

1953: Brookville, PA. CE1

miniature dirigible circles
telephone pole.

Summer 1953. Brookville, Pennsylvania. (2:00 a.m.)

Object circles a utility pole.

(Note: Since this case mentions the sighting of a low, slow, small body, I was hesitant to use it. There are not many stories that claim such characteristics, however the Jimmie Milligan, October 25, 1953 incident at Santa Fe, New Mexico, mentions a gray-colored body 10 feet x 3 feet x 5 feet in size. Moreover, the object in question was very low, in fact it was lurking in some shrubbery when first spotted.)

According to a David G. Leach of Brookville, Pennsylvania, sometime in the summer of 1953 he and his wife witnessed the passage of a strange aerial body. It was a clear night. Visibility was excellent and there was barely any wind. Mr. Leach and Mrs. Leach had retired late (2:00 a.m.) but had not yet gone to sleep. Since it was a warm night, a side door of their home was left open to provide some cross-ventilation. The open door allowed a view of Caldwell Street next to their house and a utility pole topped with a streetlight some 40 feet away.

Unable to doze off, Mr. and Mrs. Leach were talking when all of a sudden Mrs. Leach noticed something strange outside. Slowly moving west up Caldwell Street was a "dirigible-shaped" body, gray in color, and about eight feet in length. The "thing" was only about ten feet in the air and was travelling an estimated speed of six to eight miles per hour. As the couple watched, the "thing" approached the utility pole, circled it three times (The object could be seen clearly outlined by the illumination provided by the streetlight), and then continued on its westward journey. In Mr. Leach's opinion the object was not drifting aimlessly. (xx.)

(xx.) NICAP UFO Report Form. David G. Leach, 15 Caldwell Street, Brookville, Pennsylvania. Date of report: 10 August 65. NICAP files. CUFOS archives.