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Dear Oscar,

Here is what I think about the 1917 meteor. If it ended in the area marked, not many people live there, but the ground is such that the smaller pieces under 10 lbs should be easy to find, provided they are not buried.

Apparently the meteor bursted violently at the end. Indications are strong that the meteor ended below five miles, possibly as low as three. According to the charts of the various meteorite falls listed in Farringtons 'Meteorites' the total mass may weigh anywhere up to 300 to 500 lbs. I am firmly convinced that there is a large meteorite field there just waiting to be opened. It may be one amounting to hundreds or even thousands of pieces. I think a storey in the Brady and Menard papers with the description of meteorites will bring in some fragments which have been kept all this time. I hope Hillary Tindel can find the person that his father gave his suspected fragment to.

A.J. Ricks Sr. of Brady said the meteor ended SW of there. The story in the Brady paper said some people thought the meteor was going south while others thought it was going NE. I think this was based on the sounds. In other words the meteor may have ended at about a 20 deg altitude SW of Brady, causing the detonations to start at about 20 deg in the SW and move UPWARD to about 30 or 35 deg in the south, causing the illusion of moving NE. If you face SW and imagine this, you can get the idea of their impressions.

An observation from Eden would help, but the newspaper editor was out and no one around there seemed to know anything about it.

This could have been an Iron, as there are records of Irons leaving a smokey trail. Mr Furr thought the smokey trail was illuminated by moonlight.

Strong detonations were heard at San Saba, Brady, Menard, Ft. McKavett, Eldorado, but I dont think at San Angelo. San Angelo, reported that persons heard a noise like an auto, then looked up and saw the meteor.

San Angelos report of it starting at the zenith and going south, I interpret this way, they were beyond, and almost in line with the path, and saw the meteor start possibly alt. 30 deg SE of there and saw it go straight down, causing them to think it had started over their heads.

J.V. Ewing, who was returning from Brady to Calf Creek, saw the meteor, but I did not get to look him up. His name
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was listed in the Brady paper. I only wish I had the time and money to spend a week down there. That is really interesting.

The present editor of the Menard paper did not know anything about it and didnt seem to care, but I think he will run a story on it. He ran off before I could talk very long.

I think Mr. Furr's observation is a good one. He said he was always interested in those things. The bright meteor he saw in 1912 or 1913 lighted everything up ~~in twilight~~ and produced detonations, several minutes later. He also saw a very bright one in about 1940 in twilight in the same direction, he thought it hit the water tank and he showed me a small black rock he found by the water tank, which showed no meteorite appearances whatever, and was partially covered with limestone.

The Brady paper said the meteor did not Pass over Menard, San Angelo, or Junction, so must have fallen east of junction. Some people at Menard that it had fallen on Willie Wilkenson's place west of there and made a hole in the ground as big as a house. There is certainly a lot of people that expect a big hole in the ground from those meteors.

When you put storeys in the papers, I suggest you inform the people of how much those meteorites scatter. If you should mention the Calf Creek area, people living one mile from there wont look, because they think they are too far away. I have noticed that almost everytime I canvass after a story has been printed.

That is all the rest of the dope I have accumulated. I hope lady luck gets busy.

Sincerely,

