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Mr Oscar Manning
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Dear Sir:

My sister, in Georgia,
sent me the letter you wrote my
uncle, Joseph Brown. I went along in
a vacation hence this delay.

This is all I know about
the meteor. I really was amazed
that it was as important as it
is, even to a small class of people.
I recall in the early 1900's -
when I was in the lower grades
we read of a chicken, who said a
piece of the sky fell on her tail -
I raised my hand and told
the teacher a piece of the moon
fell on my grandpa's farm. She
said I was mistaken and I
nearly wept. I knew it was true.

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When I got home my father
told me it was a meteor. I recall
my parents talking about it
then. - how the brilliant light
frustrated the early settlers &
how later my uncle found the
piece. I think my father, who
was a lawyer at Arlington, suggested
they take it to the University.

I do recall my father had a
drawer in his desk, full of curios -
among them a photograph of
the meteor but I don't recall the
piece, then I suppose it was there.

When he died in 1937 - my
youngest sister, who is 19 years
younger than I am cleaned
up his piece - and his law
books & I suppose threw away
the items in the drawer as
I doubt if she ever heard of the
meteor

She has just landed from Europe, where she is in government work, & will be here shortly and I'd ask her about it but I'm just sure she never heard of it as I don't recall it was ever mentioned as the years went by.

I don't think my father thought of it as anything unusual in meters. I'm sure I don't know how frequently they are found.

I'm awfully sorry - for if we had the fragment we would gladly send it to you. However I'd ask my sister if she knows anything of it. However, if it were sent it would be in a box in my mother's attic.

Two years ago I sold her house
and as I live in a rather
small duplex now - I just
threw everything away that
I didn't want myself so I
fear we will never locate the
fragment.

I was really utterly amazed
that it was as important
as it is to you -

Sincerely

Jane McLeod Schmidt

I have friends married to
university professors - I visit
frequently - next time I'm
going to see that meteor.