

Cowboys watched a starship crash in 1884!

UFOs VISITED THE OLD WEST

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The automobile and the airplane had yet to be invented when a handful of stunned cowboys watched one of the most spectacu-

lar UFO crashes in history — in Dundy County, Nebraska!

According to *Omni* magazine, John Ellis and Alf Williamson were just two of the

horrified cowpunchers who claimed to have seen the flaming starship fall from the sky in broad daylight on June 6, 1884.

Their gripping accounts of the incident appeared in lead-

ing newspapers throughout Nebraska.

And if those stories were accurate, the crash was actually confirmed by a team of independent investigators who inspected the wreckage.

The cowboys told reporters that the UFO looked like a giant meteor when it first appeared in the sky on its dizzying plunge to earth.

But they changed their minds when it slammed into the ground, bounced and skidded for half a mile — leaving a trail of machinery and smoldering metal in its wake.

Ellis and Williamson said they mounted their horses and rode furiously toward the remains of the enormous, cigar-shaped craft.

But they had to stop short because the ground surrounding it was white hot and bubbling like molten glass!

Ellis turned back but Williamson foolishly lingered and stared at the super-heated wreckage, which singed his hair and blistered his face, the *Nebraska Nugget* and *Lincoln Daily Journal* said.

Unidentified investigators reportedly traveled to the site a few days later. They said the spaceship was 50 feet long, 10 feet in diameter and shaped like a cylinder, just as the cowboys had said.

Eerily, Nebraska's *Daily State Journal* reported that the remains of the UFO "dissolved like salt" in a rainstorm before anything could be salvaged.

And while nobody mentioned anything about survivors or bodies, the editor of the *Lincoln Daily Journal*

speculated that the UFO was a "vessel belonging originally to another planet."

Incredibly, people are still arguing about the alleged crash even today. Some believe the whole thing was a hoax.

But others, like University of Nebraska folklorist Roger Welsh, aren't so sure. "It was a very long time ago," he said.

"There's just no way anyone can know what did or did not take place."