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Dear Sir:

I am trying to establish the history of a stony meteorite of some 10 pounds or so that was in the possession of Dr. D. E. Hawkins of Waco. Mrs. Hawkins called Dr. Bronaugh of the Baylor Geology Department to look over some of the items in Hawkins collection after his death, and Dr. Bronaugh identified this grayish-brown stone about 8 inches long and perhaps 4 x 4 roughly in other dimensions as a stony meteorite.

I have written a number of the relatives, including Mr. R. A. Smith at Canyon, but have not been able to get a clue as to where or when the meteorite was found or obtained by Dr. Hawkins.

Your mother kindly answered my inquiry and tells me that Dr. Hawkins made many field trips over Texas and New Mexico in searching for Indian artifacts, so there seems to be a wide range of possibilities. She said you went with him at times.

Do you have any recollection of seeing this "rock" or can you give me any tips as to where it came from. It looks relatively fresh for meteorite of this type but I do not think it was an observed fall. There seems to have been some idea that it came from Quitaque region, but maybe this is just because Smith was in business at Turkey.

Your answer will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,