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Meteorite Museum Gains A Huge Addition

(AP) - A nearly four-pound chunk from a meteor that blazed across the Texas sky in February has been sold to a Kansas museum.

No word on how much Don Stimpson paid for the meteorite. He and his wife, Sheila Knepper, own the Kansas Meteorite Museum and Nature Center in the southern Kansas town of Haviland.

Weighing in at roughly 1,700 grams, the newest addition to the museum is said to be the largest piece of the meteor that broke apart near the Texas town of West. The next-largest rock is about 200 grams lighter.

Stimpson is calling the meteorite "incredible" and a "pristine example."

Seventy-seven-year-old L.B. Etter discovered the meteorite 11 days after it fell to earth while driving his tractor along his farmland.

Stimpson noted that because it was discovered so quickly, it hadn't weathered.

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