

1938, Dec. 11.

Mr. C. W. Atchison,
Junction, Tex.

Dear Mr. Atchison:

I did not come down that way this fall as I had hoped. I am sure you understand it is not always easy to do the things we would like to. I can run off after meteorites only once in a while, and I got news of several specimens in the Panhandle which I felt I could secure and get the facts about, so that I went after them. One was an iron meteorite of 27½ pounds, one was a 3 pound stone, and one was a little fragment of a fairly fresh stone meteorite. In this last case, it was very unfortunate that the finder was unfamiliar with meteorites, for he threw away most of the rock and kept only one little corner! I am having him search for the rest, but with no luck.

I am still going to come back to see you at the earliest opportunity; I want to continue work on the 1918 fireball. Should you ever come to Ft. Worth, be sure to see me and let us show you our collection here.

Mr. Atchison, you seem to be very much interested in geology and stones; is there any book or pamphlet or publication on the subject I could get for you? I would be glad to help.

At the annual meeting of the Society for Research on Meteorites, of which I am a charter member, all meteorites recently identified are reported. I would like to report the one you found, but as a matter of scientific caution it is necessary for me to be sure this is distinct from the other stone found in Kimble County. There I wish you would write and give me permission to grind off or cut one end and thus get a chance to study and compare the interior.

If you prefer, I'd still be willing to buy this rock from you. I suggested my price (\$5.00), which I think very liberal in view of the fact that I identified the piece. If you don't think that's fair, name your price and maybe we can get together.

With best regards and wishes for a fine New Year, I am

Yours sincerely,