



# Creature Chronicles

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Logan County officials investigating

### 'Big Foot' sightings scare socks off pair

By **BILL FOX**  
Daily News Staff Writer

**BELLEFONTAINE** — Does Logan County have a "Big Foot" stalking its wooded hills between West Mansfield and the Union County line?

Sheriff's deputies are investigating a sighting by an off-duty Russells Point police officer who said he saw a "seven-foot-tall, hairy animal" in his barn yard Sunday night and a similar report from Union County last Tuesday.

A mammal research team from Lima is assisting deputies to determine whether it is a "Big Foot" or a bear who prefers to walk upright.

Ray Quay, a Russells Point police officer who owns a small farm on Twp. Road 132

near West Mansfield, said he was "surprised and dumbfounded" about what he saw Sunday night.

"I WAS UNLOADING eight pigs I had bought about 11 p.m. I shut off the light in the barn and went around the corner to see what my two dogs were raising cain about. They never bark when I'm around.

"I stepped around the corner of the barn and saw this hairy animal. I thought it was a man so I hollered at him. It took off and I've got some weeds out back I haven't mowed and they are waist high or higher" and the creature went through them with no problem, Quay said.

**FOUR DEPUTIES** searched the area but found nothing.

Deputies said that last Tuesday Patrick

Poling, who lives on County Rd. 142 in Union County east of West Mansfield, was cultivating a field when he said he spotted a creature walk out of some woods and stride along a road near where the farmer was working.

Poling said he walked over to try to get a better look at the creature but it ran back into the woods. Poling's description was similar to that of the creature Quay said he saw. Poling said the creature walked upright all the time.

The Lima research team, a non-profit organization, took measurements and a cast of three claw marks found on the Union County farm.

The claw prints are about 40 inches apart. The claw mark has four toes and measures 16 inches by 4 inches, deputies said.



IS THIS PHOTO A HOAX?

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# editorial

Ron Schaffner

The response to Creature Chronicles 1 has been a success. I hope to improve content and style with each issue. The only thing I ask from you, my fellow researchers, is to bear with us in the event that our publication may be delayed from time to time. If a delay does occur, its probably due to us being involved with several cases. I and others of Para-Hominoid Research feels that investigating of cases have a much higher priority than this publication does.

I believe that some correspondents do not fully understand the intent and motives of the Hominoid Research group. Therefore, a more clear-cut definition is in order. Basically, there are two lines of thought on the Bigfoot subject:

1. Bigfoot is an earth-indigenous primate.
2. Bigfoots origin and composition are manipulations of an intelligence that we cannot comprehend; a product of a space-time continuum or a para-physical entity.

Perhaps both types exist. We can neither prove nor disprove any conjecture, because there are no definite answers or solutions. For more information on the second possibility, I suggest reading "The Eighth Tower", by John Keel.

We do not initiate investigations with any one thought. Oftentimes, investigators will pursue their cases around their particular beliefs. This is sad, as many important facts are never uncovered.

Hominoid, is a fact-finding investigative agency which accepts all possible explanations. As of now, our research has led us to a connection of the Eastern sightings and the numerous cave systems and possible underground tributaries.

Creature Chronicles is not an outlet for debates on the subject of origins. Our purpose is to get the news and information out in a journalistic fashion. We do not restrict ourselves just to the subject of Bigfoot, but to all creatures; known and unexplained.

NOTE: In the last issue of this publication, Earl Jones was mis-quoted by the Kentucky Post. He was quoted as saying that there was a connection between the Big Bone creature and a UFO sighted a week earlier. Mr. Jones did not make that statement. It was conjecture by the reporter in order to sensationalize the story. The reporter asked Mr. Jones if there was any connection, and Mr. Jones actual statement was: "It's possible, that there is a connection, but we haven't found any evidence to that fact, at the Present."

(We never did find any evidence to the fact and therefore, ruled out that aspect.)

# Big Bone Kentucky Report

**SUBJECT:** Large black unknown animal sighted 3/31/80 at 12:30 - 1:00 AM and on 4/1/80 at 11:30 PM.

**WITNESSES:** Jackie Jones and Dave Stulz  
283 AA Ryle Road  
Big Bone, Kentucky (Boone County)

**POLICE INVESTIGATORS:** Officer Prindle, Officer R. Meyers, Officer J. Whalen and Sheriff J. Fisk.

**INVESTIGATORS:** Ron Schaffner, Earl D. Jones and John Daily.

3/31/80 - Jackie, Dave and son Jason were ready to retire for the night when they suddenly heard an unusual sound coming from the boat dock. They said the noise sounded like a combination of a lion and an elephant roar. Jackie turned on the outside light which is connected to the boat dock when they saw the outline of something moving in the weeds. The object was estimated to be between 2 to 3 feet wide, around 300 pounds, 5 foot in height and seemed to have a flat face. However, no eyes, ears or snout could be seen, due to the darkness. Dave decided to go out and investigate. When the strange creature advanced toward him, he got real scared and shot at the creature with his shotgun and pistol. The creature jumped back into the river and quietly swam away towards the east.

4/1/80 - Dave was talking on the phone with investigator, Earl Jones when something was heard outside his trailer. Jackie called for Dave and again he went outside to see what the disturbance was and hoping to get a better look this time. At this point, Jackie began to talk with Earl Jones in a nervous and frightened manner. She was worried about her son possibly being harmed by this creature. Meanwhile, Dave saw the creature jumping over a ditch and again escaping into the water. Needless to say, at this point there was some great concern by Jackie and Dave. Having had their trailer jerk around on the previous night as though something was trying to push it over and on this night having their shed out back shaken loud enough to caused a great disturbance.

**PREVIOUS ENCOUNTER:** In June of 1979, this same trailer was occupied by Vicki Jones. (Jackie's sister). She had an intercom connected to the boat dock and was hearing strange sounds and they kept getting louder. Her dog began to howl and seemed to be scared of something. Then all of a sudden her trailer started shaking. The dishes started to fall out of the cabinets due to the shaking of the trailer. Was this perhaps the same creature or something else?

Through local legends, investigator John Daily found out that this creature was also seen in 1950. He was also able to check through the old newspaper clippings and found several articles on a creature that was seen in that area on several occasions over the years. It seems that the creature was also given the name "Satan" by the local residents.

**CONCLUSIONS:** This case is still under investigation. However, this is just a condensed report for the purpose of this newsletter. There is no doubt that the witnesses actually saw something, yet unexplained.

There are two possibilities at this time. Either the creature was a mutated bear or it is amphibious in nature. We base our preliminary conclusions on prints found and the locomotion described by the witness. The prints indicate an animal of heavy weight. The heel is approximately 1 inch deep. The total length is 7 inches and is 5 inches wide. There are four claw marks and there is no deep indentations around the toe section. Actually, the toes seem connected which could be due to webbed feet.

On the back side of the trailer is an indentation of a semi-circled dent. The dent is approximately 4 inches wide. It is possible that a creature 5 feet tall could have caused it. It would take the strength of several men to repeat this process. The witnesses assured us that it wasn't there before the incidents. Besides, the marks look like they were done recently.

The Boone County Recovery Team will be sending divers down to explore possible underwater caverns and try to search out a body if Dave actually did hit and killed the creature. That agency and the Boone County Police are extremely interested in this incident and have pledged full co-operation with Para-Hominoid Research.

Ron Schaffner

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## Mystery Tracks Solved

**SUBJECT:** Prints of two similar animals probably of canine species.

**INVESTIGATORS:** Ron Schaffner and Earl D. Jones.

**CASE FINDINGS:** The prints indicated extreme size and weight. The larger prints measured  $4\frac{1}{2}$  to 5 inches in length and  $4\frac{1}{2}$  to  $5\frac{1}{4}$  inches in width. The estimated pad measurements were  $4\frac{1}{4}$  inches long and  $4\frac{1}{2}$  inches wide. The smaller prints measured  $3\frac{1}{4}$  to  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches long and 3 inches x  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches wide. Claw marks are present in all prints with slight evidence of dual claw on back of what would be the left forepaw of the smaller animal. This is indicative of a canine print.

At present, by speculation, I would estimate the larger of the two animals to measure  $3\frac{1}{2}$  to 4 feet. Measurements from chest to rump with perhaps 16 to 18 inches, shoulder to shoulder across the chest. I estimate this animal to weigh about 150 to 200 pounds. Standing pace measurement is approximately 36 inches - forepaw toe to hind paw heel. The smaller of the two is  $\frac{1}{3}$  smaller in overall physical size and possibly 100 pounds lighter in weight.

The area and terrain is known to be populated with deer and many small game. At this point, my vote would be cast in favor of the prints being made by an extremely large member of the canine family.

Cathy Prindle, Wild Safari Ranger of Kings Island Amusement Park was quoted in the Cincinnati Enquirer (see news-clipping at the end of this article), as saying that the prints were without question, those of a large dog.

Ron Schaffner and I talked with Miss Prindle on the evening of July 13, 1980. She informed us that she went along with the "dog theory"

because of the ever-present claw marks. Our research has definitely backed up Miss Prindle's statement, although a cat will on unstable ground, or when making running turns, will leave somewhat a claw indentation.

On 7-23-80, we talked with Margo Kuhn, a specialist in animal behavior also with the Wild Animal Safari at Kings Island, we found out that the animal was probably a large domestic dog. Margo said that the plaster casts of the prints (compliments of Glen Blair) were definitely those of a domestic dog, not of a wild animal. Miss Kuhn's specialties are wolves and primates.

We spoke to Mr. Blair later that evening for further developments and he stated that there had been several new tracks found. He also said that he had photographed a St. Bernard wandering around the area.

It appears at this point, that the case is solved. However, we will continue to keep in touch with these people for any new developments.

Earl D. Jones

**EDITORS NOTE:** This case is being presented in this publication in order to illustrate the many aspects of this research group. In fact, we are more pleased to solve a case by natural means, than to have it listed unexplained. Below is the news-clipping that prompted our investigation. If more researchers would check every possible case that may represent a possible mystery, who knows what may be discovered. Success is only achieved by hard work.

## 'Big Dog' Making Tracks

BY JIM ROHRER  
Lebanon Bureau Chief

TWENTY MILE STAND, Ohio—The mystery of the "big paw prints" in the Sellcrest Acres subdivision apparently has been solved.

Residents, puzzled by oversized paw prints near their houses, speculated that a large cat, weighing more than 150 pounds, was on the loose.

Officials at Wild Animal Safari at Kings Island, called in to look at the prints, said Thursday the prints were "without a doubt the prints of a very large dog."

Safari Ranger Cathy Pindel said toenail markings in the prints she observed convinced her the tracks were made by a large dog.

Just to be sure, Safari workers counted noses. No animals are missing, they confirmed. All Safari animals have been accounted for.

"For about a week, we just laughed it off," said Aliceten Moreland, who lives on Ronbet Drive in Sell-

crest Acres. "The paw prints have been showing up throughout the neighborhood. Finally, some of us began to get worried. We do have a woods here the kids play in.

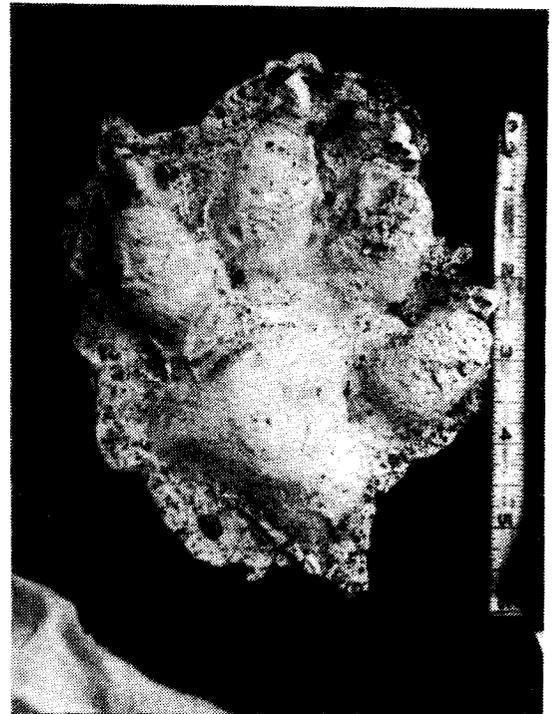
"I tried to tell people with kids about the prints, without getting everyone all excited."

Animal escapes from Kings Island's Safari are not unheard of, although it's been more than five years since any serious incidents. The last escape involved some penquins, and park officials once spent a week trying to round up some freedom-loving baboons.

Sellcrest Acres is located in Warren County's Deerfield Township, just north of Montgomery and south of Kings Island.

The Warren County sheriff's department and Kings Island investigated the prints, and the sheriff's department took a plaster cast.

"Whatever it is, it weighs more than 150 pounds," Mrs. Moreland said. "The prints sank deeper than someone who weighs that much."



Cast of one of the prints found at the scene.  
Cr. Ron Schaffner

Cr. Cincinnati Enquirer 7-11-80

# Fisherman Mistaken For Bigfoot ?

SUBJECT: Large prints found at Big Bone Lick State Park, Kentucky.

WITNESS: Timmy Jones

INVESTIGATOR: John Daily

NEWS-CLIPPING: Source the Dixie News, Florence, Kentucky - June 5, 1980, by Jeff Stegman. The clipping says, "I didn't believe there was a monster at Big Bone, but now I'm convinced," said eight year old Timmy Jones, almost shuddering at the thought of a Bigfoot-type creature roaming Northern Kentucky. Timmy was talking as we drove to the Big Bone Lick State Park boat ramp Thursday in search of two unusual footprints the Florence youth had seen the day before. (prints on page 1 ) "I was walking along the edge of the water and there they were, about this big," continued Timmy, holding his hands about nine inches apart. "There were two toe holes on each foot, both the same size. I knew they had to be from the monster that shook the house trailer a few months ago."

Timmy had read a news account several months ago about a large, black creature which reportedly shook a house trailer in the Big Bone area. His grandmother had kept a copy to show him, but the story alone wasn't enough to make him a believer. "I still didn't believe there was a monster here until I saw the footprints," added Timmy while giving me his best skeptical look.

When we reached the boat ramp we walked only a few feet before finding two unusual footprints in the muddy bank. The prints, sunk five to six inches into the mud, showed two identical holes pushing into the mud as if whatever made them had tip-toed into place. About ten inches long, the back portion of the prints tapered to an extremely narrow finish. When I stepped next to the prints, my 188 pound frame sank only two inches into the bank. Whoever or whatever made the prints had to be heavy.

"The thing I don't understand is why people want to kill it just to prove it's alive," said Timmy. "I don't think that's right. People should leave it along, and maybe it will leave them along."

After walking to the Florence Police Department from his home near the station and reporting the prints, Timmy called the Dixie News "so people would know."

CASE FINDINGS: When the above article was published, investigator John Daily was immediately on the scene. John has been very active on the Big Bone case, as he lives in the vicinity. After speaking with the reporter, he arrived at the Big Bone Park boat ramp where the prints were discovered. John's evaluation is that these prints were not of a Big Hairy Monster, but of human origin. Many boats are launched there and it is noted as a great fishing spot. With the bank being soft mud, it is very feasible that these prints were of a fisherman or someone launching a boat.

While I was fishing a while back, I tried an experiment. I stepped into the mud at the edge of the river and left prints larger than those found in Kentucky.

Ron Schaffner

# West - Central Ohio Denizen

From our sources, we have learned that there have been a number of alleged Bigfoot sightings in Union and Logan counties in Ohio. ( see clipping on front page of this publication) Contacts from local agencies have kept us up to-date on these sightings.

The Mammal Research Team, based in Lima, Ohio is currently investigating these sightings. We have been in contact with this group on several occasions. They had agreed to send us additional information on their investigations, therefore saving us from traveling up to the area and investigating the reports ourselves. However, at the time of this publication being ready for the printer, we have heard nor received nothing from them.

We will publish the details on these sightings in the next issue of Creature Chronicles, after we conduct an extensive follow-up investigation into these sightings.

Ron Schaffner

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## UFO Ohio Research Co-operative

UFO OHIO RESEARCH CO-OPERATIVE is a state wide network of various groups working together. Although centered in Ohio, this project does not by any means confine it's self to the state. Research and communication is kept with other research organizations in the United States and around the world. All the groups associated with this project remain their own group! They are all working together to help promote a more effort-less network to fill the research needs of all of us.

Dennis Pilichis, director of the PAGE RESEARCH LIBRARY (which is the most complete collections of UFO and FORTEAN data in the state of Ohio) is the co-ordinator for the UFO OHIO RESEARCH CO-OPERATIVE. His work on this project and several others should be commended. Working day and night, with little help, he always seems to get the job done. How I don't know, perhaps it's just pure dedication to the cause.

Dennis and the UFO OHIO RESEARCH CO-OPERATIVE would like to communicate with you. They would like to hear from all the Bigfoot groups also. They are interested in working with you on an honest basis. You can reach them by writing:

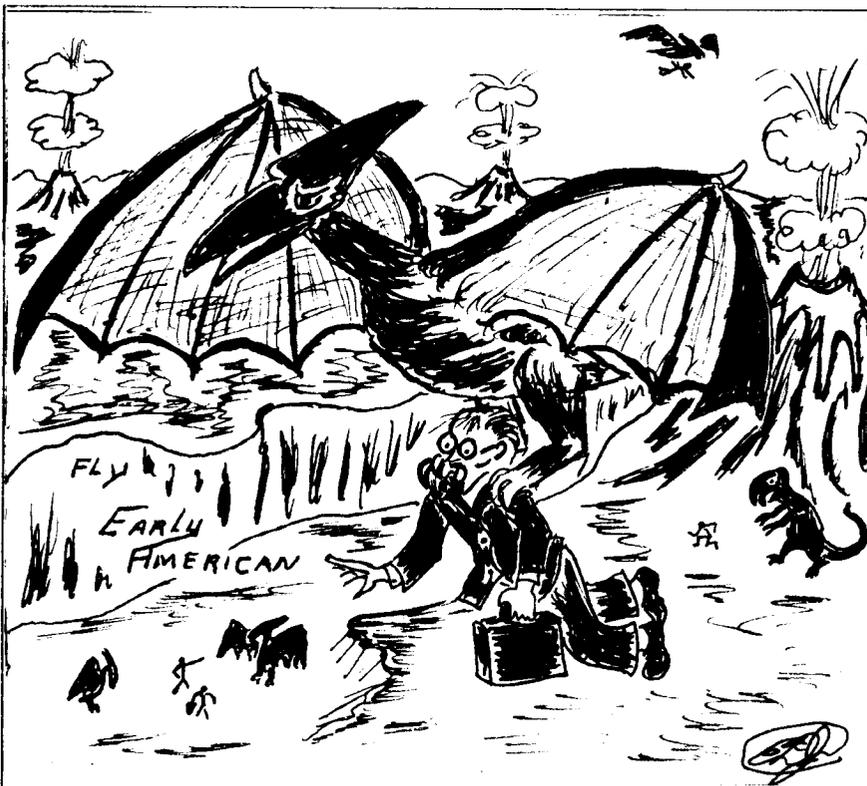
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## Investigators Tips

A trained investigator should express no opinions when questioning a witness. The investigator should merely determine and record all the facts as provided by the person or persons who saw the event in question. It takes practice and continual concentration on the part of the investigator to prevent their own biases, opinions and interpretations from influencing how he records these facts. That is not to say that there is no place for the investigators opinions in the report, but they should not cause the investigator to eliminate any aspect of the event that the investigator may consider irrelevant from their report. The investigator plays a very important part in any research. It is the responsibility of the investigator to effectively and completely investigate an event and report it in such a way as to provide useful information for the professional analyst. So every event involving unidentified phenomena, UFO's, strange creatures, etc., cannot be over-stated.



BIGBIRD IN FLIGHT by EARL D. JONES



**A BIG FOOT** — Soviet expedition member Igor Burtsev displays a plaster cast of a footprint believed to be that of the Abominable Snowman. The print is 14 inches long and more than 6 inches across the toes. It was found by an expedition in the Pamir Mountains in Central Asia. (UP)

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