

JULY, 1919 – WEBSTER CITY IOWA

The NICAP ufology group apparently recorded that in Webster City, Iowa, in July 1919, at 11:00 a.m., a young brother and sister were playing in a farm area, when they suddenly heard a strange chirping sound resembling that of birds.

They turned around and saw a brown green object beneath a tree near a creek. They ran towards it, and then noticed a tall figure wearing brown and green, stern looking and standing at the door of the craft.

This figure then made some strange guttural sounds, and the witnesses then noticed a shorter figure wearing similar clothing running very fast towards the stream, and scoop some water out in something resembling a tin can.

The figure at the door apparently objected at him for taking the water, then helped the short being into the object, and slammed the door shut making a metallic sound.

The craft then rose straight up very fast, hitting the top branches of several trees. Ground marks were found at the site.

Ufologist Jerome Clark cited the sister as having written that after they "heard a chirping-like sparrows feeding," "We turned and saw a brown green object beneath the tree near the creek about 75 feet from us. We ran toward it before noticing a figure in green-brown (he was) stem looking (and) standing in the door which had been lowered to the ground and had steps. He startled us by making strange guttural sounds-then we noticed a shorter figure in the same clothes running toward the stream

leading to the pond. He went very fast (and) dipped up some water in what looked like a tin can about the size of a small soup can. He got the water despite the protests of the man in the door. The one with the can was smaller than the one in the door. The big one hustled the little one into the vehicle and the door slammed shut. It made a metallic sound when it closed. The vehicle rose straight up very fast. The top of the vehicle hit the tree limbs and broke a few small branches off – all this without a sound of a motor. It raised (sic) straight up, then went side-wise and over the hill with it's (sic) three legs still down, no lights, no sound. We followed up the hill, but it soon left us and was out of sight. We went back to where it landed. The soil in a wide area where they had landed was covered with round spots that resembled cane marks".

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From *It Didn't Start With Roswell* by Philip L. Rife:

Brother and sister experienced a more benign encounter with some unusual visitors to their family's farm near Webster City. As the girl recalled the incident:

"We saw a brown-green object beneath the tree near the creek about 75 feet from us. We ran toward it before noticing a figure in green-brown.

He was stern looking and standing in the door which had been lowered to the ground and had steps. He startled us by making strange guttural sounds.

Then we noticed a shorter figure in the same clothes running toward the stream. He went very fast and dipped up some water in what looked like a tin can about the size of a soup can.

The big one hustled the little one into the vehicle, and the door slammed shut. It made a metallic sound when it closed.

The vehicle rose straight up very fast. The top of the vehicle hit the tree limbs and broke a few small branches off. Then it went sidewise and over the hill with its three legs still down.no lights, no sound.

We followed up the hill, but it soon left us and was out of sight. We went back to where it landed. The soil in a wide area was covered with round spots that resembled cane marks.”



Presumptive area of the incident, today

**Reliability evaluation:
high**

**sources not available and witnesses are anonymous,
description of the events sounds like a type of human craft
with crew, no details of the vehicle, no investigation,
I suppose there's no way to find new documents (1919!!)**

