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Sale 16422 - Natural History, 30 Apr 2008 New York

Order of Sale

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- 9162-9191 Décor
- 9192-9193 Lawrence Stoller
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Canyon Diablo Complete Individual – Relic of an American Treasure Hunt

Iron-coarse octahedrite

Meteor Crater, Coconino County, Arizona

The history of Canyon Diablo is associated with the famous, yet ill-fated, treasure hunt of entrepreneur Daniel Barringer. Well-known to Native Americans, who viewed the area with suspicion, Canyon Diablo was brought to the attention of scientists in the mid-1800's. In the 1890's, early meteorite dealers began trading in Canyon Diablo samples and, in 1903, Daniel Barringer began his famous, doomed attempts to mine iron from the presumed main mass of the meteorite which he supposed to be buried beneath the crater. Perhaps validating the Native American's belief that the crater was cursed, Barringer spent \$600,000 searching for iron without success. After Barringer's death in 1929, astronomer and ballistics expert F.R. Moulton concluded that most of the mass of the meteorite had vaporized on impact. The Barringer family still owns the crater today and it is operated as a private tourist attraction by Meteor Crater Enterprise. The present desirable specimen is a complete individual with attractive regmaglypts.

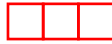
Weights 4,373 grams



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