

1954, July 28.

Mr. Joe R. Barry,
1127 Morata Sano Ave.,
Augusta, Georgia.

Dear Mr. Barry:

This letterhead indicates my business connection, but I am writing you because I am an amateur astronomer especially interested in meteorites. Recently I went to Minneapolis to see an eclipse of the sun. I had read of the Arlington, Minnesota, meteorite, which you found many years ago, and decided to visit that place.

I went to the farm where you originally picked up the iron, and also visited some four neighboring farms. My purpose was to ask all of them if they had found any more such specimens, and to ask them to be on the lookout for more. While iron meteorites generally fall singly, there are a few cases where related ones have been found nearby.

I also wondered what became of the piece of the meteorite broken off shortly after you found it, and another small piece said to have been taken to the newspaper man in town. This is mainly why I am writing you. Do you or perhaps some one in your family still have a piece of the meteorite, or do you have any idea where either of these pieces is? I talked to the people presently on your former farm (Mrs. Digham as I recall) and to the widow of the former newspaper man in town, but nobody remembered anything about any other piece of the meteorite.

I will appreciate your reply. Incidentally, a lady I talked to in town, and who gave me your address, wanted very much to be remembered to you. She thought a good deal of you. I think her name was Mrs. August Gable.

Yours sincerely,