

1957, April 20

Mrs. Carl G. Hinrichs,
3101 Hawthorne Blvd.,
St. Louis 4, Missouri.

Dear Mrs. Hinrichs:

I have a copy of a letter which Dr. Henderson of the U. S. National Museum sent you April 9. He mentions that the Kaufman stone is very similar to one that fell in Algeria on June 9, 1867. Your husband's father knew this, and mentions on page 99 of his book "Aman Meteorites" that the interior of this stone resembles that of Tadjera. Tadjera was the name of the place in Algiers where the stone Dr. Henderson mentions fell, and it is generally listed that way in catalogs. Under a classification system formerly in use and still recognized to a great extent, stones of this type were called "black chondrites".

I am sure you will be pleased with the polished piece returned to you as they do excellent work on such cutting and polishing in the laboratory in Washington. Let me know when you get it back so that I can feel my responsibility for the piece is satisfied.

You may be interested to know that I went by the region of this find two weeks ago and made a few inquiries. Out in the country I talked at four farmhouses and two little stores, but the oldest man I found was only 7 when the meteorite was picked up and no one recalls anything about it now. I urged them to watch for more pieces, as this is good agricultural land, much of which is cultivated, and additional stones may turn up. In town I learned that the Mr. Hill, the man who originally sold it, was apparently not a judge (as your husband thought from the correspondence you showed me, which was written on court stationery) but a prominent local grocer. I am going to try to trace his family to see if I can get any more details about the meteorite.

Yours sincerely,

cc Dr. E. P. Henderson

Some of your recent letters misspell her name. It is not Henrich but Hinrichs