

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY



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4025 Pinehill
Jackson, Miss

Dear Dr. Stenzel,

Yesterday afternoon was spent at the "Woody's Branch" locality collecting fossils with my wife. Again, the fruits of our very pleasant half Sunday have been mailed to you under separate cover. I realize there has been so much repetition in the forms I have sent. But I would rather you make the decision of those not to be saved. The individuals are picked out and if left at the locality the next rain would carry them along and their usefulness would be at an end. Hope they arrive in good shape.

If you are planning to visit this locality I would suggest you do it in the very near future. The owner of the property, a Mr T. E. Wright, is very concerned about so many geologists, "Coming here with ricks and shovels, taking off as much as a 100 lbs of the dirt, then a rain coming and we have more caving". He also brought out he had discussed the problem with the city engineers and they plan to make a large rock dump against the bluff in order to divert the water away from the bluff. However, one ray of light was that he agreed he would sell that part of his land and was very nice in general. I plan to bring it up to the meeting of the Miss. Geol. Soc. but I know there are no funds for such a purpose. Nevertheless I am going to do what little I can to keep the rock pile from developing. He also plans to post the property very soon. If you do visit here please be sure to let me obtain permission from Wright as the flood of oil company geologists that have trampled his flower beds have not made geologists in general very acceptable to this Mr Wright. I had a long talk with him and think I will be able to get anytime but will not be able to use a hammer.

Hoping the fossils will be of some interest and value in your work.

Yours sincerely,
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