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Dear Sir:

I have your name from Mr. Curtis Tynnell of Austin. He tells me you have been quite a collector in that area for many years, in addition to your art vocation.

I am interested in trying to establish the history of a meteorite that was found in the possessions of a Dr. J. E. Hawkins of Waco, Texas, after his death (1964).

Dr. Hawkins taught German at Baylor University but apparently was an avid collector of Indian artifacts or at least made a lot of field trips and searches as a matter of outdoors living. His searches ranged over a wide territory but he did frequently visit a brother-in-law at Turkey, Mr. Reginald A. Smith, who ran a drug store there tho he is now living at Canyon.

I have questioned members of Hawkins' family and some friends who went with him on some of his field trips. Nobody knows when, where or how he got this meteorite. There is some indication in the thoughts of his associates that it was procured before 1950, and possibly in the Turkey region, but this is not definite.

I enclose a photograph, which I will ask you to return, showing this 10 pound 10 oz slightly brownish stone (it is not as gray as the picture looks). The object is typically heavy for its size as this type is composed of silicate minerals with a density of about 3.60. Not all meteorites show "thumbmarks" about which much has been written, but this one does on several faces.

Thanks for any information you can furnish.