

1960, July 17

Mrs. Alliene Pridemore,
3017 Haltom Road,
Fort Worth, Texas.

Dear Mrs. Pridemore:

Thank you very much for making a trip to our wholesale store to leave with me the iron specimen found by your brother, Mr. J. R. Jackson of Holliday, Texas. I was very sorry that I was out of town and that you missed me after making that special trip.

This is a very interesting specimen and I am about 98% sure it is a meteorite; it certainly looks like one and answers every test by simple inspection.

To be positive, one would have to grind on it and either check the grindings for a nickel content (every meteorite has nickel associated with the iron) or etch the interior with a weak acid to see if a certain crystalline pattern characteristic of meteorites is produced. I can do that work in a simple sort of way but there is so little material here available that I shall probably send the piece to a chemist at the U. S. National Museum who specializes in that sort of work.

It may be several weeks or a month before I get a full report, but I'll let you hear from me further then. Meanwhile I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Jackson for his information and to thank him.

Yours sincerely,

cc MR. Ralph Jackson,
Holliday, Texas.