

# UFO POTPOURRI

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## HAPPY HOLIDAYS - 1998

Recommended cartoon sites on the Internet are as follows:

- <http://members.aol.com/planetROZ> This site features "Roswell", the complete collection.
- <http://www.dashville.com/mi/> Two years of "Mr. Invader," by Justin Stahlman.
- <http://www.express-news.net/stahlman/invaderb/mr.invader> More cartoons by Justin Stahlman.
- <http://www.laughseeds.com/> Some unique cartoons by D.K. Glebe.

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### Diary Records 1808 UFO Sighting

The March 29, 1978 issue of the Ogdensburg, N.Y. *JOURNAL* featured an article describing the work of Dr. Judith Becker Ranlett, an historian who teaches at the State University College at Potsdam. While studying the diary of her husband's great-great grandmother as a part of her scholarly research on women's history, she found a first-hand account of a UFO sighting in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century.

The diary was written by Cynthia Everett, a Massachusetts-born school teacher who taught in Maine during the early 1800s. Born in Rutland, MA, in 1785, she moved to Maine in 1804 with her family and kept the diary between 1804 and 1815, the year she married. The diary remained in the family.

The account is written in a firm hand on yellowing rag paper that is in remarkably good condition. The entry begins as a new paragraph to her recollections of the events of July 22, 1808. It is quite unrelated to the paragraph that proceeds it.

"About 10 o'clock I saw a very strange appearance. It was a light which proceeded from the East. At the first sight, I thought it was a Meteor, but from its motion I soon perceived it was not. I(t) seem to dart at first as quickly as light; and appeared to be in the atmosphere, but lowered toward the ground and kept on at an equal distance sometimes ascending and sometimes descending. It moved round in the then visible Horizon. (it was not very light) and then returned back again, nor did we view it till it was extinguished."

That is the only passage in the entire diary that mentions the sighting, according to Dr. Ranlett. She finds it significant that Cynthia Everett did not explain what she witnessed as a natural phenomenon, since she was well-educated and had first-hand knowledge about the night sky. "She was the kind of person who would have explained it as natural phenomenon, if she could have."

(Credit: Bob Pratt).

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## 1941 Cape Girardeau, Mo. UFO Crash

Leonard H. Stringfield recounted the story of Charlotte Mann, a Texas woman whose grandfather, the Rev. William Huffman, was the pastor of Red Star Baptist Church from 1941 to 1944. Mann told Stringfield her grandfather got a call one spring night from police asking him to accompany them to the site of an airplane crash outside of town in case the victims needed a clergyman.

"A car was sent to get him, but grandmother said it wasn't a police car," Mann said. When Huffman got to the crash scene, Mann said, he noticed one piece of the wreckage that appeared to have a rounded shape with no edges or seams," and a "very shiny metallic finish."

"Police officers, "plainclothes men" and "military officers were already at the scene sifting through the wreckage, Mann said. Laid to one side of the scene were "three bodies, not human," she recounted. "It was hard for him to tell if they had on suits or if it was their skin, but they were covered head to foot in what looked like wrinkled aluminum foil," Mann said. "He could see no hair on their bodies and they had no ears. They were small framed like a child, about 4 feet tall, but had larger heads and longer arms." Their faces had "large, oval-shaped eyes, no noses, just holes and no lips, just small slits for mouths," Mann said. Huffman was told by one of the military officers at the scene not to tell anyone what he had witnessed for security reasons, Mann told Stringfield. Huffman told his wife, Floy and their two sons what he had seen when he returned home from the crash site but never spoke of it again, said Mann.

Huffman died in 1959. His wife, who died in 1984, told Mann the story. A few weeks after the crash, Huffman was apparently given a photograph of two men holding one of the corpses found at the scene. Mann's father loaned the photo to a friend but never saw it again.

The full text of this report can be found in a CSETI report at:

<http://www.cseti.org/crashes/007.htm>

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## Another UFO on Gun Camera Film

Peter B. Davenport, Director of the National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle, received a telephone report at 3:20 a.m. on March 14, 1997, relating to the UFO sightings over Phoenix. The text of the Caller's report is as follows:

" That's correct. Uh, the, Luke Air Force Base is actually in Litchfield. I'm, I'm, ah..I got off shift about 30 minutes ago. At, uh, 8:15, ah, the F-... "Ready Alert" at Luke Air Force Base, which is the F-15...two F-15s that we keep on "Ready Alert"...They're part of the Air Force One and Air Force Two "Protection Group"...to protect 'em when they come west of the Rockies, when ever the President or any dignitary is on board.

"They were launched because...all Hell broke loose, basically. Apparently, we got a call from, ah, Prescott Valley Airport, a small airport, um, north of us...I'm sorry, northwest. And reporting an object that had a near miss with a small Cessna...aircraft.

"The call came up once - "Ready Alert." Approximately 8:32, uh, from my understanding, that they encountered something over the sky,...over Phoenix, Arizona, over the area of 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Indian School road.

"They don't know what it was. The description that the pilot...one of the pilots stated that they had a visual on it, they've **got gun camera film of it**, they have no radar tape of it. It scared the hell out of them. I've never seen...this (rank/name deleted) I'm talking about, he, uh,...the command pilot of this particular flight, he'll never talk to you. He's a real professional. I've never seen this man, oh...I've never seen this man scared.

"Are you familiar with the term, "white noise"...blinking out radar? My understanding is, that's what they got, was strictly white noise.

He concluded the report by saying the pilot was scared to death. "He's not sure what it was. After they landed, the base was...we had a complete "lock down." The facility was closed.

The full text of the report can be found at:  
<http://www.nwlink.com/~ufocntr/CB970313a.html>

Aircraft gun cameras were actively used throughout WWII and ever since. Many pilots have stated they had gun camera "lock-on" during UFO interceptions. Further they claim the films were taken from their aircraft and were never seen again.

This means that gun camera films of UFOs in flight are an untapped resource of solid UFO information, certified by the fact that the films are owned by various governments of the world. While release of one film would be valuable, a study of 1,000 or more cases would be extremely valuable. This study could be undertaken if UFO researchers would pool their reports and identify specific aircraft flights/UFO incidents to pursue. Admittedly, many of the pilots listed in the older reports have passed on but their records may still be available.