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Mr. Harold DeShazo,
Route 3,
Chickasha, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

I thank Mrs. De Shazo for writing me that you found the rock while harrowing a field. I have examined it more carefully since first writing you, and am convinced it is not a meteorite.

It does not show any metal on a ground surface; I am returning the chip so you can see for yourself. I am inclined to my previous guess that it is what the geologists call an "igneous" rock, one formed within the earth during mountain building processes; it was probably washed into that district in the geologic past, as it wouldn't normally be found there.

You have the right general idea of what an old stony meteorite would look like, and I appreciate your interest. Better luck next time.

Yours sincerely,

P .S. To make doubly sure, I have submitted this piece to an expert on rocks and he confirms my opinion. That is why I have been slow about writing.