

1965, April 14.

Mr. R. B. Evans,
525 East Main,
Evans Candy Co.,
Ada, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

I knew I was going to see Mr. Melvin White at Tish-
mingo yesterday, so I asked him to bring down for my inspection the
rock you had which was thought to be a meteorite.

Mr. White tells me that when he inquired, he found this
piece had been dropped during some moving, and had broken open, re-
vealing an interior more or less hollow and filled with sand. He
understood the fragments were then discarded or thrown away.

This description is sufficient for me to identify this
as an earthy formation, what the rock people call a "geode". These
occur frequently, and often are composed of iron oxides that are heavy
and dark colored like many meteorites, but they are of strictly terres-
trial origin and do not fall from the sky. They are often hollow
or contain crystals or sand on the interior.

Mr. White also brought two other rocks among those in your
collection, but neither of these was a meteorite. One was a water-worn
piece of chert (impure flint), brownish; the other, a dark gray rock
worn rather smooth and with some black spots in it, was some kind of
igneous rock that I am sure you picked up in a region where such rocks
occur. My guess would be that this came from one of the western states,
but the rock may even come from Oklahoma, where there are similar specimens
in the Arbuckles or some extension of them.

I appreciate your courtesy in answering me about the
supposed meteorite and in letting Mr. White have the samples to show me.
Maybe you will yet some day stumble into a meteorite or hear of one;
if so, be sure to let me know.

Sincerely,