

1956, Oct. 7.

Mr. Harold DeShazo,
Route 3,
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Dear Mr. DeShazo:

I acknowledge receipt of the rock sample, and thank you for your interest. The brownish crust certainly does look like an old stony meteorite, but in other respects the piece has me puzzled. It is very slightly attracted by a strong Al-Ni-Co magnet; most meteorites are rather easily attracted by this magnet.

I have been out of town but will be able to get to a grinding wheel and smooth off a section of this tomorrow. Then I can tell more about the interior of the stone, and especially see if it contains the specks of metallic iron that are in most meteorites.

It is possible that this is just an igneous (earthly) rock from some of the mountains of Oklahoma. There are some rocks like this in the mountains over by Lawton. Was this found in a farm yard or some place where it might have been carried in in times past, or was it found out in open farm or ranch land?

Keep the rock intact, and don't break it any further until you hear from me. I'll try to write again this week.

Yours sincerely,

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