30.

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Peter Zazulinsky, Gimli, Manitoba, ~~204-642-208~~ 204-642-5734, cooker operator at Calvert's distillery, phone interview ~~8/27/76~~ 8/28/76 morning.

Q. I understand you spotted it around Caldeboye on your way bac from a shopping trip to Winnpieg, is that right?

A. Yes... . It was shaped like a saucer. Had rectangular windows around it, on the upper side.

Q. Was light coming out of them?

A. There was different colors. lighter and duller, brighter and duller.

Q. Were the colors ^{changing} or just getting brighter and duller?

A. Brighter and duller. They were differnt colors to begin with.

Q. Do you recall the colors.

A. Not offhand.

Q. Like a light bulb?

A. Yeah.

Q. How did you happen to notice it--you were comin north on Route 8?

A. 8. When I first spotted it it was just a blinking red light, which looked like an airplane, really. But after a couple of miles I noticed I was psssing the light. Approximately 60 mph I was going, and I started passing it and that's when I realized something was not right. that's why I kept watching it . . .

A. Gimli and

Q. You follow it all the way up to Gimli/and Camp Morton area (Morton is a few miles north of Gimli).

Q. From Zabirka's place, where did it go?

~~xx~~ A. Well, it went to Joe's (Malinowski's farm on route 231, west of Gimli) That's where I really saw it close . . . I pulled into Joe's yard. it was so close, I don't know how far. 50 yards maybe it was so close overhead.

Q. Was this i his front yard or what?

A. Just h the side of his house, the south side. It was low. ^{You} ~~x~~ could have hit it with a rock if you threw it hard. it was that close.

Q. Was it just sitting there, hovering?

A. Hovering.

Q. How high off the ground?

A. Well, ^{le little better than} antenna ~~xx~~ height maybe

Q. At that time, what did it look like, all lit up?

A. Just lit up, everything was moving around, blinking.

Q. Could you estimate the size? Was it as big as a--

A. Approximately, uh, it was pretty big. 30 feet in diameter, roughly, I don't know. 15 feet, 12 high. You could see the outline when it was lit up.

Q. Were these windows rotating?

A. Stationary.

Q. But they were blinking on and off. Were there lights on top of this?

A. They were right around the center, but higher up.

Q. I understand you got Joe Malinowski up?

A. Yeah, I went up and was knocking on his door. then the thing started moving. off toward Gimli. It was silent. no noise at all.

Q. Did he see it?

A. By the time I got him out it --I was knocking and watching at the same time--it went east and descended just like a helicopter.

Q. Like it landed over at the air port there?

A. Further west (betwen airport, a mile east of Malinowski's farm, and Malinowski's farm).

Q. Did Joe see it right away.

A. By the time he gotout and the lights went down, he didn't see it right after. so we left looking for it.

Q. He went with you?

A, Yeah. We went friving around, couldn't find nothing. no lights or anything, and cameback to the yard (Malinowski's) and talked for a while, and he still didn't believe me, and all of a sudden the lights all come on again, blinking again==

Q. Was it still over on the base?

A. On base property.

Q. On the base itself but not near the runways?

A. I can't say.

Q. Were you looking south?

A. From Joe's it would be looking east. So, the thing lit up and lifted up. It didn't go straihht up. It went along above the ground maybe 100 yards and lifted up and went south. But the funny thing about it, Joe said "it's an airplane." But it gave a roar when it took off and then went silent. There was a pretty strong wind that night and the s thing took off south, so he was pretty convinced. Then right after that we (he, wife, daughter) jumped in my car and followedit again, shit I h guess 10 miles maybe.

Q. Back down toward--

A. South.

Q. What happened then?

A. Well, we just left it, she (wife) was giving me shit and my (gas) tank was near empty. 2 hours already, we'd been following it.

Q. Do you recall the exact date this happened?

A. You got me. It was a Friday night. . . .

Q. Wakter Zabirka said when you cme in his yard, you pointed it out to him and that it circled off toward Aspen Park (southwest) and then it came back around his house again--

A, It didn't actually leave. It made a circle west and it came back . . .

Q. And you followed it over to Malinowski's place?

A. Yeah.

Q. It wasn't following the road (route 8 to route 231 west) was it

A. It actually was. All the way from Calndeboye, it was within a 10th or 8th of a mile from the highway. It was always within a quarter of a mile or so of the highway.

Q. When it hovered over Malinowski's place, was it behind his house?

A/ It was the south side.

Q. Was it very far from his house?

A. No, as I say, you could hit it with a rock

Q. Was it very bright around it?

A. Yeah, it was really lit up.

Q. Did it light up the ground any?

A. No.

Q. Any idea how many rectangular windows there were?

A. On one side, maybe 4 or 5

Q. They were wider than they were higher?

A Yeah.

Q. and they were on the upper side

A. yeah.

Q. And this was a general disc shaped thing?

A. Yeah.

Q. Could you see a clear outline at any time?

A. The only time we seen it was when it was over Joe's house. You could see it against the sky with the windows lighting up the sky, and the red pulsing light on top.

Q. Have you see anything more since then?

A. Well, after that I was keeping a pretty close watch and I was working the midnight shift and we seen something one night, six of us guys, but I can't talk about it. There was a light hovering west of the distillery, for 40 minutes we watched it. but I 'm sorry, I can't say anything about it.

. . . when you see something that close (original sighting) for 2 hours, you know it's no aircraft. you're so convinced. there's no doubt . . . it was around 11 o'clock when I was at Zabirka's

Woman who refused to give name, but said she lives in ~~Canton~~, a small community near Brandon, Manitoba. 204-838-2038. By phone 8/26/76

It (the UFO) was a fiery, fiery red and it was in the shape of an ice cream sundae. That's what it looked like, like it had a cherry on top of it? And it, we couldn't really distinguish any marks on it. There was kind of a couple of strips around the top, I think. And we could see it rotating around. And it kept ahead of us just a wee bit. And I stopped the car twice and each time I stopped it, that darned thing stopped and backed up.

Q. Did you say something about a ~~xxxx~~ school van (Woman had called in to a radio talk show on which UFOs were being discussed)?

A. Yeah. I was driving a school van at the time.

Q. This is just a van, not a school bus?

A. No--

Q. How many children were aboard the van?

A. Three of my own and three other ones. Seven of us.

Q. You don't remember what date this was?

A. No, I can't even remember what month. It was in the fall (last year, 1975) before the snow ~~x~~ came but I'm not sure really just when.

Q. What time of day was this?

A. About 8:30 in the morning.

Q. And it was pretty light at that time, daylight at that time?

A. Yes it was.

Q. And what direction were you going?

A. Uh--we were going south.

Q. Were you going to school at that time?

A. Yes, I was.

Q. And, where were you at that time?

A. What do you mean?

Q. Do you live in ~~Canton~~ ^{Kenton}?

A. No, we live on a farm and I was driving ~~xxxx~~ from the farm into ~~Canton~~ ^{KENTON}.

Q. Where is Canton in relation to Winnipeg?

QA. Oh, it's west and maybe a bit north. I'm not too sure of the direction.

Q. How far ~~x~~ from Winnipeg?

A. Oh, uh, 170, 180 miles maybe.

Q. Any big towns near you?

A. Brandon. We're about 40 miles from Brandon.

Q. You were taking the children to school?

QA. Yes, I was.

Q. And were you out on the open highway or what?

A. No, I was on a side road and--yes, I did go on the open highway for about 3 miles.

Q. I was just trying to get the exact location of this. . . And how did you notice it (the object)?

A. The kids ~~to him~~ told me, 'Mom, look at the sun,' and I looked, and I looked again and I said, 'Kids, that's not the sun.' I mean, seeing is ^{really} believing, and I didn't ~~x~~ believe in the darned things but I'm so positive that had to be something like that.

Q. Did you say you were driving south toward the school?

A. Yes, I was.

Q. And what direction--where did you see this in the sky?

A. Well, to the east.

Q. To the east, off to your left, then?

A. Yes.

Q. And was it very high in the sky?

A. No, it wasn't, because when we went by trees, it was partially shielded by the tops. And I really believe it would be, to me it looked as high as an elevator. It was enormous. It really was.

Q. You mean it was that big?

A. Yes, it was.

Q. As big as a grain elevator?

A. Well, I'd say about as high, yeah. You know, that's approximately,

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because it was just unbelievable. Well, it was unbelievable, period.

Q. Could you estimate how far away it might have been?

A. No, I have no idea.

Q. It was off to the left of you. Where was the sun in relation to this. Could you see any sun?

A. No, I couldn't see ~~it~~ any sun at all.

Q. But it was daylight?

A. Yes, it was.

Q. Was it overcast? ~~Was~~ Cloudy?

A. No, it wasn't. And you could look at that thing and when you turned your eyes away you couldn't see at all. You were blinded for a minute or two.

Q. Well, what color was it then?

A. It was just a deep, deep fiery red.

Q. And you're positive this was not the sun?

A. No, no way. In my own mind, I'm positive it was not. It wasn't shaped that way and we couldn't see it rotate if it was the sun.

Q. You say shaped like a sundae. Are you talking about a dish holding a scoop or two of ice cream on top--

A. Yes--

Q. Sort of cone shaped then?

A. No. You know how you get a dish of ice cream? I'm a container, you know, that has a base? Then rounded out? That's just what it looked like.

Q. What was it doing?

A. It was just going ahead of us, rotating around. I kept ahead of us a bit.

Q. Was this sort of like a top, then? A children's toy, a top spinning?

A. Well, kind of, yet it wasn't. To me, I never thought of a top when I looked at it. Just a dish of ice cream.

Q. And it was going parallel to you?

A. Yes. Ahead of us a wee bit.

Q. And how far did you see this thing?

A. For about 5 miles until we turned west.

Q. Did you see any other cars?

A. I did and I tried to get it to stop but it didn't stop.

Q. You saw another car?

A. Yeah.

Q. Going in the other direction?

A. No, I met a car going west. Like I had to turn a mile west for a mile and I met this car and it was going east. I tried to get it to stop but it wouldn't stop.

Q. Was the object going parallel to you when you were going west?

A. No, it was still going straight south.

Q. And then what happened?

A. Well, when we got to the corner where we turned off ~~Canton~~ ^{Kenton} to go west, we could see it a bit, and the kids could hardly wait to get to school, and we turned west and the darned thing just vanished. We don't know where it vanished or anything.

Q. You saw it for ~~xxx~~ about 5 miles--did you say you stopped your van?

A. ~~x~~ Yes I did, twice.

Q. And what happened--did you get out or what?

A. No, we just sat there and watched. The darned thing seemed to stop and back up.

Q. And did it change color or anything when it--

A. No.

Q. All right, fromtop to bottom can you describe--was the whole thing just fiery, fiery red or could you distin~~x~~guish parts of it?

A. No, as far as we could see--

Q. You couldn't distinguish any featureson it?

A. No, we couldn't. we could see a couple of strips, mkind of strips around

it, just two strips. This is the thing that really made ~~it~~ made us notice it was rotating.

Q. You could tell it was rotating--could you tell if it was rotating from your left to your right or from your right to your left?

A. You know, I couldn't tell you. I mean, people think I'm crazy but I sure did see it.

Q. Did you report this to the RCMP?

A. No, I didn't.

Q. You didn't report it to anybody?

A. No, I didn't, but I should have because apparently the next day I heard that on the Brandon talk back (radio talk show?), ~~somebody said~~ now, I didn't hear it myself, somebody else said ~~that somebody else~~ that somebody else had reported one. Now, I never heard the details

Q. What were your feelings when you saw this thing?

A. (Laughs) I don't know. I was just so excited. I never really believed in the darned things. But I had two little girls (on the van) who were really terrified by this thing.

Q. The girls were terrified?

A. Yes.

Q. Were they ~~is~~ crying or what?

A. No, they just turned white and never said a word.

Q. Were the rest boys?

A. Yes.

Q. What grades are they in? Are they in grade school?

A. Yes, they are. One was grade 8, 7, 6, 4, 3--

Q. How did the boys take it?

A. They were quite excited?

Q. Were they scared too?

A. No, I don't think they were. Just real excited.

Q. What about you--were you frightened by this at all?

A. No, I don't know how to describe it. I was shook up.

Q. Did you feel threatened in any way by this thing?

A. No, no, I did get a funny feeling when the darned thing stopped.

Q. And it came back?

A. Yeah. And then when I moved on it moved on.

Q. And how far away do you think it might have been?

A. Oh, I have no idea. It had to be quite a distance.

Q. Did you get the feeling that it was aware of you at all?

A. No.

Q. And you live on a farm there?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you do anything else or are you a housewife?

A. Not now. At the time I was working in a grocery store.

Q. And you don't want to give me your name for the local investigators?

A. No, I'd rather not.

Q. Because one of the investigators here is Grant Cameron, who would probably try to follow up on it some time . . . All you know is that it was last fall, right?

A. Yes. I should have written it down but I didn't. Some people believed me and some didn't, but I didn't care.

Q. Did they make fun of you?

A. Some of them did, but I believed it so much it didn't bother me. Does that sound feasible to you?

*Q. The whole thing?

A. Yes.

Q. Yes, it does, really. * I've heard an awful lot of stories like this and I don't have any reason to disbelieve people. I think I have a more open mind than Peter Warren or some of those other people on the radio this morning.

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A. I didn't really believe in the darned things, yet you hear so much about it you can't disbelieve. Boy, when I saw this one. I'm telling you. In my own mind I'm positive that had to be something.

Grant Cameron: Are you near ~~m~~ Carberry?

A. Maybe about 70 miles or so.

Q. The other side of Brandon?

A. Yes we are. West of Brandon and north. . . .

Q. You got to school on time that morning?

A. It's a miracle but we did (laughing).

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Q. Have you found this type ⁺ of radiation before where UFOs are believed to have landed?

A. Yes we have, but in most cases it ~~has been suspect~~ has been suspect because we never could make sure the guy ~~was~~ who was doing the radiation countings really knew what he was doing. We've had about 2 or 3 cases where it seemed fairly definite that the radiation was indeed higher.