

Duncanville TX file

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Dear Paul.

Thanks for your Oct. 10th letter and the copy of the article on the Duncanville, meteorite. I'll keep it in that file. Truthfully, I have not read all the article because of the difficulty of reading it. My eyes are troubling me badly as I may have told you. Close work is becoming very difficult for me. It is also difficult for me to write as I never really learned the touch system properly. And right now, in the bargain, my ribbon is acting up!

I am not definitely turning down your request for a Holbrook piece but I must defer action. I am primarily concerned with giving T.C.U. certain meteorites in order to get tax deductions and the Holbrook's are scattered in several places so I don't know just when I'll get to them. All I can say is I'll keep you in mind. You need never be afraid to ask me anything!

There is a complication about the Leedey specimen you gave in that my original pact with Ninninger was that we would share equally all specimens we got from that fall. Ethically I suppose I should let him know about it but for the present I have just been deferring that also. He is well over 90 and still living at Sona, Arizona, but did not feel up to coming to the meeting at Sudbury.

I have thought about all my files on meteorites, and hope eventually to give them to T. C. U. too, but they are not as well organized as you might think and I fear they would not preserve them or pay much attention to them. The truth is that I should do a great deal of work with them but my failing eyesight will probably prevent that.

I was gone for two weeks on a fall vacation to spots my wife likes. A fireball that quite probably yielded meteorites was seen at Tempe and surrounding territory the Sunday night before I got there and Carleton Moore worked on it some but fears there is no chance for recovery of material that might have fallen near Ajo, Arizona, because the region is practically deserted and uninhabited; I believe it is a firing range or something pre-empted by the army.

Sincerely,