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Dear Sir:

Mrs. J. E. Hawkins of Waco has a stony meteorite found by her late husband and I am trying to get the history of it.

She and her children do not know where or when it was found or obtained by the late Mr. Hawkins. She gave me your name and said you used to go on field trips with him.

Can you give me any information at all? I am checking with other members of the family but so far they just do not know anything. It is of some interest scientifically to have a "pedigree" on every meteorite.

Mr. R. A. Smith, now of Canyon, Texas, indicates he thinks Hawkins got it while Smith was in business as a druggist at Turkey, Texas, 1945-51. That would at least give us a sort of limit indicating it was found prior to 1951.

I came into the picture because I made a talk on meteorites before a geology class at Baylor, and Prof. Bronaugh there told me about this meteorite as he knew I would be interested. I volunteered to try to trace its history. Mrs. Hawkins will probably donate it to Baylor for their museum.

Thanks.