

November 19, 1952

Mr. Philip Miller  
Bar P Ranch  
Hereford, Texas

Dear Mr. Miller:

I was in the region of Hereford and by your house last Tuesday on a personal matter, and am sorry that I missed you. Mrs. Miller talked to us, however, and was very hospitable. I thought I would explain further to you what we had in mind. The matter concerns a hobby of mine, the discovery and collection of meteorites. You no doubt know these are pieces of stone or iron that some times fall from the sky. They are rather easily identified in the high plains region because of the normal absence of rocks of any sort.

I have a story from a Mrs. Charlie Owen, who now works for a customer of ours in Vernon, Texas. She lived on the D - ranch in 1922 and 23, and one day was out with her husband about two miles from the original ranch headquarters house, almost south a little eastward, when they found a fairly large rock protruding from the ground. It is her recollection that the part above ground was bigger than a 10 quart bucket and they found they could not move it or break it. It seemed to be somewhat malleable or brad a little bit, as she expressed it, when they struck it which makes it sound like it might have been an iron meteorite. These are generally a very dark brown to black in exterior color.

She doesn't remember much more about the location except what I have said above, that it was about 2 miles south and a little east of the ranch house, except that she does think it was near the corner of a fence that then separated farm land from grass land. She also had some recollection that there was an artificial lake about a mile or a mile and a half northwest of the rock and near the D - house.

We drove around in that country a good deal, Mr. Joe H. Green of town, going with me and helping me, and among others I talked to Mr. Charlie Burke. He tells me that the old D - headquarters were on section 4, which I believe is about 2 miles east and a little north of where Mr. Burke lives in the northeast corner of section 13. If that is correct, then the place where this rock

lies should be near the edge of the present Wilson brothers ownership. I also gathered that it might be very near the edge of the land Mr. Burke owns, which I understand extends about a mile east of his house. It also seemed possible, from what I understood, that it could be on some land that you travel over or even cultivate, perhaps that which you rent I believe from the Hendricks Estate.

At any rate, you could probably spot this general location better than I and what I want to ask you to do is to keep this rock or iron meteorite in mind, and as you go over this country during the coming year watch for it. I don't expect you to make any active search because I know your time is more valuable than that, but if I can alert you and Mr. Burke and a few others in that region to watching for this meteorite, I believe some one may find it. Should you discover it, I would like to be notified promptly, because I would like to deal with the owner of the land and try to obtain the meteorite.

With kindest regards, and thanks for any help you may give me,  
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Yours sincerely,

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