

1955, Feb. 23.

Dr. C. P. Olivier,
521 No. Wynnewood Ave.,
Narberth, Pa.

Dear Dr. Olivier:

Thru a friend of mine at Birmingham, Ala., Mr. C. C. Pinckney, I recently got an iron meteorite of some 15 pounds weight. It had been in the possession of a school teacher, who said she had got it some years back from a student who brought it to the school. She has forgotten the name of this student, but claims he was from Arkansas and that the meteorite fell there.

Pinckney has attempted to trace this matter further, and the best he can do to date is a story that the meteorite near Hope, Arkansas, in the spring of 1948. It was sometime during the night, for it is said to have made a terrible noise which awoke people, who did not know till the following morning what had happened. This one is said to have hit a large plow and broken it, and there were said to have been two pieces and two holes found.

This is all very good and intriguing except for the fact that the specimen is now reasonably well oxidized and does not look at all to me like a meteorite that could have fallen in 1948, say less than 7 years ago. It does not seem to be exuding any appreciable amount of lawrencite since it came into my possession about a month ago, and even if it had been left out in the weather for most of its earth life, I don't think it would be this much oxidized.

Nevertheless, I ask you to kindly check your files and if you have anything on a fireball that might have terminated over the Hope, Arkansas region on a night in the spring of 1948, lend me the information. Later, I hope to make a trip to Birmingham to interview this teacher and run the matter down further; then, if necessary, to Hope, Arkansas.

With best wishes to you and to Mrs. Olivier, I am

Yours sincerely,