

O'Donnell, Oct. 23-46

Dear Oscar E. Monnig:

Your letter came yesterday. I awoke last nite , and just happened to recall that we might get on trail of something else-yet. I am not at all familiar with these fragments, always supposing that they are dark, resembling iron- perhaps a rusty color.

I know a feller right here who has often told me his story about having found something , I believe a foot or more in length which he took to be iron- found out on a catclaw knoll 3 miles down the hiway from O'Don- on his farm (which I believe he sold recently, after many yrs). Well, he has several times told me that he once picked it up and struck a cultivator footpiece, breaking the "stone" into. I am pretty sure that he said he let his married daughter take it as she moved away. But if so, it's likely that she may still have it.-- Anyway we would know just where it was found, should she still have it.

A few yrs ago I saw one of about such shape which was found just about 3 miles west of this fellow,, in a field. I recall that it was sort of "glazed" and quite dark in color. This was after I had began to collect stuff, but the fellow is not necessarily my friend, so I am pretty sure that he placed it in museum at Tech. At least there was talk of it at the time. If so, Br. Holden would likely wish to keep it there, however, if you wish to purchase it , this fellow might let you have it. So, last nite I got to wondering whether these might be or the same fall as that from near Tredway. I learn that Mr. Reddell is working here at a garage part time, so I went down to meet him (course he knows me) . But he is not in today. His employer told me that he understood that Reddell really picked it up in the old Claiborne field AND that he believed one of the Smith's nearby has another fragment. He is to bring Mr. Reddell up to see me when he returns.

I gave the Tredway story to Lubbock papers- also about the one seen north of Big Sprs. Pretty far from Lubbock, but they may accomodate us. Sort of dangerous to tell some things to papers. Lubbock quoted me at length last Sunday concerning the "Turpentine" weeds out here. So I will have to answer a lot of foolish questions, soon.

The two above instances can well wait, I presume. Should you come out it would probably be best for you to personally see them. Or, if you wish to write them. If you should write the one finding and giving to his daughter, he is E.W. Hester, Rt. 2--and you may quote me as much as you like.

The other one is A.H. Koeninger - and you should simply say that you had heard that he once found something which may be of much interest, etc.

Cordially yours,

wrote both 1946 10/24

Ben Moore, Sr