IT CAME FROM OUTER SPACE!!!

On September 4, 1990, Frances Pegg had just returned from grocery shopping and was unloading bags of groceries in her kitchen in Burnwell, Kentucky. Suddenly and unexpectedly, she heard a loud crashing sound. Her husband, Aurthur, had heard the same sound – one that was similar to a noise a helicopter makes. The sound frightened the couple’s goat and horse. The noise had come from an object that had crased through the Peggs’ roof, their ceiling, and the floor of the porch. They couldn’t see what the object was, but the noise sounded like a gunshot, and pieces of wood from their home flew everywhere.

They thought that perhaps a part of an airplane had fallen through their roof. But it was not an airplane part. It was a meteorite, just a chunk of rock from outer space. For seven years, the Peggs kept their “space rock” at home, making them local celebrities. The rock appeared on TV, and the couple were interviewed by newspaper reporters. In 1997 the Peggs sold the rock to the National Museum of Natural History in Washington D.C., which has over 9,000 meteorites on display. Scientists have been particularly interested in the Peggs meteorite because of the special chemical makeup of the meteorite.

Did you Know: The only person known to have ever been struck by a meteorite was Mrs. Hewlett Hodges of Sylacauga, AL. She was resting on a sofa in 1954, when a meteorite with a mass of about 4.5 kilograms crashed through the roof, bounced off a radio, and bruised her thigh.

Use your computers to research meteorites that strike earth. Pick one of the locations that have been reported and create a one page poster, or news article, that will advertise the natural phenomenon. Please explain the location, size of meteor, and any facts known about the strike. Include pictures and eyewitnesses if possible.