

Durham Brothers

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GROCERIES, HARDWARE, FURNITURE AND PECANS

100 Acres in Fruit and Paper Shell Pecans

COMANCHE, TEXAS
November 26, 1940.

Box 90 204 post
Comanche
sample rec'd 12/2 625.1 gm
after grinding 614.8 "

Mr. Oscar E. Monning,
Fort Worth, Texas.

Dear Mr. Monning:

I have intended writing you for several days, but have been waiting to see Mr. Carter.

I received a letter in regards to the sample I sent to the Explorers League. Here is their letter in part.

"Your specimen looks to me quite clearly to be a piece of slag iron. The surface of it certainly bears no resemblance to the surface of a meteorite. This surface shows the results of boiling in a furnace. If you put it under a magnifying glass, you will see that it is literally covered with little bubble-holes and knob-like protuberances. These features never appear on the surface of a meteorite."

In my first letter to Mr. Cross, I told him that the sample I was sending him had been cut from a larger peice with a cutting torch, but I did not tell him the size of the larger peice. I have written Mr. Cross again and told him that I was not satisfied with his identification so I got in tutch with you and you identified it as an iron meteorite and offered to buy it. I will now see what they do.

I let Charlie Carter see the letter and he ask me what to do with his peice of SLAG IRON. I told him that I would sell it to you, that it was high price iron. But He asked me not to let you see the letter that I got from the Explorers League.

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I talked to Garter this morning and his 10% Comm. partner still thinks that there might be gold in it. So I gave them the name of an El Paso smelter so they can get a peice of it analysed. He said that he was going to ask you \$60.00 for it and I told him that it was too high. He then said that he might take less but that was going to be his asking price.

My wife and I enjoyed your visit very much. Any time your in town be sure and come to see us.

Yours sincerely.

Gilmore Durham.