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We visited Mrs. J. E. Hawkins, 808 Speight St., Waco, Waco, Tx., 76706. Her husband was apparently a former German teacher at Baylor, and Dr. Bronaugh seems to have been one of his pupils. Bronaugh is familiar with meteorites, having worked for the University of Texas and apparently collected the Crosbyton stone for them. He recognized it in a box of rocks that were shown to him.

Mr. J. E. (Elmer?) Hawkins apparently died recently and his widow called Bronaugh to come over and look at items he had collected to see if Baylor wanted any of them for their collections or for teaching purposes. Hawkins had been an Indian arrowhead hunter and Bill Bain, now a Texas International pilot at Houston, had hunted arrow heads with him.

the son, Dr. J. E. Hawkins (Jr?), is at 4000 E Joy Road, Flint, Michigan, 48105, but knows nothing about the meteorite. Maud Elliott (?) is a daughter living with her mother and she knows nothing of where the meteorite came from.

When Bronaugh went to examine the various items he saw the meteorite, apparently on the floor, being used as a doorstep, and told them at once what it was. He took it out in the backyard for the photos sent to me. It weighs possibly 10 or 12 pounds, maybe 15; no scales available. The surfaces are not gray in the interior light as the picture shows them, but rather a grayish-brown. The weathering is slight and the stone is relatively fresh. There are about three fairly flat (original?) surfaces and all others are well marked with "thumb prints" or piezoglyphs.

There is a son, Richard, in California.

Phil Martin talked to Bronaugh, but I did not get the connection or significance of this fact.

Dr. Bryce Brown, a biologist, is in charge of the museum exhibit of meteorites.

The man most likely to know something about the meteorite is Mr. R(eginald) A. Smith, the husband of the late Mr. Hawkins' sister; his address is Canyon, Texas.

Apparently J. E. Hawkins owned a drug store for some years at Turkey, Texas, but there seems to be an idea that the meteorite was found near Quitaque.