

1957, May 16.

Mrs. D. E. Coleman,  
105 Ripple St.,  
El Campo, Texas.

Dear Mrs. Coleman:

I recently wrote your son-in-law, Mr. Joe F. Sprinkle, Jr., of Dallas, about a meteorite found in 1892 some 3 or 5 miles west of Kaufman, Texas. A man named J. F. Todd was camping out there at the time and found this old, brown stone of some 50 pounds weight. It seems to have been turned over to a Mr. J. J. Hill of Kaufman in some way; I don't know whether he bought it or whether he got it by virtue of owning the land where it was discovered.

Mr. J. J. Hill wrote some letters on stationery of the district judge there at Kaufman at the time, and I thought perhaps he was a judge or lawyer, but recently at Kaufman I was told he was a prominent local grocer and I got Mr. Sprinkle's name as one who could refer me to present descendants of the family.

I trust this will sufficiently explain my letter to Mr. Sprinkle, which he says he forwarded to you for answer. Your kindness in replying, either to him or to me, will be appreciated.

I wanted to know principally (1) whether you know of a particular farm west of Kaufman that Mr. Hill owned at the time, where the meteorite may have been found; and (2) whether any of the family might still have a fragment of the meteorite as a souvenir or heirloom.

Sincerely,

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