

1971, Feb. 24

Dr. E. P. Henderson,
U. S. National Museum,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Henderson:

Some years ago a distinguished authority on meteorites did me the honor of visiting at my home. When he asked what was new, I showed him a piece of a peculiar iron meteorite, and he was so intrigued with it that he was allowed to take it for further examination.

Little slice of Tishomingo, come home! Don't let the Smithsonian tentacles get wrapped about you too securely!.....Seriously, I would like to get it back, and I think that was the deal.

Also, there was a larger piece sent you later and without searching thru my files on the subject, I think this was to be returned to the boy who found the Tishomingo's. Look up your papers and let me hear from you. I want to try to go back to Tishomingo this spring and I have to face these people and keep my word.

Nothing much new for me down this way. Life is not so simple meteoritically speaking since I am hemmed in by NASA to the south, the Harvard network to the north and my friend Huss, who will drop down into West Texas whenever necessary. He made a field survey of a very bright, short meteor on the mornign of NOV. 26, 1970 about 1.15 a.m. but concluded it was hopeless, and I agree. Bright but a high end point--I still think maybe a little piece came down, but in the area where it ended there are few people and the going would be rough.

Sincerely,