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Dear Mrs. Nininger:

In August you addressed a card to me asking about "Clinton, Anderson County, Tennessee", stating that you understood it was a meteorite in our collection.

If you will give me more information on the source of your listing perhaps I can trace what you had in mind. I did not answer immediately because I do not know of any such meteorite we have or that I have ever reported. Can you tell me more about where you got your idea?

Meanwhile, I will say that we do have an iron meteorite, an octahedrite, from near Harriman, Tennessee, 67 pounds. This locality is not too far from Clinton, and it may be this piece to which you are referring. Mr. Bunch, at one time one of the Texas Observers, heard of this while he was living in Knoxville, Tenn., and tracing the meteorite was a long story. He may have gone to Clinton or it may have been in Clinton at one time. Eventually, he ran it down in Chattanooga, where it had been transported, but his full story to me indicated it was originally found near Harriman. Bunch, unhappily, died in 1945.

In this connection, the U. S. National Museum has an iron from near Harriman, I think, and Dr. Henderson has been after me to submit our iron to him for comparison and cutting, which I may do. Whether it will turn out that these two are related or not is as yet unknown.

I hope this is the information you wanted. My delay in answering was sheerly from lack of time, plus the fact that your reference to "Clinton" was puzzling and I wanted time to check my files and try to straighten things out a bit before answering you.

Yours most sincerely,