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### Re: Two Skeptical Papers On The Trent Photos On

From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
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>The 1999 revised version of Robert Sheaffer's unpublished "An Investigation of the McMinnville UFO Photographs" at:

><http://hugin.imat.com/~sheaffer/texts/trent.html>

>together with Phil Klass's 1995 "What Bruce Maccabee DOESN'T Tell You About His Investigation of the Famous McMinnville/Trent UFO-Photo Case" at:

><http://hugin.imat.com/~sheaffer/texts/BSMtrentPJK.html>

>will, I trust, put this "Trent" business to bed once and for all.

Dear Keith:

Time to get out of bed and become informed. Sheaffer's \_1969\_ paper (recently "revised" and put on the web) was thoroughly discussed.... some might say "dismissed" .... by my work in 1976 and again in 1982. Sheaffer's arguments have been shown to be wrong.

As for Mr. Klass..... after all these years the strongest argument he has against the Trent case seems to be that a lady of "not exceptional" (!!!) intelligence could make mistakes in recalling events when she was questioned 24 or more years after they occurred.

Incidentally, the Trent's have died recently: Evelyn in 1997 and Paul in 1998. They were interviewed in 1995 and presented the same story they told in 1950.

When the sighting occurred these people were poor but industrious farmers. During the years of interviews and numerous publications of their pictures they were still poor but industrious farmers (raising several children). When they died they were (retired ) poor farmers.

It was very interesting to me to see that, even though there were literally world famous because of their pictures, certainly the most famous people in the McMinnville area, the obituaries

said exactly nothing (!) about their UFO sighting.

It was certainly my impression, and I gather that also of numerous others who interviewed the Trents (or were their neighbors) that the UFO sighting was not of great importance to them and, that the resulting publicity, etc. was a considerable annoyance.

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