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RECALLING THE SOLWAY SPACEMAN - 50 YRS AGO THIS MONTH

“50 years ago in May, the Solway Firth spaceman came to play”... OK, excuse the silly paraphrase of the Beatles’ St Peppers but it was in the UK, after all! I recall as a 10 year old seeing this famous image on the front of one of the ‘scandal sheets’ my Mom read, and being very intrigued by it. Along with the strange image itself, the person who took it also experienced one of the earliest appearances of the mysterious Men in Black!



The date was May 24 1964. A fireman from Carlisle England named Jim Templeton took his little girl to the marshes overlooking the Solway Firth to take photographs. While nothing strange happened while taking the pics, he and his wife noticed an ‘unusual aura in the atmosphere’. ‘There was a kind of electric charge in the air, though no storm came. Even nearby cows seemed upset by it’.

A few days later Templeton photos were developed, and was told it was a pity that the man who had walked past had ruined the best shot of his daughter Elizabeth holding a bouquet of flowers. This was odd as he recalled nobody else on the marshes at the time but his wife and daughter.

However, on the one photo there a figure in a silvery white ‘space suit’ was seen behind the girl!

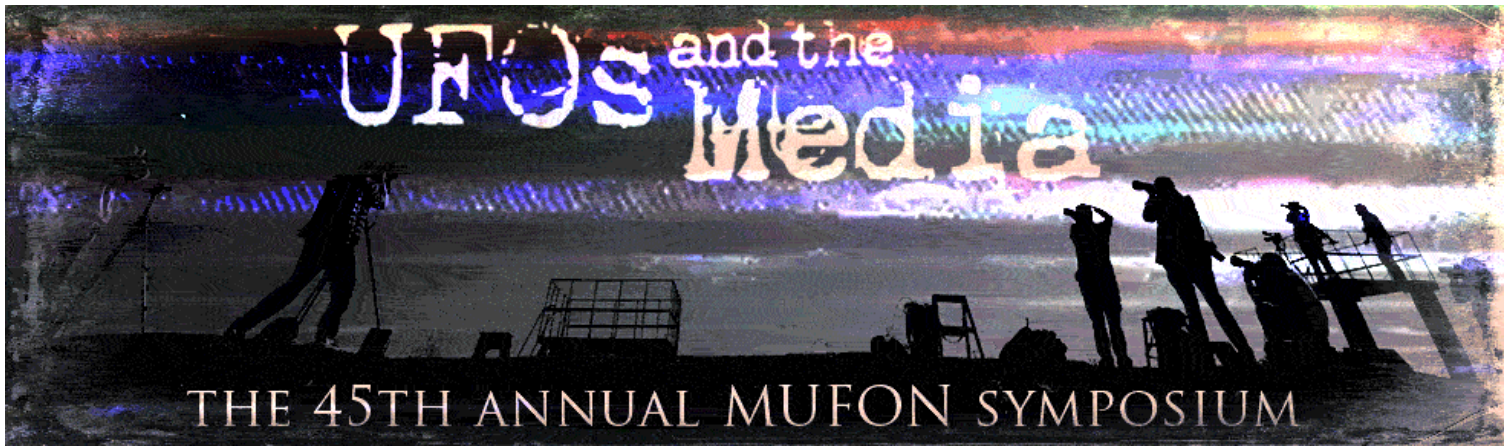
The case was reported to police and eventually Kodak offered free film for life to anyone who could solve the mystery when their experts failed to do so. Originally suspected to be a double exposure with one negative accidentally printed atop another during processing, that theory was soon debunked by the police and Kodak. The photo was published widely and brought a lot of attention to Templeton and his region.

A few weeks later Templeton received two mysterious visitors while at work in the firehouse. Two men claiming to be from the Government arrived at his house in a large black Jaguar wearing dark suits but otherwise looked normal. Their behavior, though, was anything but!

They referred to one another by numbers and asked odd questions as they drove with Templeton to the marshes. They wanted to know in details of the weather on the day of the photo, local bird life and similar things. Yep – they were MIBs!

The men implored him to admit he had simply photographed an ordinary person walking by. Jim rejected their ludicrous notion, and they became very angry. They quickly drove off in their Jag leaving Templeton to walk home by himself.

Is this really an alien ‘spacemen’? If it’s an ET, its muscular bulk (unless it’s the suit) is certainly different than the normal greys, reptilians, tall Nordic types etc. reported in close encounters. Other theories include a seagull and a strange type of refractive distortion (a mirage, in essence) of a worker at the Scottish Chapel Cross nuclear plant across the channel. Some researchers feel the image actually shows Templeton’s wife, Annie, who was with him and seen on other photos taken that day. It turns out the Zeiss Contax Pentacon F SLR camera he used only displayed 70% of the actual photo in the viewfinder, and thus it would be possible for him to take the image without noticing his wife in the viewfinder. She was wearing a pale blue dress which was overexposed as white in the other photos taken that day; as she also had dark, bobbed hair it may be a plausible explanation (she was slight of build though – not bulky as the figure in the photo appears). Personally, I’ve wondered if the figure captured could be something interdimensional – perhaps even a ghost? Whatever it is, one thing is certain: If Templeton’s account of the ‘MIB’s visit is true, why would anyone – UK “Government”, ET or otherwise – have a concern if this were simply a misinterpreted photo showing the mother or a seagull behind the child? - JDW



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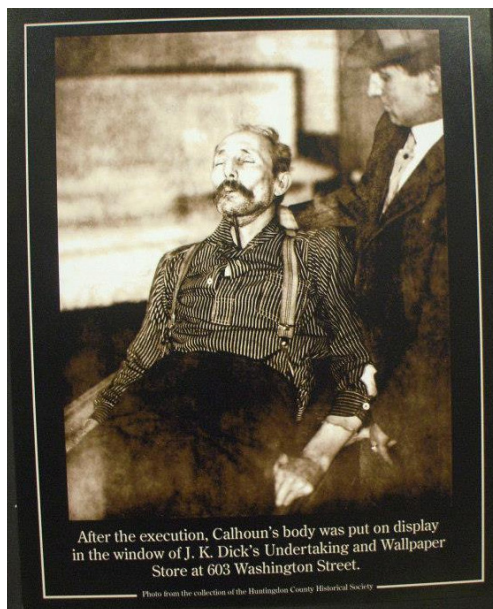
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During a recent stay in the Huntingdon PA area, Melissa and others visited the Isett Acres Museum which includes some gems like this photo of the corpse of the last man hanged in Huntingdon on display in the window of J. K. Dicks Undertaking and Wallpaper store! Splendid idea -- Noting that Mr Dick



wisely diversified his business, assume some of his finest wallpaper was also displayed around the body! A vintage newspaper ad might read: "Come see Calhoun's Corpse then go home and bury your old wallpaper under our finest selections - we won't Dick you at Dicks U & W"

From the same museum - Skulls (yep, real ones) on parade... in



a creepy little child's coffin -- How delightfully macabre!

ENOCH BROWN MASSACRE 250th ANNIVERSARY - On Sat. July 26th this event will be commemorated with a lecture and paranormal study at the historic (and haunted) Enoch Brown Park near Greencastle PA. For complete details, including directions, download the flyer at http://www.spiritsocietyofpa.com/files/Enoch_Broch.pdf (Please remember to pre-register at Mechanicsburg Mystery Books - 795-7470)

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