

1957, May 11.

Mr. Joe Sprinkle, Jr.,
Empire State Bank,
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I have your name thru a man I talked to at Kaufman about a month ago, and understand you married a granddaughter of the late J. J. Hill, once of Kaufman.

A stone meteorite was found some 5 or 6 miles west of Kaufman about 1892, and a Mr. J. J. Hill there seems to have been active in procuring it for a mineral collector named F. R. Ramsdell of Lampasas, Texas. Later it was sold to another collector in the North.

What I wanted at this time was to determine two things:

1. Whether any members of the J. J. Hill family might still recall anything of this event, particularly of the exact tract of land on which the meteorite was found. In this connection, do you know whether J. J. Hill owned a farm about 5 miles west of Kaufman?

2. Whether any fragment or sample piece of the meteorite might have been kept as a souvenir by the Hill family. The original stone weighed about 50 pounds and apparently only a very little bit, a few pounds or maybe only a few ounces, were knocked off.

Any information you can give me will be appreciated. One party told me that Mr. and Mrs. Hill once lived here in Ft. Worth, but I would guess they were no longer living and that I would have to find children or other relatives to make any inquiries.

Sincerely,