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Dear Glenn:

I think I mentioned to you that a meteorite had turned up at Baylor University at Waco, Tex., in the effects of a former German professor there, one Dr. J. E. Hawkins, who had been an amateur Indian artifact hunter and collector.

His widow had offered any of his items to the university for their museum or as teaching aids, and when a geologist from the University, Dr. R. L. Bronaugh, went to look at the items, he saw and identified this meteorite.

As I had made a talk on meteorites there a few months earlier, he cued me in on the matter and sent me some pictures, one of which is enclosed.

The object is more brown and less gray than the photo indicates. It weighs 10 lbs. 10 oz. There is some primary crust but most faces are obviously broken and many are well thumb-marked.

I have been absolutely unable to establish anything about when, where or by whom this was found. I do not even know whether Hawkins found it himself or got it from a student or a collector. His immediate family knew nothing. A brother-in-law and one acquaintance who went hunting artifacts with him at times were aware of the meteorite's existence but know nothing more. Hawkins had a brother-in-law that I just mentioned who lived at Turkey, Texas. While Hawkins ranged in his field trips from that region on out to New Mexico and perhaps also in Central Texas, there is some hint that it may have been found near Turkey and probably before 1950.

It is relatively well preserved, and reminiscent of the Plainview's in some ways, but I do not believe it is from that shower. It's a good guess that it is an ordinary chondrite but I have not chipped or checked it. If you ever hear or think of anything that might tie in with this, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Carroll