



## ***THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY***

**April 2014 – Week 3**

**Air Date: April 13 – April 19 (Sunday – Saturday)**

### **TITLE: AURORA ALIENS**

APRIL 1897 AND A CLOSE ENCOUNTER OF THE TEXAS KIND.

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY, BROUGHT TO YOU BY THIS STATION AND THE SAVE TEXAS HISTORY PROGRAM OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

APRIL 17, 1897. AURORA. THIS MORNING A STRANGE AIRSHIP FLEW OVER TOWN, CRASHED INTO JUDGE PROCTOR'S WINDMILL, AND EXPLODED... OR SO SAYS REPORTER S.E. HAYDON.

ACCORDING TO THE STORY IN THE DALLAS PAPER, THE AIRSHIP CRASH LANDED IN THE JUDGE'S GARDEN AND A BODY FOUND IN THE WRECKAGE WAS "NOT OF THIS WORLD". A LOCAL MAN SAYS IT'S A MARTIAN.

THE AURORA EVENT WAS ONE OF MANY SIGHTINGS KNOWN AS THE 'GREAT AIRSHIP MYSTERY'. MOST LIKELY IT WAS A TALL TALE TO REVIVE A DYING TOWN.

TODAY THE LEGEND SURVIVES. IN 1985 A B-MOVIE CAME OUT ABOUT THE INCIDENT AND ATTEMPTS WERE MADE TO DIG UP THE ALIEN BODY.

DID A UFO COME TO TEXAS 117 YEARS AGO, THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY?

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