

*Sara Scott*  
AGATES

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4820 Beaumont Drive  
La Mesa, California

Mr. Oscar E. Monnig,  
P.O. Box 2200  
Fort Worth 1, Texas.

Dear Mr. Monnig:

From your letter and order we infer that you are interested in better quality slabs for a collection rather than in smaller pieces from which to cut cabs.

We will do as you suggest, and send you a smaller quantity of our better material, instead of the 50 inches of our usual slabs. And furthermore, would like to suggest that we send you our "approval slab assortment" as per our recent ads. We have some really rare and beautiful slabs in this assortment, and will send them to you post-paid, you to select the ones which interest you, and return the rest to us. You pay only for the slabs which you keep, and all of them are priced and location given, with information if pertinent as to type.

Usually we require a business reference, (letterhead will do) or a \$5.00 deposit with this approval order. In your case, no deposit required, as the writer of this letter has known your family for about 60 years. About 1901 or '02, one of my classmates in the 6th ward school in Fort Worth was Otto Monnig. My family left Fort Worth in 1906, and except for short visits years ago, have not been back. On one of my trips through there about five years ago, our old home had been torn down and a big hospital occupied the site. If you are a younger generation Monnig, you will remember the place as the C.A. O'Keefe home, as we sold it to them when we first left Fort Worth. It was 520 Hill St.

I am Will T. Scott, and Sara is my daughter. I assist her in the agate business, as I am retired from business. Sara is making <sup>Summit? or Penn</sup> her hobby, rock-hounding, pay her expenses thru State College. We have collected agate for years, but never attempted to commercialize our hobby until about a year ago. We just returned from a trip thru Arizona, N. Mex., Texas and into Mexico, where we bought several tons of exceptional agate. We also attended the "round-up" on the Woodward ranch near Alpine. We travel in a trailer, and make several trips a year. One of my sons and I are leaving this week end for northern Nevada and Utah. Since the agate business is a partnership, I deduct all of the expenses of these agate hunting and buying trips from my income tax.

So, if you will drop me a note, I will send you some nice slabs, plume and moss and so on which we cannot include in our \$4 assortment.



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I note with interest your work with meteorites, as I have been long interested in them myself. I have visited Niningers and of course the crater near Holbrook. Have gone to the Midland, Texas crater. Have had correspondance with Dr. Lincoln LaPaz at Santa Fe regarding a crater which I have known of for many years. I am positive that the crater is of meteoric orign, as the surface indications all point to it. Strata is all tilted away from the point of impact, circular form is about  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile across . The center of the crater is filled with rubble, and a lot of it is metmorphosed sand stone and limestone, changed to marble and so on by pressure and heat. In case you are interested enough to visit the spot, here's how you find it. Go west on highway 80 to the town of Colorado City, Mitchell Co. Take the paved road which turns left (South) at a stop-light in ColoradoCity. This road goes to Sterling City and San Angelo. About fifteen or so miles on this road you come to the bridge across Beals Creek. Check this on any road map. Turn around and head back toward Colorado City. About a mile from the bridge, more or less, on your right, to the East, you will see the low mound which is the crater. It is about 200 yards from the road, and is across the fence in the Spade Ranch. I have been there many times, and have never seen a "Keep-Out" sign. Incidentally, the 65,000 acres which is across the road to the West here, was my family's ranch. We do not own itnow, altho we do have the mineral rights to a lot of it. There is some pretty good production in the West end, about 14 miles from the road-

Sara will get the order out to you at once, and will wait your approval before sending you our better stuff.

Give my regards to Otto, if he is still in Fort Worth. He probably will remember me by my nickname, which was "Wilkie" Scott.

Sincerely,

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