

Cranfills Gap Texas - fragment of

main mass Kolls 2oz
piece taken off by brother 2-3 lbs?
cut piece Toy? polished

this fragment 24.7 gm

from HV Schuchz Milam Texas 10/20/65

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Dr. Bryan Mason,
U. S. National Museum,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Mason:

I am forwarding to you a small fragment of the Cranfills Gap, Texas, meteorite so that you can take off a chip for classification and return the rest to me. This is all of the object I have been able to get from the owner. I assume it will be a bronzite-olivine chondrite.

I think I wrote Dr. Henderson a full report on this object some time ago. It was found many years ago by the present possessor's father and I have been to the site a couple of times and made further inquiries to no avail.

I did not give the weight to Henderson because I did not have it until I borrowed the specimen for display at this recent Meteoritical Society meeting. The main mass as it now exists weighs 16 pounds 2 ounces and the owner has a slice he took one end that is perhaps about 7 ounces (estimated, not weighed). A brother at one time knocked off a hunk to test for uranium, perhaps several pounds; I traced this to Dallas but it can no longer be found. Total weight of the original find is therefore indeterminate but surely over 16½ pounds and perhaps 18 or 20. The original piece shows nice pittings. I'm still trying desperately to obtain this and have been for several years.

I heard a bit from your pal about your further galivantings around in Australia. By now you should be up to your ears in tektites!

Sincerely,