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AMATEUR ASTRONOMY

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FORT WORTH, TEXAS

OSCAR E. MONNIC

1941, Sep. 13.

Dear Mrs. Booth:

I am trying to learn just where a stone meteorite of some 55 pounds weight was found near Lampasas about 1890. This old, weatherbeaten brown stone was taken to Lampasas and passed thru the hands of some one of the Ramsdell family. As nearly as I can learn, it was Dr. Frank Ramsdell, who I understand was also a jeweler, as well as being quite a naturalist. He seems to have identified it as a meteorite which had fallen many years earlier, and finally sent it to a former teacher of his, Dr. Hinrichs, at the University of Iowa.

I understand you are the daughter of Dr. Frank Ramsdell, and if you recall anything about this matter or know of any one who does, I'll appreciate the information. In particular, if you can give me the address of your brother, Mont Ramsdell, I would like to get in touch with him and see what he may recall about this matter. I believe you also have a sister, Mrs. Anna Slanger; could I have her address? I got much of this information on a recent trip to Lampasas.

The main thing I want to know is just where this old rock was originally found, and if possible the names of some of the people connected with its original discovery. In other words, I want to know which way from Lampasas and how far, or out what road, or on what farm or ranch it was picked up.

Yours most sincerely,

Oscar E. Monnic

I am sorry I can not give you the information you desire about the meteorite but my brother, Mont's address is

*Frank W. Ramsdell
Colorado City, Texas*

my sister is dead. My stepmother's address is Mrs. Josephine Ramsdell

*109 N. Eda Drive
Orlando, Fla.*

Sincerely, Mrs. Della Booth

*write
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