

McKinney Meteorites

F. G. Jones of T. C. U. Education Dept. originally told me, in connection with this as well as the Celina fall (he seemed to have the two confused) that some pieces were in the old Jones Academy or McKinney Collegiate Institute. He suggested seeing the Editor of the McKinney Courier Gazette, Walter Wilson; also Mr. Thomson of the Examiner.

Claude Kenyon is with Pratt Bros. at McKinney, res. 903 N. Church, but knows nothing of these.

Original finds are listed by Nininger as 334 lbs., 1870.

Our first trip was May 9. The two rocks which W. F. Carter thought might be meteorites were found on the second trip to be a piece of hematite-limonite and a concretion. This second trip was June 12, 1937, when we secured for \$5. a 4 lb met from Wayne Carter, who said he moved on the place two yrs. ago this fall and remembers seeing the rock there since about that time. It had been used to prop a chicken coop door! He rediscovered it about 2-3 wks ago when on his way to milk one morning, and found that particles loosened with a file and sandpaper were magnetic, from which he concluded it was a met. The land is now owned by the Duncan Estate (or Duncan heirs; Duncan lived near there when he was alive); his initials were Wm. or W. M. There are now 3 owners; the other people living on the place are Sterlings.

Mrs. _____ Carter (on the south Carter place) recalls "black rocks" in the north field 60-65 yrs. ago, and believes the original met. were found on the Foot# Ranch, near the NW cor. They lived S of the ranch when she was a girl. Ben Carter, one of her sons, was at home and will watch the 218 A. of pasture land to the N which they have just bought and will soon plow for the first time. He thinks he recalls some dark stones in the oats field to the SW of the house a few days ago. We talked to a Mr. Morris; Mr. Duncan (boy plowing on Foote Ranch) and Mr. Christian; last thinks he has seen many on the place while plowing.

Earl Slaughter is prin McK Jr. Hihg, 1229J, 903 N. Waddell.

Third trip July 3 talked to H. H. Chandler et ux at store, and to Ed Lewis and daughter Mrs. Crowder; former is 69, born '68. West of him talked to J. B. Hutcheson. Examined rocks at Jim Pollard's and at Mr. Snyder's to the east; Christian and Sterlings had sandstone with magnetite pebbles.

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