

1957, May 2.

Miss Nellie B. Ramsdell,  
609 N. Eola Drive,  
Orlando, Florida.

Dear Miss Ramsdell:

In 1943 I was trying to trace some possible specimens of a meteorite supposed to be in your father's collection, and you kindly wrote me in March of that year that you had finally got down to two pieces as the only possibilities.

I wrote you suggesting a test with a special type of magnet, and finally sent you such a magnet in June of 1943, but did not hear further from you. I hesitated to bother you further because you said your mother had been very ill and the household was upset.

May I take up this trail again and see if you ever located what was possibly a piece of the meteorite? You mentioned you were going to write a brother who lived in the north, to see if he knew or cared about the specimen. The piece in question would probably not be large, weighing only a few ounces or a few pounds at most. It would have a generally brownish crust except that part of the outside was covered with a whitish limestone deposit; the interior is a dense, grainy looking dark stony material.

Sincerely,

P. S. Your father got this while living at Lampasas about 1895.