

August 18, 1944

Mr. W. E. White
Director, Texas State Forest Service
College Station, Texas

Dear Mr. White:

You will remember that some time ago, you turned over to me two photographs of a bell found near the Texas mission site at Weches, Texas. With the aid of Dr. Alex D. Krieger, archaeologist at the University, it has been possible to run down the origin of the bell.

It is stated "that the bell in question is recent. Chiantel was the name of a bell maker. Saighelegier is a little town in Switzerland famous for its fine bells. Bells of this type were being made in the last half of the nineteenth century and up to recent times."

It is my impression that this bell is nothing else but a recent cow bell. I hope to be able to run down the other information and objects that we obtained in the vicinity and to report to you from time to time.

Very sincerely yours,

H. B. Stansel

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