

1965, March 9

Dr. E. P. Henderson,
U. S. National Museum,
Washington, D. C. 20560

Dear Dr. Henderson:

King's ex! Ventures! Or whatever you say to
stake a claim to a meteorite.

I have just inspected two large iron meteorites
from southeastern Oklahoma and I am trying to make arrangements
to buy them. I hope I may be assured of non-competition on
your part.

One is said to weigh 360 pounds and looks it. The
other is smaller and is claimed to be something like 230 pounds.
A boy hunting birds tripped over a piece of the larger one
projecting from the soil, and in digging it out found the smaller
one adjacent and partly tucked under the larger one. I will
give you more details after I make a second trip and get things
more definitive.

I have your inquiry of Feb. 17th on the Venus, Texas,
meteorite, and have not yet been able to locate my file. It is
a genuine old stone chondrite and I think I showed it to Brian
Mason when he was here once. Maybe he even took his typical
sample "pinch" and can give you the classification, presumably
bronzite-hypersthene chondrite. If I cannot find my file soon,
I will at least send you the weight.

Would it be asking too much to have a list of any Oklahoma
meteorites not given in Mason's book? You need not include Allen's
because I have been familiar with them for years, except that I
still don't know whether you are going to recognize his little
iron from near Oklahoma City as a new and separate locality (or is
it Canyon Diablo?)

Sincerely,