

El Dorado, Kansas
10-19-64
1018 West 4th Street

Dear Mr Monig:

I received your letter of some months ago along with the maps of the Sumner County area. In the Palestine Township area of the enclosed map, I have marked the area where both of the stones were found. You will note that both of the stones were found in the same section; number 1 in the Southeast quarter, and number 2, found some years later, in the east half of the North-east quarter.

Both stones were buried at approximately the same depth when they fell, and as the years went on, they were partially uncovered by soil erosion. Both stones were struck by a moleboard plow while plowing at a normal depth of 7 to 8 inches. If the truth were known, there are probably others buried in that same section; although I have never found any others. I might add, they don't do a plow-share any good when you strike them.

When we found the first stone, of course we didn't know ~~was~~ what it was and were simply pleased to get it out of the field, ~~we~~ for we had struck the object upon at least two other occasions but could never find it. Finally it was located, dug out, and I carried it around in the back of my car for some time. Finally upon a hunch I took the stone to the geology dept. at Kansas State U. at Manhattan, Kan. Although they didn't know what it was they called in Walter Houston & he positively identified it.

The second stone has never been positively identified as a meteorite by anyone but me ~~and~~ but I am positive it is a meteorite. It has the same general appearance, density & hardness as the first which Mr Houston identified after seeing & taking a sample of it.

I must say I have enjoyed corresponding with you although ~~to~~ it has been somewhat one-sided with you doing most of the corresponding.

We have a new baby boy at our house
and between Farming, Teaching, being a
Father etc. I dont have much time to get
in trouble.

I have not positively decided to sell the
second meteorite but if I do it will certainly
be to you. I should enjoy visiting your
museum sometime if I am ever in the H Woth
area.

If I can be of further help to you, or there
is more information you would like, feel
free to ask.

Sincerely
Elvin Phipps

Enclosed is a slide taken of both stones
together

Donna Phipps

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