

Information Sheet

R **Nelson, Buck, 1895-**
759 *Souvenir of Buck's Spacecraft Convention, 1960.*
 One booklet.

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This booklet was published in 1960 to be sold at subsequent annual “spacecraft conventions” held on Buck Nelson’s ranch in Texas County, Missouri. The “conventions” were gatherings for “flying saucer” enthusiasts and persons interested in interplanetary space travel.

Buck Nelson lived on a ranch in southern Texas County, Missouri, about twelve miles from Mountain View. In July 1954 he claimed to have made interplanetary voyages in an extraterrestrial spacecraft. In 1956 he published an account of his adventures as *My Trip to Mars, the Moon, and Venus*. About the same time he began to host annual “spacecraft conventions” on his ranch during the last full weekend in June. These “conventions” attracted several hundred “flying saucer” enthusiasts, fellow space-travelers, and curiosity seekers. This booklet appears to have been published shortly after the gathering in 1960, for sale at conventions in the future. The meetings are known to have been held well into the 1960s.

The 40-page booklet includes general information and photographs concerning the conventions, a map to “Buck’s Place,” and some reprinted material, the most significant being an article about the 1958 gathering by Luther Rowlett that appeared in the *Current Wave* (Eminence, Mo.) newspaper on 10 July 1958.

Buck Nelson is said to have later moved to California, where he died in March 1982.

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