

# She saw 'Bigfoot' at front door

MAYSVILLE, Ky. (UPI) — Anna Mae Saunders looks in all directions when she walks toward her mobile home in this rural Kentucky area. She's watching for "Bigfoot," a 7-foot-tall hairy animal she claims to have seen last weekend.

"I just hope that thing doesn't come back," said Mrs. Saunders, 60. "I'm scared to death to stay by myself now. Whenever I go back to the trailer, I look in all directions."

Mrs. Saunders recounts this encounter with the creature at her son-in-law's rural home, not far from her mobile home.

Mrs. Saunders, her son-in-law, Charles Fulton's house, his wife, Wanda, and two of their three children were watching television

last Saturday night when the third child came into the living room and said someone was turning the back door knob from outside.

Thinking the child was joking, Fulton made him sit and watch television.

Then there was a sharp jerk at the door. "Something liked to have tore my front door off," Fulton said.

He opened the door.

And this what Mrs. Fulton said she saw: "I never saw anything like it in my life. It just looked like a big white, fuzzy thing standing there on the porch. I never saw its face.

"It was above the 7-foot high door. 'I'm a Christian woman and I wouldn't lie for anything in the world.'"

Fulton said the creature was holding one of his roosters when he opened the door, but either dropped or threw it as it fled.

The children were screaming hysterically until Fulton closed the door.

Fulton described the so-called Bigfoot as having long, white hair with "glowing animal-like eyes."

He went outside a short time later and saw it standing between the house and an outbuilding. He fired two shots with a .22-caliber pistol at the creature, but apparently with no effect.

"It loped off at a slow-motion kind of gallop," he said.

He said he did not tell authorities about the sighting because he feared no one would believe him. Mrs. Saunders and the three children said they also saw the creature from inside the house.

Fulton discounted the possibility

the creature was a bear because of its upright position, and said it definitely was not a man in costume.

Meanwhile across the Ohio River, Robert Gardiner, 40, a big game hunter for 20 years, is convinced he has found the lair of Bigfoot in the rugged hills of southern Ohio. He urged hunters to hold their fire if they see him.

Gardiner, a native of Lexington and now a resident of Columbus, Ohio, is president of the North American Sasquatch (Bigfoot) Research Team, and has been searching in the hills for over a week.

He said the creatures are very shy and he does not believe they mean any harm to humans.

Gardiner says an analyst, who examined blood samples taken from a tree in Wayne National Forest in Vinton County, described the samples as "ape-like humanoid blood."