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Mrs. Lucile M. Burpee,
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Dear Mrs. Burpee:

I thank you greatly for your kind answer to my letter of inquiry about the possible remaining pieces from the Arlington, Minnesota, meteorite. I appreciated all the details you gave and the great trouble you are going to in writing the other members of the family.

I saw the main original piece when I was recently in Minneapolis. I had written in advance to the Department of Geology, and Dr. George A. Thiel, Chairman, had kindly responded. I met him and he opened up the rooms where meteorites were displayed. The Arlington specimen occupies a prominent place in a hall case. Unfortunately, I was there on a Saturday morning and let Dr. Thiel get away without unlocking the case so I could examine the specimen closely, but I got a look at it in general.

I have been keenly interested in meteorites from an amateur point of view for about 20 years, and have obtained a number of original Texas and Oklahoma specimens from their original finders. Whenever I take a vacation trip I make a point of trying to recheck some old meteorite locality to see if additional pieces have been found or if some long discarded fragment may be available. I shall look forward to hearing from you again later, and meanwhile extend my thanks also to your uncle, Mr. Joe. Barry.

Yours most sincerely,