

1975 June 25

Mrs. John (Laverne) Kespler,
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Dear Mrs. Kespler:

Mrs. W. E. Phemister here has a 7 pound old stony meteorite, a rock with a dark chocolate brown crust, which her father plowed up when farming in Reno County, Kansas.

In trying to pin down the history of it, I ran across the fact that he apparently found another stony meteorite. According to an article published in a magazine in 1952, Mr. Westfahl found this one about 1950, and it was reported to weigh about 6 pounds.

I don't know what became of this one, and Mrs. Phemister said she understood you had been in Greensburg last February and had seen it in the museum there. However, when I wrote the museum they said they had only the big 1,000 pound meteorite once found by Mr. Stockwell (this is a combination stone and iron one, called a "Pallasite")/

Tell me if you know anything about a stone of about 6 pounds found by Mr. Westfahl. It apparently had an end sliced off it with a diamond saw, but the main part left, weighing about 5½ pounds, is unaccounted for. A Mr. Russell Murley of Salem, Oregon, wrote the article about it and at one time had it, and I am writing him, but I don't know if he is active or still alive.

Sincerely,