

SEPTEMBER 2, 1954 – COLDWATER KANSAS

Coldwater, Kansas, was the site of a strange appearance in September 1954. The story appeared in a clipping from the Lincoln, Nebraska Star in late September. According to International News Service and the Star story, young John J. Swaim, twelve, son of a farmer near Coldwater, had been returning to the farm from the fields at about 8 p.m. on his father's tractor, when he suddenly spotted a tiny man no more than 20 feet away behind a terrace in the field. The small figure had a very long nose and very long ears, and when he moved, he seemed to "fly." Young John watched as the little man "flew" over a small hill to a saucer-shaped object which was hovering about 5 feet above the ground. "It opened up," the story said, and the little man, "no bigger than a five-year-old child," then popped inside, the thing "lighted up," and then took off at a high rate of speed.

The Swaim boy went home and told his parents; they then called the Coldwater sheriff, who came out and questioned him. The sheriff cautioned them to stay away from the place where the boy reported seeing the "thing." He came back the next day, and with John and his parents, went out to examine the site of the landing. They found wedge-shaped tracks in the soft dirt which did not appear to be "human" - not made by ordinary shoes. Although it was not made clear, the possibility that the "tracks" were those of the object has not been discarded, but it does not seem likely for the boy was definite in his assertion that the craft was hovering about 5 feet off the ground.



The Swaims; John Jacob is in the middle



The field of the incident with the family animals and Mr. John Swaim, Jacob's father.

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"He sort of crouched," says John Jacob Swaim as he imitates saucerman he saw in wheat field.

**Reliability evaluation:
high
one witness only, partial and superficial investigation,
unknown craft and occupant**

