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Dear Dr. McCoy:

I have not had much luck in finding information about specimens of the two meteorite falls, Cedar, Texas, and Mart, Texas. But here is something that I learned:

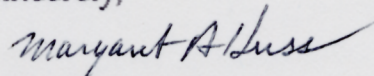
As you probably already know, the catalog of the Ninninger Collection of Meteorites lists one specimen of each of these two falls. The Proceedings of the Washington Academy of Sciences for July 25, 1900 (Vol. II, pp. 41-68) carries an article by George P. Merrill and H. N. Stokes entitled "A New Stony Meteorite from Allegan, Michigan, and a New Iron Meteorite from Mart, Texas."

I believe that my father was in frequent contact with George Merrill during the early thirties, and it seems likely that he may have traded for a specimen of Mart and maybe also of Cedar, which was found two years later and may also have been in Merrill's possession. If this was the case, records may exist in the archives of the Smithsonian that would verify such transactions. Also, you could ask Chuck Lewis to look in the Ninninger files for correspondence with Merrill.

It's a long shot, but you may want to pursue it.

Good luck.

Sincerely,



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