

1958, September 8.

Mr. Porter Rankin,
P.O. Box 1024,
Midland, Texas.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

I would still be interested in the amethyst ring Mrs. Bessie Simpson of Granbury showed me at the recent Dallas Mineral Show, and I enclose a check for \$100.00 which I understood was the price. As I wanted this as a surprise for my wife, I would prefer your mailing it to me at my place of business, Mommig Dry Goods Co., 1621 Main St., Fort Worth, Texas.

I really came in the back door in so far as any interest in rocks, minerals or gems is concerned, because initially I was working with astronomy, and then got especially intrigued with the subject of meteorites.

If you ever bump into any meteorites I would be interested in obtaining for our collection here. I believe there is only one on record from Midland County, an old story one found by a geologist named Romaldo De Chicchis years ago. He gave it to the U. S. National Museum, as I now recall. I once saw him to try to get any fragments he might have retained, but he had nothing. It was called the Peck Springs meteorite, and probably you recognize that locality. De Chicchis found it while out surveying or plane tabling, I think.

Yours sincerely,