

H. L. ...

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Dear Frederick:

I hope to bring a glitter to your eye by reporting another Texas meteorite--but I didn't get this one!

It was found near La Villa, Hidalgo County, Texas, way down in the Rio Grande Valley some 500 miles from me. I went down there and the exact lat. and long. of point of find are $26^{\circ} 16.3' N.$, $97^{\circ} 54.1' W.$ It is an old stone, a chondrite, first plowed up about a year ago, say April, 1956. The weight is said to be $42\frac{1}{2}$ or $43\frac{1}{2}$ pounds, but I did not get to check this. The finder has decided to donate it to the Pan American College at Edinburg. I have some contacts thru friends there, and have faint hopes of eventually working out a deal to get this piece cut and maybe obtain a slice. The owner turned down my offer of \$100.00.

We are trying to use this to stir up public interest and see if more meteorites can be found in this region of Texas, barren up to now. Some of the region should be good, being largely rock-free (Quaternary deposits).

The enclosed picture of a surface with limestone deposited on it and scratched by plows that had struck it before it was found may interest you. The other surfaces are more typically the weathered brown of old stones--mostly oxidation, and practically no original crust. The owner wants to come out with a blast of publicity on her own, but thereafter I think maybe I'll get to give you a little note for the Publications.

Sincerely,