

943 Lakeview
Emporia, Kansas
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Oscar E. Monnig
29 Chelsea Drive
Fort Worth 15, Texas

Dear Mr. Monnig:

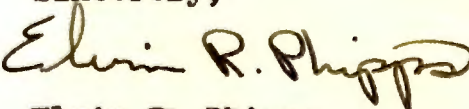
About a year and a half ago I received a letter from you inquiring about a meteorite in my possession. Excuse me for not answering promptly. At the time I was quite busy with some farming problems and laid your letter aside for future attention.

You said that Mr. Walter Houston had told you about my meteorite. I became acquainted with Mr. Houston while I was teaching in the Jr. High School at Manhattan, Kansas. My father and I found this meteorite while we were plowing. Apparently, it had been buried in a hillside for years and the erosion of the soil uncovered it. Having learned that Mr. Houston was interested in astronomy, I took the object to him for positive identification. Since that time I have found another similar meteorite.

I would be interested in selling either or both meteorites as I think they should be in a museum somewhere. For the most part they lay in a closet and no one ever sees them, except my students, annually.

The meteorite analyzed by Mr. Houston is an iron meteorite, red in color. It has a weight of 58.5 pounds and is covered with an oxidized layer. The other meteorite, which has not been analyzed, appears to be similar to the first. It is somewhat heavier than the first.

Sincerely,



Elvin R. Phipps