

1960, July 21

Dr. E. P. Henderson,
U. S. National Museum,
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Dr. Henderson:

Supplementing my recent letter about the Holliday, Texas, meteorite, I now have the following further information from the finder, Mr. J. R. Jackson of Box 36, Holliday, Texas:

"I found it in Rattlesnake Canyon, 10 miles S.W. of Holliday in Archer County, about 10 years ago.....Dr. A. S. Romer and Stan Olsen, paleontologists from Harvard University, and I, were hunting fossilized remains on Dimetredon. I noticed this object and picked it up. Dr Romer said he believed it to be a meteorite. I tested it with compass and it had a strong magnetic pull. ..."

I have sent Jackson a highway map of the county and will get the precise location, even latitude and longitude, and forward it to you.

I was shocked to the point of disbelief when I heard July 11th that Dr. F. C. Leonard had died. I was told this by some astronomical friends of mine when I went to Edinburg, Texas, to make a "lecture" on meteorites to a high school summer institute at the Pan American College there, fostered by the National Foundation.

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I have since read in "Science" a confirmation of Dr. Leonard's death at 64 in the latter part of June, and I feel truly sad about it. I kidded him about his meticulous approach to many things, but was fond of him personally.

Sincerely,