

## Glenn D. Stockwell correspondence

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Glenn Dale Stockwell Sr. (1901-1964) was a life-long resident of the Blue River Valley. He lived in the vicinity of Randolph and Leonardville, near the area flooded by Tuttle Creek Dam. In 1951, Glenn Stockwell became president of the Blue Valley Study Association and began coordinating opposition to the Dam. After heavy rains caused major floods in Kansas in 1951, advocates of Tuttle Creek pushed for its immediate funding and construction while opponents also intensified their efforts. The earliest item is a 1944 letter from the Corps of Engineers outlining the history and current status of the Tuttle Creek project. Other early items relate to the activities of the Blue Valley Study Association under the leadership of J. A. Hawkinson. The bulk of this correspondence, however, dates from the time Stockwell became president of the group in July 1951. Quite varied, it includes letters from conservationists, industry supporters, Kansas politicians, U.S. Congressional leaders, and the Eisenhower administration, among others; letters of advice from Stockwell; and carbon copies of letters sent by his co-workers.

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## Glenn D. Stockwell correspondence

August 23, 1952.

Mr. Payne Ratner,  
444 Market St.  
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Mr. Ratner:

I am enclosing some material regarding Tuttle Creek Dam. This project was first authorized in 1938 in House Doc. No. 1, 75th Congress 1st session. This specified a dam with a spillway height of 1118 feet above sea level. Later it was placed under review by Congress in 1944 and is now before the Public Works Committee under House Doc. 642, 81st Congress, 2nd session (enclosed). This document provides for a height of 1136 feet. The Army used the justification in 642 last spring when appearing before the House Civil Functions Committee. The House Committee report 1652 was very critical of this projects.

Tuttle Creek was authorized with a navigation pool and the justification was partly based upon stream flow stabilization. The Senate Civil Functions Committee inserted language in the appropriation bill limiting the use of funds on Tuttle Creek to flood control. ~~and this is~~ The meaning of the proviso was discussed on the floor of the Senate by Schoepel and the Committee. However I do not believe that the language was included in the final conference bill.

It was hinted to me in Washington that the authorization of Tuttle Creek was doubtful and that a tough check should be made from that angle.

I enclose a copy of a letter from Congressman Davis of Wisconsin, a member of the civil function committee written in reply to an inquiry from a neighbor about the validity of the action taken by Congress when it was plainly evident that there was not quorum present.

I also enclose a copy of a letter from C.H. Scholer of Kansas State College with information about Harry F. Thompson from whom we may be able to get engineer advice later on.

Two books that may be of assistance in making your outline are: Report of the President's Water Resources Policy Commission, Vol. 3, "Water Resources Law", 1950, is a review of later legislation and law with citations.

"A Compilation of the More Important Congressional, Acts, Treaties, Presidential Messages, and Official reports and Documents Having to do With The Control, Conservation, and Utilization of Water Resources," TV.A. Legal Department (1938), Laurent"

I wish again to call to your attention the rider attached to the Justice Dept. Appropriation bill giving consent to sue the Federal Government in State Courts on water rights. In this line the Supreme Court of Wisconsin rendered an opinion in favor of a citizen suit to stop a local dam that was destroying the scenic value of the stream. I believe that this is the first instance of a court recognizing such a right.

A clipping from the New York Times has been





August 23, 1952.

Mr. Payne "atner,  
1111 Market  
Wichita, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing some material regarding Tuttle Creek Dam. Tuttle  
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filed with the Missouri River Basin Review Commission. It was in the August 6 issue and you probably can secure a copy .

As I told you yesterday, I believe that if we can show by the Brief that there is a good chance for fight that we can get outside interest to help finance it. That is why I would want a thorough briefing of both Federal and State statutes and .

Sincerely yours ,

Glenn D. Stockwell , Sr., President,  
Blue Valley Study Association.

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PRESIDENT, PUBLISHER

THE OKLAHOMA PUBLISHING COMPANY  
THE DAILY OKLAHOMAN-OKLAHOMA CITY TIMES  
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

August 26, 1952.

Mrs. Glenn Stockwell,  
Leonardville, Kansas.

Dear Mrs. Stockwell:

First let me express my admiration for the courage and devotion of you women who went to see Truman and Eisenhower.

Things like this should go a long way to dramatize the issue and bring the matter more forcibly to the American people at large. In some of my writings I am laying stress on the fact that Truman assured you women that Tuttle Creek was "only the beginnin'" and that the American people can expect the same outrage everywhere.

In regard to the Star editorial, I wrote an answer to it, and it appeared in the Star of Aug. 22. However they buried it on a back page, as they don't like to have the truth appear too conspicuously. I don't have a clipping, but I sent a carbon copy of my letter (to the Star) to Glenn the same day I mailed it. A friend in Kansas City sent me the clipping, but asked that I return it to him. I suppose you can secure a copy of the Star for Aug. 22.

I know Milton Eisenhower, so I wrote him a letter July 18, asking him to intervene with Gen. Eisenhower in the matter of Tuttle Creek. He replied that he was bringing the letter to the attention of the General. I enclose copy of my letter to Milton. I don't know that it will do any good, but it is in line with the fine effort made by you women at Denver.

It will be an excellent idea to see Adlai Stevenson, also, as you have suggested.

The Country Gentleman asked me to write another article, which I have done, and it will appear in their October number, to come out in the last days of September, according to a letter just received from the managing editor.

This article attacks the problem from another angle, showing how one farm has set an example, and if his example were followed, there would be no more floods.

I suppose you would like to have the Star editorial returned, so enclose it. I have another clipping, sent to me by Phil Zimmerman.

Sincerely yours,

  
Elmer T. Peterson



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### SCHNEIDER RANCH

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CATTLE

STOCKTON, KANSAS

August 28, 1952.

Mr. Glenn Stockwell,  
Randolph, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Stockwell:

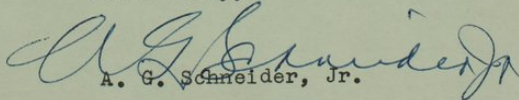
I am the person who phoned you yesterday from Manhattan, Kansas. I operate a Ranch in Rooks County in the Solomon River area. Our Ranch headquarters, 11 wells and much bottom land are in the area of the proposed Webster Dam.

The Webster proposal is estimated to cost about 20 million and impound water almost 5 miles upstream. Am against this plan of flood control. The Bureau is in the process now of appraising the property located under the damsite. No property has been bought up to now.

The recent scandals revealed on Gen. Pick will lend support to our opposition to the Big Dams. Is it possible to have these plans reconsidered. Can we work jointly with your organization. What should we do first to make our opposition more successful.

If you find time, I'd like to hear from you because we are willing to do almost anything to keep from being tossed out for further Big Time Waste.

Yours truly,

  
A. G. Schneider, Jr.





## Glenn D. Stockwell correspondence

Randolph, Kansas,  
August 29, 1952.

The Kansas City Star,  
Editorial department,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Gentlemen:

The Star has run some editorials lately that have been odious to the Blue Valley. Your editorial of August 14 reached a new low in editorial hypocrisy. You should realize by now how serious the situation is developing.

Little Creek is not built and probably will never be built. The money needed for Little Creek would build protection works for our cities so why live in hopes that a billion dollars can be secured for Kansas dams.

The Fowler survey and the Pick-Sloan were waters storage and navigation projects. We expect to bust this wide open before we are through. Incidentally I do not believe you published much on the recent report of the House Civil Functions Committee on the navigation project on the Missouri river.

Common courtesy should compel you to print the enclosed article on your editorial page. Let this be a test as to whether you are a newspaper or a tool.

Yours truly,

Glenn D. Stockwell

Randolph, Kansas  
August 29, 1952.

HYPOCRISY STYMIES FLOOD CONTROL

Flood control in Kansas is a very involved problem. In addition to engineering survey it should include economics, ethics, and editorial integrity. The human element in Tuttle Creek is not the monetary value of the land to be seized (our courts are still here to protect our rights from the Bureaucrats without the help of the Kansas City Star). It is the destruction of a community and an ideal. It takes more than a monetary issue to arouse a people and keep them fighting in the face of overwhelming odds. It is Kansas City's disregard for the real issues that has stymied flood control on the Kansas River.

We have been taught that our country is great because of private initiative. Now, it is maintained that it is great because of the right of eminent domain ( an inherent power of all governments) and increasing federal bureaucracy. Is the next step sovietism?

It is imperative that the contending interests get together and resolve their differences or else Kansas City will continue to stand naked before the flood waters. But before that can take place there must be a ground for a meeting of minds. Some would label the residents of the Blue Valley as "opponents" of flood control" and as being "indifferent" to the people living below. Let us examine the stand of the "proponents" of flood control". The ink was hardly dry on the appropriation bill for Tuttle Creek before the Star was extolling the benefits of river navigation which can be possible only after building storage reservoirs. "Dry" dams and navigation are not both possible.

Last summer, General Pick's statement that Little Creek would have prevented the flood was emblazoned in the news. Does anyone still believe that



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statement? Has the General publicly repudiated his false statements before the Senate Civil Functions Committee and the House Public Works Committee?

Yet we find that those statements are the basis of the Senate action in appropriating funds for Tuttle Creek. Has the Star made any effort to rectify these false statements? Is it not a moral duty to point out the truth as to the effect that Tuttle Creek dam would have had on the 1951 flood had it been in place and operated by the Army Engineers? Are the people of Kansas City being sold a false sense of security?

Approximately 90% of the industrial damage in last years flood occurred in the Kansas Cities. Would it not be wise to ask a leading private engineering firm like Black and Veatch to study the situation and recommend what they think is the quickest, cheapest and most reliable means of flood protection for Kansas City? Last summer President Curley of the Santa Fe offered to dike the Argentine District at the railroads expense but his offer was turned down by the Army Engineers. Surely the Santa Fe has access to engineering service equal or better than that of the Army Engineers. Would the Santa Fe offer to spend millions of their own money unless they thought that their plan was sound? They were facing facts. Kansas City had better face up the facts and add up the possibilities of securing enough reservoirs to furnish flood protection.

The people of the Miami and Muskingum valleys of Ohio faced a similar problem after a disastrous flood in 1913. They got together and built projects that are outstanding examples of success. Are we of the Kansas valley so softened by Federal pap and bureaucracy that we have lost our own initiative? The people of the Blue valley have always stood ready to work out a flood control plan but the other side has confused the issue by including bureaucracy, water storage, pollution control and navigation. These items have their place but flood control is our paramount problem. Let us secure the services of an engineering concern that we can trust started on the problem. Tell them to scrap the frills and design works that will protect our cities.



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As a further step toward reaching an accord the Blue Valley invites any interested person or group to tour the valley. The trip north from Manhattan on Highway 13 is beautiful at this time of the year. It would make a nice Sunday drive. Before condemning us a "crack-pots" we would like for you to see what we are fighting to preserve. Our faith is strong and they still raise men and women in the valley who will stand firm on principles. Can Kansas City meet with us on an equitable basis?

Glenn D. Stockwell





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WHEAT CATTLE

STOCKTON, KANSAS

August 30, 1952.

Mr. Glenn D. Stockwell, Sr.,  
Randolph, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Stockwell:

Thank you very much for your very interesting letter. We at the Webster location do not have our own organization. My Father (A. G. Schneider Sr.) told me this morning that he had joined some time ago the organization at Glen Elder. I presume this is the Solomon Valley gang. Is this bunch helping you in any way with this fight?

We will have some difficulty in furnishing organized opposition to the Webster Dam. Our area is thinly populated and we have only a few big operators who will support our fight. The others feel like they will get high prices for their property and have no regard for the principles involved and the spending it necessitates. Perhaps we could help some other way. I talked to several business men in Stockton, (Our county seat which is just below the dam) and they tell me they would help out. My father had 250 names on petitions asking for watershed treatment instead of the Big Dam at Webster and sent them to Andy Schoepfel, but Andy is politician to the nth degree.

How would it be for me to help you out on your legal fee to the law firm you have retained to break the dam question you mention. I could do something like this personally and at the same time solicit help from others.

I am going to have a personal chat with Andy Schoepfel soon and try to get his reasoning for supporting our dam. Will let you know on this after I see him.

Will write Ed Arn today, altho, frankly I have little confidence in Mr. Arn.

Cordially





August 31, 1952

Mr. A. Schneider  
Stelton, Kansas

Dear Sir:

I was glad to have you phone me this morning. I have been wondering when the people behind Webster dam would begin to fight. We have been fighting here for 14 years. We have accomplished more the last year than we have in all the rest of the time. We are getting organized so that we can carry on the fight on several lines.

We sent four delegations back to Washington the past year to testify besides appearing at the President's Missouri River Survey Commission at three meetings. We believe that the Commission will report unfavorable on the Pick-Sloan project. Too bad that you did not appear before that Commission and tell them of an irrigation dam where no one wants to irrigate. The members commented very strongly against such dams. The Congressman from Colo. complained that the dams were built down here where we do not use them while in Colo. they could not get dams.

We have been carrying on a publicity campaign. The New York Times carried an editorial against Tuttle Creek a couple of weeks ago and many eastern papers are picking the story up. We had a NY reported out here for three days last week. The story of the women's trip to see Ike was carried all over the country and the papers are beginning to ask questions. Our only hope is to build it up into a national issue.

We have retained a law firm to brief the dam question and may try to break it in court. We are also expect to defeat our Congressman who switched last spring. We almost have to defeat some one from Kansas in the election to make an impression on Congress. We will have a big booth at the State fairs with movies of watershed work.

All of this takes money and so far we have carried on the fight with our own funds. Many people can not see the value of a long range publicity program unless it has definite bearing on their case. The entire question of these dams is one of policy and we must defeat the present national water policy. Many feel that if we defeat Tuttle Creek then it will force a change in policy. We are the only dam that has been able to make a determined fight and gain national notice.

As I mentioned it all takes money. The trip of the women to Denver was about \$1,000 but we feel it was one of the best expenditures made. The State Kansas watershed group believe it best to concentrate everything on Tuttle Creek and carry on the legal and publicity fight here. We will either win or go down on this one dam. We feel that each dam organization should raise \$1,000 or more to throw into the jack-pot for the fight. The Blue has put up over \$7000 this year.

On your own project block any attempt to form an irrigation district. All irrigation dams without a district may be out next congress. The House Committee was very critical of the Bureau for building dams before the irrigation districts were formed. Get as many letters into Ed Arn as possible in protest. We hope to force him to take a stand before election. We are building the idea up to where some one must take a stand or go down in the election. I will write later about the political program after it takes more shape.

The best thing you can do is to convince your people that our fight is their fight and have them back us up with money.

Sincerely yours,





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DWIGHT PAYTON--Editor and Publisher

OVERBROOK, KANSAS

Sept. 1, 1952

Mr. A. G. Schneider, Jr.  
Stockton, Kansas

Dear Friend Stockton,

I've been studying the map and newspaper directory of your area trying to get some idea of your set-up. Before we can be very effective in giving advice and assisting otherwise we should have you in on one of our meetings. I will notify Mrs. Edith Monfort to include you for ~~the~~ our next.

In the meantime I suggest ~~the~~ action along these lines: Starting and stopping the dams is a political matter so political action is called for. To be politically effective one needs an organization front. If you don't have a local organization you should whip one up immediately. Next move is to begin working on your congressmen and let them know that a lot of people are mighty unhappy. I judge you are in Wint Smith's district, and if so, make an appointment and take a delegation to call on him. At the same time address letters to Andy Schoepel in "ichita, 4th National Bank Bldg. We've got Andy under fire and your additional pressure should make him sweat a bit more.

You need some sort of case as to why the dam shouldn't be built. Likewise an alternative plan for flood control. On this latter point you can cite that the state of Kansas is sponsoring an independent survey of the Kaw Valley and that all present action should be stopped until the report is in. Get the local newspapers behind you as publicity is a big part of the battle. Arouse your farmers on the point of high cost, government control, destruction of good bottom land.

By all means you should coordinate with Kansas Watersheds, but that awaits your meeting with us.

Get a copy of the GOP platform and recite it to your congressmen-- it is watershed all the way.

Sincerely yours,

Dwight Payton





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OVERBROOK CITIZEN  
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OVERBROOK, KANSAS

Sept. 1, 1952

To: Bill Avery, Bill Edwards, Byron  
Guise, Mary Francis McKinney, Glen  
Stockwell, Edith Monfort,

Hi,

Unless I am being badly fooled, and I don't think I am, the political picture for watershed and defeat on Tuttle Creek has taken a strong turn for the better so that our position is greatly strengthened.

I call on Bill Avery to vouch for this: that the Arn administration has taken as near to an all-out stand for us as we can reasonably expect, and, to my way of thinking, all we reasonably need. The GOP platform plank is all that could be asked for, and the Kaw Valley survey, through Arn out of KIDC, plus the shaping conservancy district law, just about wind up the case. I hope.

I think Bill Edwards' blast helped to bring the administration in, that plus some other factors that were sort of heaven sent for us. So, it seems to be, with all that to work on, we are pretty poor if we can't shoe in some of the Washington boys. Schoepfel, Hope and Rees are our best bets, though we should not neglect the others, even to and including Cole.

I would like to see the word go out, through news release and editorial, declaring strong support for the GOP platform and Arn's stand and at the same time nailing the Washington delegation for being out of line and tune with Kansas GOP policy. Perhaps Bill E. could follow his first release with a second to that effect. And Byron could work on the editorial front along with me. Mostly, though, I'm turning the matter over to the Citizens Action Committee of KWA to free myself for some organizational and financial push. I think Bill A. should call his committee, and all others needed, together immediately to unify strategy and plan program.

We need to start shouting "Stop Tuttle Creek" with full political implication on the Washington side. We've got the biggest breaks we've ever had and with the right touch we've got the show won. Get to work on this and keep me informed.

Yours,

Dwight Payton





*The Kansas Watersheds Association, Inc.*

Reading, Kansas,  
September 2, 1952

Mr. Glenn Stockwell,  
Randolph, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Stockwell:

Dwight Payton is calling a meeting of the Executive Officers' Committee of Kansas Watersheds for next Monday, September 8, at 2:00 p.m. at the Hotel Jayhawk, Topeka.

If you are unable to be present, please send a representative of the Blue Valley in your place.

Sincerely,

*Edith Moniert*

Edith Moniert,  
Reading, Kansas.



THE SEYMOUR PACKING COMPANY  
TOPEKA, KANSAS

September 2, 1952

Hon. Andrew F. Schoeppel  
U.S. Senate Offices Bldg.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Schoeppel:

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It has been my intention for some time to comment on your letter of July 18, wherein you explained your vote on the Tuttle Creek project. I must say that I sympathize with the position you have taken. I blame myself in a very small way for having added to the pressure that was put upon you, together with the other members of the Kansas Congressional delegation in Washington, because I signed circular letters urging all the Kansas delegation to support the Tuttle Creek Dam as a dry-dam project. Now I am sure that such was a mistake. I am sorry that I signed those form letters. Never again!

I hope when Congress reconvenes you will do everything in your power to have a common-sense study of the whole flood-control and soil-conservation needs of our state made by someone other than the Army Engineers or the Department of the Interior.

I notice an open letter in the KANSAS CITY STAR from Mr. Stockwell, President of the Blue Valley Study Association, in which he suggests that a leading private engineering firm like Black & Veatch be retained to study the situation for recommendations as to the quickest, cheapest, and most reliable means of flood protection for Kansas City, which, of course, also would include Topeka. I think this is an excellent idea. Is it not possible to do this? Or is it too common-sense to be adopted by the government?

Again urging your earnest consideration toward preventing the crime of the Blue Valley, even with a dry dam, I am

Yours very truly,

RFS:VH

R. F. Steiner

cc: Mr. Glenn D. Stockwell, Pres. ✓  
Blue Valley Study Association  
Randolph, Kansas





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3 September 1952

Mr. Clarence Rupp  
Kansas Farm Bureau  
Manhattan  
Kansas

Dear Clarence:

I noticed by this morning's paper that Governor Arn is going to appoint impartial engineers to make a study of the flood program. That is a good step, but in my opinion he should appoint engineers who are against the Tuttle Creek Dam.

The Governor appoints the chief engineer of the Division of Water Resources (G.S. 1939, 82a-301), and if they want to stop the Tuttle Creek Dam, all they need to do is prevail upon the Governor to have his chief engineer refuse to give the permit required by Article 3 of 82a. The citations under that statute will, I believe, uphold this statement.

At least, I believe this is an angle to be considered by the people in that area. I imagine that Hal Harlan has been all over this question, and you might speak to him about it and see if the suggestion is any good at all.

With kind regards, I am

Very truly yours,

J. Wirth Sargent

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L. D. McDONALD, M. E.  
CONSULTING ENGINEER  
11 WEST 70TH TERRACE  
KANSAS CITY, MO.  
Sept. 3 , 1952

Mr. Glen D .Stockwell  
Randolph, Kans.

Dear Sir:-

Just read your well written letter to the Star and published in the Sept.1 Star. You are to be doubly congratulated for the article and the success in having the Star to publish it.

Certainly your on the right track and any fair minded person would suscribe to the review of the Kansas River flood control plan by independent private engineers .There in lies the strength of your fight I believe . Might I suggest however that the people of the valley will have to employ these private engineers as Congress will of necessity turn to the Corp of Engineers to review their own plans if Congress to have the plan reviewed. This being the case it seems the best way to convince K.C. and the other believers in the "Pick Plan" is to have the alternate plan prepared and show these people that all the interests of the valley can be properly taken care of with out flooding that Blue Valley.

Best wishes for a successfull battle . If I can help I will be glad to do so. (not to do the review ,your suggestion of Black and Veach can't be beat)

Sincerely

L.D. McDonald



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September 3, 1952.

Mr. G. D. Stockwell,  
President,  
Blue Valley Study Association,  
Randolph, Kansas.

Re: Tuttle Creek Dam.

Dear Mr. Stockwell:

Our research relative to the Tuttle Creek Dam Project is being prosecuted diligently. We have, however, encountered some difficulty in obtaining the documents and other materials pertaining to this particular project. We wired the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. for a number of publications and were subsequently informed by him that his supply of all of these was exhausted. He also indicated that no reprint was contemplated. We enclose a list of these documents and if you are able to furnish any of them to us, please do so at your earliest convenience.

Your letter of August 23rd was very helpful, but I wish to call to your attention the fact that you neglected to enclose the letter from Congressman Davis of Wisconsin and the letter from C. H. Scholer. We anticipate that this information will also be helpful and we would appreciate it if you will forward these.

In addition to our own research in our library and the Federal, Bar Association and Public Library of this city, we have written to quite a number of possible sources of information and assistance. Rather than send you voluminous copies of all these letters, we enclose a list of the addressees thereof. If any other potential sources of documents or other information occur to you in addition to those listed, we will be happy to have your suggestions.

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RATNER, MCCLELLAN, MATTOX & RATNER

Mr. G. D. Stockwell

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September 3, 1952.

Several other documents, aside from House Document 642, are noted in your letter of August 23rd. In particular these are:

House Document No. One 75th Congress, First Session

House Committee Report 1652 (this year?).

If you have copies of these, please forward them also.

The library at Wichita University should be very productive in this matter, but it has not as yet opened for the fall session. As soon as it does so, we will take advantage of all the opportunities it has to offer.

Assuring you that this matter is receiving our very best attention and with best personal regards, we are,

Sincerely,

RATNER, MCCLELLAN, MATTOX & RATNER,

By

*Payne H. Ratner*

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Letters sent to:

The Kansas City Star;  
Joe Skubitz, Secretary, Senator Andrew F. Schoeppel;  
State Water Resources Board;  
United States Representative Ed Rees;  
Missouri-Valley Association;  
Water Conservation Conference Continuing Committee;  
Bureau of Reclamation (several offices)  
Law Librarian, Kansas State Library in Topeka;  
Telegram to Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing  
Office, Washington, D. C.



Toff, Kans.  
Sept. 5-53

L. D. Stockwell

Dear sir:

a man that works on  
the highline or telephone  
line told me that you  
have some Walnut trees  
in your yard.

Would you be interested  
in selling them?

Please let me know.

yours very truly,

Dale Powland

Box 163

Toff  
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## Glenn D. Stockwell correspondence

GLENN D. STOCKWELL, SR.

Randolph, Kansas

Phone 11111-11

Sept. 8, 1952.

Ratner, McClellan, Mattox & Ratner,  
444 North Market  
P.O. Box 306  
Wichita, Kansas.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of Sept. 5 has been received and note the steps you have taken. The interest has been high on Tuttle Creek and this has caused a big demand for government documents. I have had to use the document room at the Kansas State College for my source. I had copies of the house Committee report 1852 but it seems as if I have lent all the copies to newspaper men. I will endeavor to recover one.

I am sorry that I did not enclose the copies of the letters, but filed them with the originals.

Public sentiment is changing very rapidly in the Kaw valley against the dam. The Santa Fe hired Black and Veatch to make a study for them last winter. Their report is out and has been circulated around. I understand that it shows that even if all the proposed dams had been built that the crest at Kansas City would have not been reduced but by one foot. Industry is beginning to get alarmed over the situation and are seeking means to block the spending of money on worthless projects and concentrating on a program that would work. This pressure is partly behind the movement of Governor Arn's survey. I enclose a typical letter that is coming out of the cities at the present time.

We are having a publicity booth at both State Fairs. As you are in Hutchinson next week you might look us up in the stadium. I am on an action committee to work out state watershed legislation and will be away from home most of the time over the next few weeks in order to hold hearings over the state.

Sincerely yours,



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September 8, 1952.

Mr. G. D. Stockwell,  
President,  
Blue Valley Study Association,  
Randolph, Kansas.

Re: Tuttle Creek Dam.

Dear Mr. Stockwell:

In your first letter written several weeks ago, you directed our attention to a Wisconsin Supreme Court case granting an injunction to restrain construction of a local dam, and brought by virtue of a statutory consent to be sued which became law as a rider attached to the Justice Department's Appropriation Bill. Although it will undoubtedly be possible for us to locate this case and statute, we have spent several hours without success in trying to locate them.

Any information you can give us, either general or specific, which may help in locating these items will be appreciated. Most helpful of all would be some idea of the date of each.

Thanking you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter, we are,

Sincerely,

RATNER, MCCLELLAN, MATTOX & RATNER,

By

*Keith Sanborn*

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GLENN D. STOCKWELL, SR.

Randolph, Kansas

Sept. 8, 1952.

Phone 11111-11

Governor Ed Arn,  
State House,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Ed:

The delegation that was with me yesterday were delighted with the information that we received. The announcement of the Kaw Valley Survey caught most of us flat footed. When the people once realize what the Kansas Republican plank means I believe that they will heartily endorse you. Especially since the opposition made no mention of flood control in their platform. The Republican stand is one that we all should support if we are opposed to the increased Federal encroachment on State and local affairs.

With the recent reorganization of our Riley County Committee I believe that we will have greater harmony in the county that we have experienced in late years.

There was one further question that I wanted to ask yesterday. Has the Division of Water Resources given the permit for the construction of Tuttle Creek as required by Article 3 of 82a (G.S. 1939, 82a-301). If this has not been complied with would it be expediate to use this law to hold up the start of construction until the Kansas Survey is completed?



## Glenn D. Stockwell correspondence

Sept. 9, 1952.

Mr. Joe Brown,  
Republican Headquarters,  
Denver, Colo.

Dear Joe:

I saw by the newspapers that you are now with Lee's headquarters. I hope that you do not have to go at a trot like you did in Washington last fall. Tuttle Creek is still boiling in Kansas and I have several more sticks to throw on the fire if necessary to keep the pot boiling. A three county delegation was won and called on Governor Arn yesterday. We commended him on his fine flood control plank. He did a nice job of writing it. Ed has gone up a lot in my estimation by his action in providing for a Kansas survey of flood control. The Kansas Watershed Association has been pushing the idea and that we had a private survey lined up but it hit too many snags.

Our big problem is going to be our Congressional delegation. Are they going to support the Kansas platform? The people of Kansas do not know whether they want some outright Democrats or Republicans that support Democratic programs.

Paul Conrad is now working for the Kansas Press Service. He seems to like newspaper work better than law. Incidentally we have Payne Ratner briefing the Tuttle Creek dam case.

Take care of yourself, Joe, I hope to see you and your men in Washington the next time I go there.

Sincerely yours,

## Glenn D. Stockwell correspondence

Sept. 10, 1952.

Ratner, McLellan, Attox & Ratner,  
444 North Market,  
Wichita, Kansas.

Re: Letter 9-8-52-Tuttle Creek.

Dear Mr. Ratner:

The Wisconsin case was decided last June according to the information I had received. I did not mean to infer that this was brought under the Justice bill rider. It was state issue.

What I was wondering was if any action could be brought against the Federal Government on a life cause. The rider I was referring to was one that was attached to the Justice Appropriation Bill in the last week of the last Congress. I will try and have the Congressional Record of that day sent you.

I understand that pressure is being brought to bear on the Governor to apply Article 3 of 82a, G.S. 1939. Would it be possible to find out if the State Engineer has or has not given his consent to Tuttle Creek?

Sincerely,



## Glenn D. Stockwell correspondence

*Senate Record on Pub Statement*

September 11, 1952  
Randolph, Kansas

Mr. James Lawrence  
Lincoln Star  
Lincoln, Nebraska

Dear Mr. Lawrence:

With new developments in our Kansas water program I feel that I should write to you. Governor Arn has asked the Kansas Industrial Commission to secure the best competent civilian engineer service available to survey the Kansas River in Kansas and plan a land-water program for the basin. Perhaps in time Kansas will solve its own problems.

Shortly after the 1951 disaster, the Santa Fe Railroad employed Black and Veatch of Kansas City, Missouri, to make a study of the valley for their own private use. I understand that this information is to be made available to the State. I have heard that their studies show that if the proposed reservoirs had been built last summer that the effect on the Kansas City crest would have been an approximate one foot reduction. Several industrial concerns have studied this report and realize that they would still be without protection if the Pick-Gloom plan were completed. The Santa Fe survey is one of the results of the demand for a cheaper, quicker and more certain method of flood protection.

I am sending to the Commission a paper briefly stating my opinion of a 'dry' dam on the Blue River.

Sincerely yours,



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Dear Glen,

The political picture got to looking a little funny to me recently so I spent quite a bit of today doing a bit of tracing and check-up. Talked to Ed Chapman Jr., Arns secretary, Dean Akers and Fager and all think everything is shaping up fine.

Confidential stuff: the money is raised; there is a good chance the Santa Fe report will be released just ahead of the contract announcement of the governor's survey; Arn is getting loads of commendations; he thinks this is the best thing he ever took hold of; Schoeppele wants to get right with the picture; move has been started to bring a detailed report through on the Delaware along with the Kaw deal. Ackers assured and reassured that everything is headed right. The report will not be a watershed recommendation, but rather a broad statement of what will and what will not do a job of controlling floods. From that point, and if the law goes through, it will be up to KWA and each valley to hustle in and organize its own district and get the kind of program it wants to the greatest degree possible.

So, there is nothing to be nervous about, and yet I feel a bit that way. Find I don't like putting my trust in politics.

I'm a little confused about the valley right now. Herb Hickman came out with a blast at Arn along the line that he was just trying to "soft ~~####~~ soap" the Blue after it is too late. Where did that come from? I'm not sure I would complain about a bit of resistance and confusion, but would like to know wherefore.

Find I like the straightforward way and not the tricky business. I felt more at home dealing with Washington politics that I do the home side--probably because I didn't know as much.

Elwing phoned me tonight from Hutch hinting something I couldn't make heads or tails out of, that something big was in the wind, etc. Wanted to know if I would advise changing the stand on some basis or other. I had to say that I couldn't without knowing why. Said something about the Engineers helping put up the stand, and that I couldn't figure.

Have sort of a feeling it would be a good play to put up a GOP write-in against Cole. Maybe turn Bill Edwards loose?

Be seeing you,

*Dwight*  
Dwight

P.S. How did the joint-committee session go?





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WASHINGTON, D. C.

COMMITTEE:  
AGRICULTURE

Garden City, Kansas  
September 15, 1952

Mr. G. D. Stockwell  
Randolph, Kansas

Dear Mr. Stockwell:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 11th, and am  
glad to hear from you.

I think that the points you have made are very good,  
and frankly I have never been very much impressed  
with the dry dam proposal. I can assure you that I  
will give most careful consideration to the arguments  
that you have submitted.

With kind regards, I am

Very cordially yours,

*Clifford R. Hope*  
Clifford R. Hope

CRH/gb



MISSOURI BASIN SURVEY COMMISSION  
V A Bldg. Twelfth and O Streets  
Lincoln, Nebraska

September 16, 1952

Mr. G. D. Stockwell, Sr.  
Blue Valley Study Association  
Randolph, Kansas

Dear Mr. Stockwell:

In reply to your letter of September 11, 1952 which reached us the same day the staff started in on a four-day executive session, I wish to assure you that we are still studying your project. I realize that this may seem a trite phrase to you. To be a little more specific we are going into the hydraulics of the whole area. We cannot make as detailed a study with our limited staff as I would like to make, but I am sure our studies will give definite answers on a phase that you probably have not been able to cover because of lack of funds. We are looking into the subject from the standpoint of how much protection Tuttle Creek and the twenty-five additional reservoirs would give. We hope our study will be truly objective. Because of the amount of calculations that will have to be made it will be just about all we can do to get the project complete before December 1 when it must go to print.

I found your analysis of the agricultural angle very interesting.

I am sending a copy of your letter to each member of the Commission.

Very truly yours,

PAUL J. CANNELL  
Executive Director

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Mr. Glenn D. Stockwell, Sr.  
Randolph, Kansas

I sincerely hope you folks are in accord with the Governor's action which is the outgrowth of the resolution to employ independent consulting engineers.

\* Since being relieved of the job of raising \$50,000.00, the writer is interested in anything that can be done that will tie in the independent engineers plans with water use and full conservation.

Also, the writer still is desirous of having detailed plans for some one watershed like the Blue or the Delaware worked out by U.S.D.A. and hooked up to the independent engineer's plan. If you have any ideas to work on, let me know.

There is enclosed a copy of a letter from Roy Green of the N.A.M. to N. T. Tweet, Executive Director of the Missouri-Arkansas Basin Flood Control Association.

With every best wish.

Sincerely,

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Irving Hill,  
President

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Enc.

\* P.S.  
I had 25 to 30000 in sight \*