

mailed 7/29/71

1971 July 25.

Mr. Glen Orr,  
Route 2,  
Tishomingo, Okla. 73460

Dear Glen:

I am returning a piece of the Tishomingo meteorite to you by one of our customers who is here today for a sale we are putting on. I thought this was safer than by mail.

This is half of the 5½ pound you found. I kept the other cut, which weighed just a few ounces more, because of an especially interesting small spot on it where the structure is slightly different, indicating something different just underneath it. This is of technical interest to me but I don't think would mean anything special to you, and I trust this is agreeable.

As I said about the other smaller piece you have, these should be kept in as dry a place as possible, as they will tend to rust at the slightest provocation. There is a rusty area near one edge of yours which I don't think will spread, as I believe it represent a rusty nodule the saw cut thru, possibly deteriorated iron sulphide. One or two other small rusty places on yours are just unavoidable and I hope will not spread. The piece I kept shows some small rusted areas, too.

The polished surface should not be touched by hands or subject to any wrapping that might scratch it. Even the tissue paper is not such a good idea and I'd take it off. Don't let any rubber bands get next to it as they will corrode it.

The so-called martensitic structure can be seen with difficulty in a good light when the piece is examined at just the right angle, but are not very impressive and are difficult. I believe they put a slight lacquer covering over the piece for preservation. A small hand magnifying glass with a power of 6 or 8 helps.

These are scientifically valuable and if you ever care to part with either of the pieces you have, be sure to let me know as I would be interested and feel I could pay or negotiate a good price for it. I hope these reach you in time for the exhibit your father mentioned to me. If you do display it, put one of my circulars up with your name on it so that if any other possible meteorites show up in that region they will be reported to you.

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