

main material was so hard that it defied hacksaw cutting, but small samples were broken off with great effort, using a large crowbar.

The following speculation is offered for what it may be worth. The facts are:-- The object probably fell from well outside the earth's atmosphere. There was a sonic boom. A firey object was sighted. The ^{it} object shows evidence of melting, ablation, and heavy impact. It is, for the most part, a hard metal, with occlusions. There is evidence of intelligent fabrication. The metal structure indicates that the original shape was probably a fairly thin walled container. The material is almost non-magnetic, although the "rust" is quite magnetic, and resembles our ferrite. The plastic is gummy and resilient. The total weight is estimated at a couple of tons.

Now, since the object was obviously intelligently made, it may be presumed that it had a purpose. Since it came from the sky, it was either of terrestrial or extra-terrestrial origin. The weight and material indicate that it did so by accident or design. The fact that it fell in the river and is now just so much junk, indicates that it either fell by accident or was discarded. The heating and impact indicate a high velocity as it entered the atmosphere, so it probably did not fall off a space craft ^{but} by came quite a distance. It could have been self-powered but this is unlikely, because if it were, it probably would not have crashed.