

Table 1.2 First person witness accounts to the Roswell foil

First hand witness	Year	Comments	Reference
Jesse Marcel Jr	1947	"It was foil like stuff, very thin, metallic like, but not metal, and very tough, kind of like a dull aluminum on each surface."	(1)
William Brazel	1947	"One of the pieces looked like something on the order of tin foil except that it wouldn't tear. You could wrinkle it and lay it back down and immediately it resumed its original shape. I couldn't tear it. The color was in between tinfoil and lead foil about the thickness of lead foil. I would bend it over and crease it, then...it would flatten out and just as smooth as ever."	(1)
Sally Strickland Tadolini (age 9 in 1947)	1947	"It was something like aluminum foil. I think the fabric measured about four-by-eight to ten inches. It was the thickness of a very fine kidskin leather glove and a dull metallic gray silver. Yet, when I crumpled it in my hands ... when it was released it sprang back into its original shape, quickly flattening out with no wrinkles."	(1)
Loretta Proctor (neighbor of Brazel)	1947	"My husband tried to cut and burn the object, but (wasn't) successful It was extremely light in weight . . . was pliable and wouldn't crush or burn" ((Signed affidavit about this in 1991)	(1)
Ralph Multer, Roswell truck driver	1947	Kept secret most of his life. "They couldn't cut it, couldn't even heat it." Described as silver-gray.	(6)
M. Sgt Lewis Rickett (on Jesse Marcel's staff)	1947	"The foil was dull, like the back side of aluminum foil. It was very strong and very light. You could bend it but couldn't crease it."	(1)
Sgt Robt Smith (flew planes out of Roswell)	1947	"You could crumple it up, let it come out. When you crumpled it up, then laid it back out...it kind of crackled making a sound like cellophane. There were no creases." [Signed affidavit in 1991].	(1)
Lt. Jack Trowbridge	1947	"It was aluminum in appearance. It looked like Hershey bar wrappings, but you squeeze it up in your hand as hard as you could, let it go, and it returned to the original shape instantly!"	(1)/(10)
S. Sgt. Earl V. Fulford (aircraft mechanic)	1947	"I picked up small silvery pieces of metallic debris, the largest of which was about 3-4 inches wide by 12 to 15 inches long. It looked like thin, light aluminum foil that flexed slightly when I picked it up, but once in the palm of your hand you could wad it up into a small ball. Then when you let it go, it would immediately assume its original shape in a second or two." "I thought to myself, 'Hey, this is neat. I'm going to keep a piece for myself.' But they searched us thoroughly when we got back to make damned sure none of us had anything." [He said there were maybe 8 to 10 pieces of this material].	(1)
S. Sgt. Milton Sprouse, B-29 mechanic.	1947	"Among the material discovered was a malleable foil-like material that could be laid flat with no creases after being squashed into a ball ... metallic foil that when crumpled unfolded without a crease"	(1) plus other 2007 sources
June Crain [worked at Wright Patterson]	1947-1952	"I took it and bent it and I twisted it and I laid it back down, and it went right back to the same shape. I got back to my desk and he said "cut it." Trying cutting it, I got my scissors and and I snipped at it, and you know there was no way I could even cut that piece of metal. And it was a light as a feather. I would say that it didn't weigh as much as these two cards. It was so light, but strong...but it had no weight a tall. It was sort of a grayish gun metal type of color, sort of lead-colored... he said "I just came back from New Mexico and I brought it back with me . . . it was practically indestructible. I couldn't even make a dent in it. Nothing, I couldn't make a mark on it, and I couldn't tear it up. . . I have yet to see anything that would have those properties and look like that."	(1)
Charles Schmid. Roswell resident	1947	"There was some material that looked just like tinfoil, but quite strong. You could wring it up in your hand and it would just straighten out, no kinks, no nothing; it would just straighten out by itself." [Signed affidavit 1991]	(1)
Thomas Gonzalez	1947	Researcher Don Ecker discovered Gonzalez who described it as "air foil." He also said he retrieved metal from the crash site as well	(13)
Paul Price Roswell resident	1947	With his brother visiting the crash site. "Some of the pieces just snapped back in your hands when you bent them."	(1)
Frank Dwyer Rowe age 12 (went with fire dept to the scene)	1947	"It was dull gray about the thickness of aluminum foil. When wadded into ball, it would unfold itself. The fire fighters were unable to cut or burn it..."there was not one wrinkle in that. You could bend it it made no crinkle or noise. It was very shiny, very silvery color. . . and they took out their pocket knives and tried to cut it and they couldn't cut it."	(1)
Jim Ragsdale (considered a questionable witness who changed his story over time; Roswell resident)	1947	"You could take that stuff and wad it up and it would straighten itself out. Signed affidavit in 1998.	(1)
Philip Corso	1947	Alleges he saw the foil as part of the debris at the Roswell crash, that it was silvery and once crushed into a ball magically returned to its former shape; he also mentioned it could not be punctured or cut with scissors.	(11)
Philip Croft; Roswell resident	1951	Said Brazel still had a piece of the foil in 1951. According to researcher Dan Burleson, Croft claimed he went on a hunting party with Brazel, showed the material, and they fired on it with .30.06 deer rifles from about 30 feet. When the foil was hit, "it spun a considerable distance up in the air and came floating down like Kleenex. . . the material showed no effects from having been hit, not even a dent and certainly no tears or punctures."	(1)
L.D. Sparks, Roswell rancher	1947-1951	Sparks described a piece shown to him by Dan Richards. Richards "had him toss a thin piece of foil-like material in the air as he fired a rifle at it. Shot after shot just ricocheted off of it. "It would crumble the piece into a ball and I'd watch in amazement as it would unfold as it floated through the air.	(1)
Albert Bruce Collins (said he analyzed the debris t Berkeley in 1947)	1947	"It was a dull finish metal on one side like aluminum and very shiny on the other side. It was thin and very light. It could be flexed but not dented on impact. We could not separate metals through any assay we know of. It was fire and cold resistant. "	(1)
Walt Whitmore Jr, son of Roswell radio station owner questionable witness	(1947)	"It was very much like lead foil in appearance but could not be torn or cut at all. Extremely light weight; about four or five inches square." Whitman said (differently in 1992) that he still had some of the material collected on the ranch "in a safe and secure place."	(1)
Jason Kellahin, AP reporter in 1947	1947	"Pieces of silver color fabric, perhaps aluminized cloth." signed affidavit 1993	(1)
Bessie Brazel Schreiber	1947	"A sort of aluminum-like foil. Most of it was kind of double-sided material, foil-like on one side and rubber-like on the other. Both sides were grayish silver in color, the foil more silvery than rubber. The foil-rubber material could not be torn."	(1)
Jill and John, 8 and 10 year old whose fathers worked at Wright Patterson	1957	"One day, John told Jill he had a surprise for her and showed her a strange metal that Jill remembered to be about 8 inches by 11 inches, similar to a sheet of paper. She said it looked like aluminum, but it was heavier. John told her to stand back. He then wadded up the sheet of metal and threw it at Jill. Before the metal could reach her, it transformed back into a flat sheet." They experimented (played) with the material for a few days until they were caught by the boy's father. They tried baking it in an oven at 300 degrees; no change or effect. They tried putting it under the tires of a large truck; no effect or creases retained. When they were caught by the boy's officer-father, he said "You never tell anybody about this ever. You never had this; you never saw this; do you know what could happen to me if anybody found out about this. I could lose my job. It's on you!"	(2)
Jerry Kroth (teacher in Wayne Michigan)	1965	5 th grade student brings square material about 5 X 5 inches. Looked like aluminum foil, slightly thicker, slightly elastic, silvery-gray in color, couldn't be cut with scissors, or punctured with a metal tip. If wadded into a ball the size of a marble, it would instantly open up and resume its shape without any dents.	personal recollection
Walter Haut, officer at Roswell	1947	Haut signed affidavit (2002) shortly before his death and describes debris "which resembled metal foil; paper thin yet extremely strong."	(3)
Maj Jesse Marcel	1947	From a 1979 TV interview: [There were] many bits of metallic foil, that looked like, but was not, aluminum, for no matter how often one crumpled it, it regained its original shape again. Besides that, they were indestructible, even with a sledgehammer. I even tried to burn it wouldn't burn."	(4)
Pat Jones	1947+	Interviewed by researcher Tom Carey, Pat Casey said she handled the material in Fort Worth, Texas as a child. Her father was an Air Force officer stationed at Carswell AFB in Texas. She said "my daddy picked it up in the desert at the UFO crash." She showed her class and "everyone, including the teacher was dumbfounded."	personal emails from Tom Carey
Lynn Melchert and Richard Melchert	early 1970s	Interviewed by researcher Tom Carey and then by me. Believes she handled the "memory metal" which her uncle showed her. So did her husband. He worked at Wright-Patterson AFB with a top secret clearance. He brought the metal home for a few days. Material was silvery gray, and would always return to its original shape when crushed; it wouldn't dent; was somewhat elastic. They gave permission to use the uncle's name. It was Harold Hifland, Spoke to Harold's son (July, 2016) and wife and both confirmed he had a top secret clearance at Wright-Patterson in the 1970s. Harold often told his son "I can't talk about that." His son, Mike, said it was okay to use his name in any publication. Mike did not know of any UFO-related implications and never saw the material in question	personal email & phone call
Son of James Woods	1952	Woods was the son of a Roswell civil servant; at age six, he was given what he called the "magic memory metal" and used it for a magic show he regularly performed for his friends. He subsequently lost it.	personal email
Lt Col Sidney Johnston, pilot once worked at Wright-Patterson	late 1950s	"Couldn't break it or scratch it in any way, yet it was flexible," Johnson said of the foil-like metal.	(8)
"Scientist Two" Lawrence Berkeley National Labs	early 1970s	Interviewed by Anthony Braglia, the scientist (name withheld intentionally) said he was given this "memory metal" and told to figure out "how the metal morphs." No more properties of the metal are given, but the scientist said it corresponds to the Roswell characterizations.	(9)
Sgt. Homer Rowlette Jr., 603 Air Engineering	1947	Sgt. Rowlette handled the memory metal . . . it was "thin foil that kept its shape."	(7)
Anonymous source	1947	"What I saw was bright and shiny like tin foil, but you could not tear it or wad it up. It would retain its shape."	(14)
June Crain, Clerk Typist Foreign Technology Division, Wright-Patterson	1952	"I tried everything I could to tear it up, and I couldn't tear it. I couldn't make a dent on it. I couldn't make a mark on it. It had a funny slick feel to it. Didn't feel like any metal I've ever felt. I have yet to see anything that would have those properties. And so light!"	(15)

Total= 37 first hand witnesses to the foil

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