

(Dr.?) Dorothy Wilson - nee Stevens

minor in geology - majored in philosophy. Studied history of science. Her son found an alleged meteorite in Okla but it looked slaggy - rounded protuberances. melted metal. Contained iron, magnetic. Smaller than egg.

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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Wilson:

First I thank you for your hospitality and for taking time out from your pressing work to receive Mr. Wright and me when we called on you so unexpectedly. I appreciate your listening to us on the topic of the Glorieta meteorites and meteorites in general!

A learned volume was published in 1915 containing resumes and references on all meteorites known up to 1909, in North America. I enclose copies of the pages concerning "Glorieta" which I think will interest you. A lot of the technicalities about the mineralogy and chemistry can be skipped in reading and I hope will not bother you. Everything that the author says is not necessarily right, as the study of meteorites was relatively in its infancy then; Dr. O. C. Farrington of the Field Museum compiled this work. I am far from convinced, for example, that the meteorite broke on hitting the ground (rock); I consider it quite possible that it was splitting in the late stages of its flight.

It would be intriguing if the original area of find could be re-located, tho it seems unlikely that any more meteorites would be there. The location of "about half a mile from a house in the woods 1 mile northeast of Canconcito" is none too definitive! I believe I heard Mr. Wilson tell Mr. Wright he knew of an old house up in that region, and if so, that may be the one.

It is further stated that the location was on the ranch of a Mrs. Rioval. I tried tracing some records in the courthouse in Santa Fe one time but could not accomplish anything, perhaps because I was not familiar with such things in New Mexico. I have some suspicion the name should have been "Riobal".

I'll write you more about this later.

Sincerely,