

1952, Nov. 13.

Mrs. Charlie Owen,
c/o Mrs. J. W. Greathouse,
The Fair Store,
Vernon, Texas.

Dear Mrs. Owen:

I was at a market showing in Amarillo this last weekend and took time to go to Hereford and check into the matter of the rock you recall. Had I driven thru, I would have stopped to talk to you, but I took a plane.

I did not try to find Clay Angelo, but went to a real estate office and got a county map, which showed Kelso at once. Then by a little inquiry I was guided to a Mr. Joe H. Green who is the local man most interested in rocks and minerals; as he hunts Indian artifacts a great deal, he knew the country well, and we drove out into the territory you had indicated.

The old D ranch now seems to be owned largely or partly by Wilson Brothers, who are joined on the west by two owners named Philip Miller and Charlie Burke (Miller is popularly known as "Slim"). I talked to these two men, and I think there is a chance that the rock you recall was on land they now use or work. Some of it is farmed and some is still in grass. I did not go to the actual site of the old D headquarters, but Burke knew where it was very well, and the location you gave as about 2 miles from it, mostly south, fits in very well with 5 miles east of Kelso.

All these men are going to keep the possible meteorite in mind as they go about this country, and if nobody spots anything within 6 months or a year, I'll try to get back up in there and check the matter more closely with the advantage of the start I have. Meanwhile a few additional questions have occurred to me, and if you can answer them your replies might help. Many thanks.

Yours sincerely,

1. Who was with you when you saw this rock, and tried to move it or break it? Is any such person still living or available?
2. Do you recall whether the rock was near any kind of natural feature, especially a lake or a ridge?
3. Was it near any artificial feature, such as a windmill or a dug tank? (They probably didn't even have any of the latter there at that time!)
4. Do you remember either the Mr. Clarence Burke, Philip Miller or Joe H. Green mentioned above? Burke came from Denton, and married a Denton girl rather late in life; I think they have been there only since about 1930 or a little prior. I have no idea how long Miller has been there. Green came from Navarro County but has been there since 1901, I think.
5. Do you recall a Luke McBrayer who worked for Charlie Williams, one-time manager of the D? Mr. Williams is dad, but Mrs. Williams said McBrayer was one of their best and most observant hands and that I could probably still run him down, if it was possible he would know where the rock was.
6. This is a hard question: from the part of the rock above ground, would you say it was at least as big as a 10 quart bucket or smaller or larger—just the part you saw and remember.