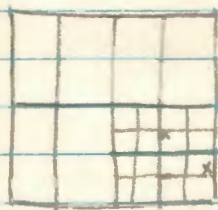


1945 Sept 17 7.30 p.m. not entirely dark

1st reports from C Davis F.M., on his front porch,
insisted on a great number of sparks.

Mr Eleanor Davis 10 mi N of Mt Pleasant } favorably
placed it with reference to Major shortly afterwards } situated
intersection < 10 mi from point of fall - beyond sub-final point } baseline

T 2 S R 11 E Sec 3 SE 1/4



34.4 N
96.1 W

Coord 0961344

We were there Sep 20 - 68th later

Frank Marsh saw a flash, not extremely bright, but enough to attract his attention + cause him to look up. He saw ^{3 big} puffs + streak of white smoke, terminating overhead + beginning S 74° E at 62°. He insisted that this occurred at 7.20, and that he stood and watched the smoke until it had "practically dissolved". Meanwhile, in about 8 or 10 seconds, he heard 3 heavy explosions, and then a bunch of crackling and popping sounds, all followed by a loud rumble. There was only a very thin layer of the smoke.

He then walked on some 300 yards or more (my figures, 200 yards at most), and then the meteorite fell, at 7.30, 10 minutes later. When I turned his re-enactment + walk + got 2^m 32^s he was wishing to cut down to 8 minutes, the interval spent in "watching" the smoke dissolve. His point, insisted on, was that 10^m elapsed between the meteor flash and final fall. He looked at his watch after he got to his house and it was 7.35 then.

There was more of a roar than a whine as it came down. You could hear swishing as the corners went thru the air — a fleetering noise which Marsh illustrated by breathing rapidly out thru his mouth and wagging his tongue was the best he heard of the falling object. He had been taught to stand still when a missile was approaching, as part of his World War I training, & suddenly the object hit the ground "like a ton of brick", tho he did not see it in flight, he saw it splash dirt, mud & water 10' high. The first estimate it hit only some 8 steps in front of him, but the re-enactment showed this to near 20 — say 50 to 60 feet. There was also some talk of the water going 15 or 20 feet high, but 10' is a conservative lower figure.

Marsh wanted for it to "blow up," but when it did not, he circled the spot, never approaching closer than perhaps 10 or 15 feet. He put a stick in the ground nearby and went on into town to tell others that something from the mysterious sky — exploding and streak leaving object had fallen very near him.

FB I Clarence Hunt
State highway patrol Lt — Pealey

(went out next morning with Arthur Johnson, local chief of police, and a life term convict from McAlister penitentiary. Using him as a decontaminator's squad, a long handled, round pointed spade was applied for about 2 spadefuls, when it struck something hard, & the convict reached in and pulled out the meteorite. The crater it had made was about 18" across, including the part where the mud was laid back, and the meteorite 18" deep. We got a figure nearer 14-16" when we reached down thru the hole of water 68 hours later. The crater had been so disturbed by the mud thrown out off the shovel point that it was pretty indeterminate to us.

It went in at an angle over 45° — nearer 70° ?

Clock was mainly NSE even from Aitcha according to black

Mrs W H Holden said the meteorite was in hole almost covered up but she could see it was black and kicked it out with her foot as she was working the black-eyed pea patch. The hole was said to have been 5" deep but it had filled up some by our arrival. It measured 14" X 10" with the major axis pointing $N 77^{\circ} E$

It was $S 58^{\circ} E$ to the first find as measured from the second.

1st stone 256 gm Marsh
327 school

2nd stone 517.5 gm

583 = 1.28 lbs

1.14 lbs

= 1 lb 3 g -

+ 30g distributed?

1 1/2 lbs -

Price found by Johnnie Kuhn?
Reported price at Strington,
No photographs.

Rain hitting asphalt roof at Holden's.

Halter Holden
Walter Holden