

Fred Iles correspondence

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Fred Iles was assistant right of way and tax agent for the Kansas Town and Land Company which bought and sold lands on the right of way of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway Company. In 1917, he assumed Ernest Warren Cline's position as right of way agent, responsible for representing the railroad's interest in all matters concerning the acquisition and disposition of land on the right of way. This correspondence includes Iles' activities and expenses accounts at the behest of E. W. Cline and the CRI&P Railway.

Date: 1906-1930

Callnumber: Kansas Town & Land Company Coll. #130, Box 49 - 51

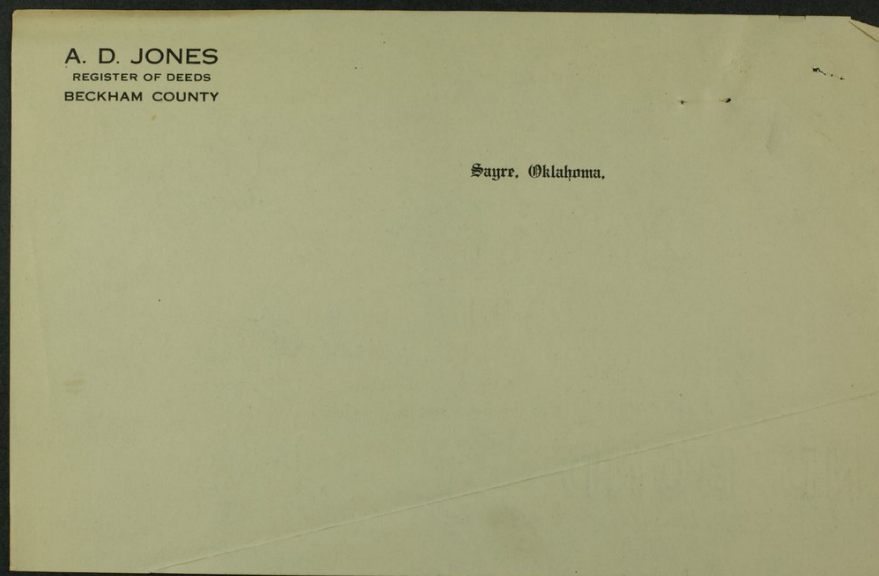
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Foreign transportation. Fred Iles

Topeka, Kansas

March 19th 1910

Mr T. J. Newkirk

Real Estate & Tax Agent, Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

If you have a Frisco pass for me for this year, I could use it to good advantage, sometimes.

Yours truly,



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Medford.

Topeka, Kansas
March 19th, 1910

Mr T. J. Newkirk,

Real Estate & Tax Agent, Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find letter from J. M. Hay, of Medford, Oklahoma, asking that title to land in S. E. 1/4 Section 21 T. 27, R. 5, near Medford, be investigated to ascertain how much right of way we own at that point. I have advised Mr Hay that I have the matter up, and he will be notified as soon as possible.

Yours truly,



Medford

Topeka, Kansas.

March 19 th 1909

Mr J. M. Hay.

Medford, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to your letter of 17th inst, relative to width of our right of way through your land near Medford. I have today forwarded your letter to Chicago office , so the matter can be investigated, and as soon as I hear from there, I will let you know.

yours truly,

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Foreign Transportation,-
Fred Iles.

Chicago, March 21, 1910.

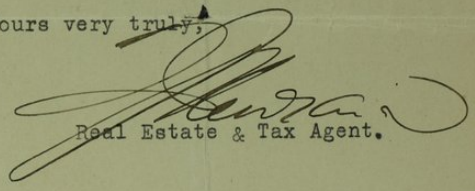
Mr. Fred Iles,
Right of Way Agent,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir:-

Your Frisco annual was cut out of the
first request. A second request, however, has been
made for one, and I hope to be able to send it to
you shortly..

Yours very truly,

jwm-p



Real Estate & Tax Agent.

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File No. 1483. Oklahoma. Obtaining leases from
land owners in connection with construction
of dykes on Canadian River between Minco
and Union City.

Topeka, Kansas

March 26th 1910

Mr T. J. Newkirk.

Real Estate & Tax Agent, Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of March 15th, and returning all files pertaining
to above.

I had the lease from Solon Stevens renewed to March 15th 1911,
and that from Joseph Fuhring to June 15th 1911, and below please
find record of transaction.

Draft No. 6834.
Favor of Joseph Fuhring.
Amount \$25.00
Date March 24th 1910.

Draft No. 6835
Favor of Solon Stevens
Amount \$50.00
Date March 24th, 1910.

I was
I was unable to get these extensions for a period of six months,
for the reason that parties owning the land state that without
our track is taken off their ground on the date of the expiration
of these leases, they will be entitled to a years rental for the
ensuing year, for the reason that they cannot get in a crop on the
land now occupied by our track if same is allowed to remain after
the time specified in the leases, and at which time they will be

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putting in a crop on the balance of the field. It might be well to bear this in mind, so that in case we do not require to again renew these leases, our track may be taken off in time to save us anothers years rental.

Yours truly,

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File No. 1483.

Oklahoma.

Obtaining releases from land owners
in connection with construction of
dikes on Canadian River between
Minco and Union City.

Chicago, March 15, 1910.

Mr. Fred Iles,

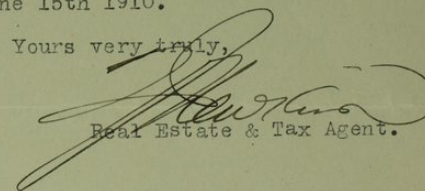
Right of Way Agent,

Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir:-

These papers sent you to read Mr. Whitenton's
letter to me under date of March 12th, and then arrange with
Stevens and Fuhring to have the agreements extended to
August 1st, or September 1st, and if that can not be done
to extend them for another full year from their expiration
on March 15th, 1910, and June 15th 1910.

Yours very truly,


Real Estate & Tax Agent.

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File No. 4932.
Lecompte, Louisiana. Claim of Oran Dorsett.

Topeka, Kansas

March 28th 1910

Mr T. J. Newkirk

Real Estate & Tax Agent, Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to attached.. There was no agreement made by myself with Mrs Dorsett to hog tight fence our right of way through her plantation. So far as the moving of the barn is concerned, I told her that if we bought the land we would move the barn off, but no specified location was ever decided upon, my recollection is, that Col. Knoble was aware of this. So far as to our taking more land in the vicinity of the Marb property is concerned than we are entitled to, I do not know that she has any rights inside of what we purchased.,

Yours truly,

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File No. 4932.
Lecompte, Louisiana.
Claim of Oran Dorsett.

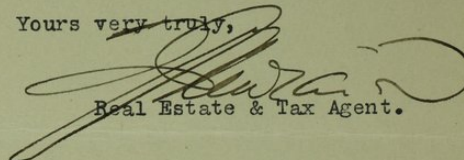
Chicago, March 24, 1910.

Mr. Fred Iles,
Right of Way Agent,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir:-

Please read over the enclosed correspondence,
particularly the letter from Mrs. Dorsett of March 15th, and
with return of the papers give me your understanding of the
matter.

Yours very truly,



Real Estate & Tax Agent.

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Lawton, Okla. April 1st. 1910.

Mr. T. J. Newkirk,
Real Estate & Tax Agent,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find my expense account for
month of March, covered by my draft #3578 of March 31st.
1910.

Yours truly,

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First published in the
Shawnee Herald April 7th 1910
Ordinance No 650

An Ordinance granting the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway Company the right to lay water pipes in Hickapoo Street & for other purposes.

Be it ordained by the Mayor & Councilmen of the City of Shawnee.

Sec 1 There is hereby granted to the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway Company the right to lay an 8" eight inch pipe line in and along Hickapoo Street in the City of Shawnee from the Shop grounds of said Company in said City to the North branch of the Canadian River and to construct and maintain the same for the use & purposes of said Railway Company

Also to construct & maintain a line of poles and wires at ~~and~~ and all along the same street between the same points to conduct electric lines between said shops & the powerhouse of said Railway Company on the North branch of the Canadian River

Also to construct and maintain a telephone line between the same points for the purpose uses & purposes of said Railway Company.

Section 2. All the above utilities shall be constructed under the direction & control of the City Engineer & at ~~the~~ the points on said Hickapoo Street to be designated by said City Engineer. The water pipe line shall be laid at the place to the depth & in the manner designated by said City Engineer. The Electric light & telephone lines shall be constructed at such points along said Hickapoo Street to be designated by said City Engineer. So as not to interfere with the safety of the Citizens, & the free commercial use of said Street by the City, that no obstruction in the way of drains or other matters be placed in the way by Railroad Company

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that would interfere with City water, and in acceptance of the provisions of this Ordinance by the said Railway Company shall be deemed a contract irrevocable, that the said Railway Company ^{shall} ~~shall~~ forever as long as such grant shall exist, safe guard the City from all damages arising from the use of said utilities, or injuries or damages to any other persons or property in or out of said City.

Section 3. None of the utilities herein granted shall ever be used for any commercial purposes or have any other or different purposes than the necessities & use of said Railway Company & the use of said utilities by the said Railway Company for any other purpose than the purpose here designated either by the Railway Company or any other ~~person~~ person except the Company, its agents and employees, shall make a revocation of this Ordinance & of the rights & privileges granted herein.

Section 4. The Peace & safety of the City requiring the immediate taking effect of this Ordinance, it is hereby declared to be in force from & after its passage, approval, publication & acceptance by the said Railway Company.

Passed by the Council March 15 1910

Approved by the Mayor. March 24 1910

Seal

~~J. P. Stearns~~
J. P. Stearns
Mayor.

Allist A. D. Martin
City Clerk.

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Western Union Tel. 1909.

Chicago, April 11, 1910.

Mr. E. W. Cline,
Right of Way Agent,
Topeka, Kansas.

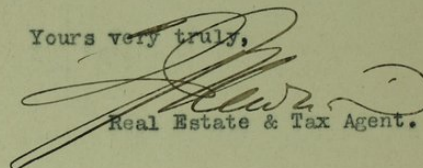
Mr. Fred Iles,
Right of Way Agent,
Topeka, Kansas.

Mr. John C. Buzbee,
Right of Way & Tax Agent,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Gentlemen:-

Our telegraph department is renewing its request for a report each month of the Western Union messages sent out. You won't forget, please, to continue making your reports, getting them to me as soon after the last of the month as is possible.

Yours very truly,



Real Estate & Tax Agent.

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Bridgeport, Oklahoma.
Claim of Frank Carpenter and
J. H. Persinger.

Chicago, April 12, 1910.

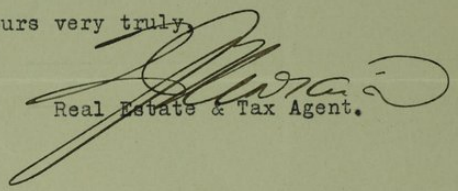
Mr. Fred Iles,
Right of Way Agent,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir:-

Give me the necessary memorandum from your
draft book to enable me to prepare the necessary voucher
to relieve the draft for \$150.00 which you paid Frank
Carpenter and J. H. Persinger for the strip of land in
Caddo County, Oklahoma, we recently purchased from them.

Yours very truly,

jwm-p


Real Estate & Tax Agent.

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Bridgeport Oklahoma. Claim of
Frank Carpenter and J. H. Persinger

Topeka, Kansas.

April 14th 1910

Mr T. J. Newkirk,

Real Estate & Tax Agent, Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of 12th inst. Below please find memorandum of
draft issued to Frank Carpenter and J. H. Persinger.

Draft No. 6827.

Pay or of Frank Carpenter & J. H. Persinger

Amount \$150.00

Date December 7th 1909

Description. For part of N. W. 1/4 Sec. 3 Twpl2. Rangell,
Caddo County Oklahoma, Containing 1.18 acres.

Yours truly,



Transportation file 302.
Fred Iles.

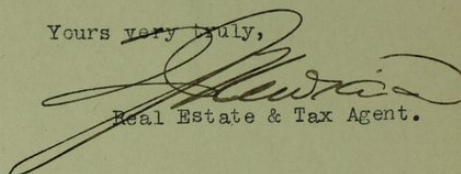
Chicago, April 14, 1910.

Mr. Fred Iles,
Right of Way Agent,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir:-

In further connection with your letter to me of
March 19th, I enclose the Frisco annual #C6178, for your use
during 1910.

Yours very truly,



Real Estate & Tax Agent.

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Comanche County Oklahoma, Proposed purchase
of Gravel Pit, Near Lawton.

Topeka, Kansas

April 14th 1910

Mr T. J. Newkirk

Real Estate & Tax Agent, Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find all files pertaining to the purchase of gravel near Lawton, Oklahoma, together with the five years lease on part of the N. E. 1/4 Section 18, Twp. 1N. Range 11 West, Comanche County Oklahoma, which is signed by Mary E. Mc. Loughlin, and myself for the Company.

It was absolutely impossible to get any longer time than the five years limit, and I closed out, on the receipt of your authority to do so, if I could do no better, on the 9th inst.

The conditions as specified in the contract, were approved by Mr Hallock, before the deal was closed.

There is a first and second mortgage on this farm, which comprises a half section. The pioneer Mortgage Company of Topeka held these and assigned the first to J. D. Kendall of Salt Lake City, Utah, and still act as his agent in receiving the interest from this mortgage for him, the second is a commission mortgage in their favor. Mrs Mc. Loughlin has agreed to pay this \$2000.00 on these notes and the Mortgage Company has agreed to obtain a

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release from the first, and release from the second mortgage the 12.5 acres of land covered by our contract.

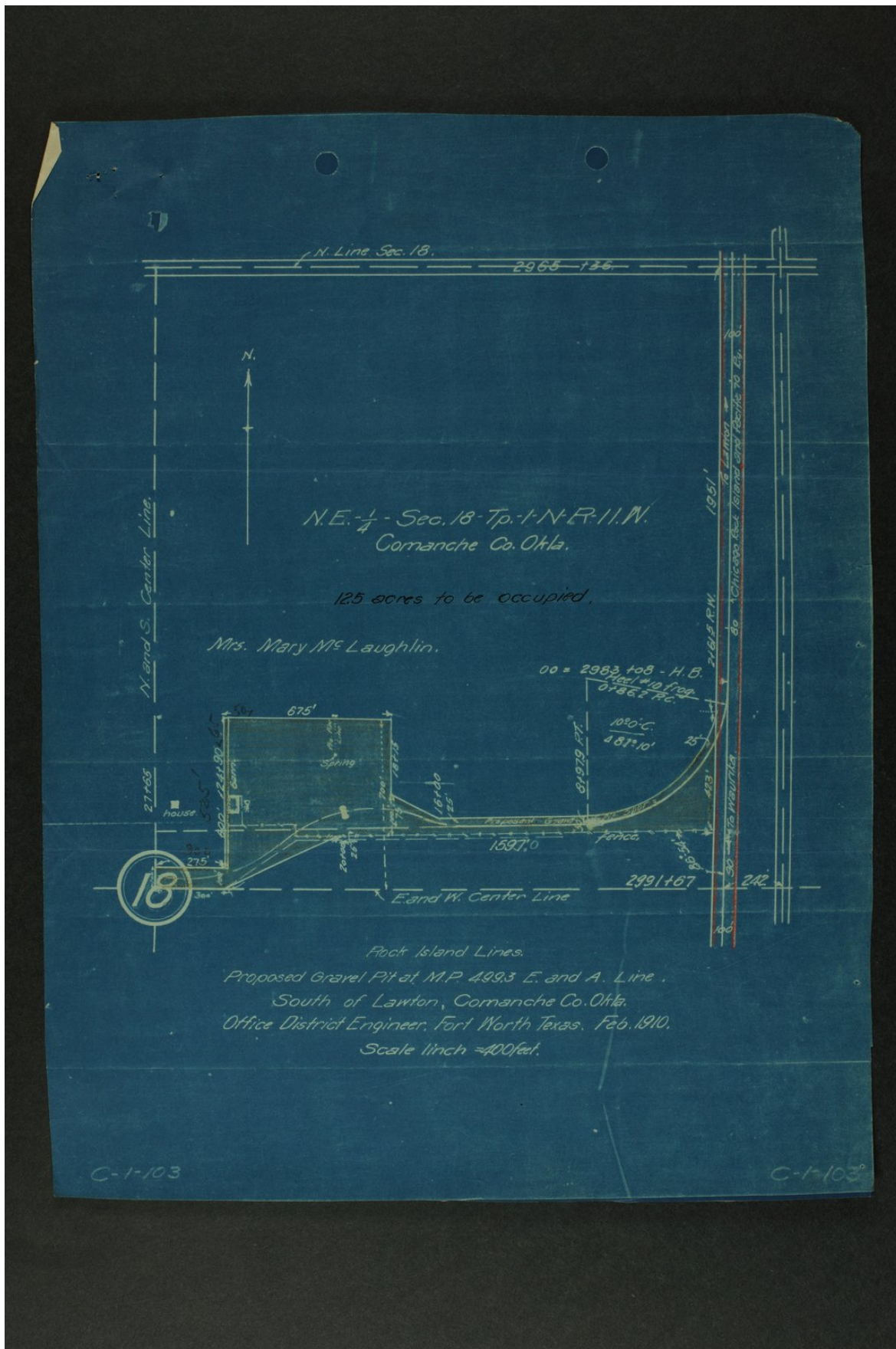
The only way that I could get the contract signed, was by issuing the draft at that time, and to make ourselves safe in regard to the mortgages, I made the draft in favor of Mrs Mc. Loughlin, and the Mortgage Company. I went over this matter with Mr. Paul E. Walker, who was of the opinion that it would be the better way of handling the draft, and also to let the Mortgage Company obtain the release required.

Draft No. 6836.
Date April 13th 1910
Amount. \$2000.00
Favor of Mary E. Mc. Loughlin, and The Treasurer, The Pioneer Mortgage Company.

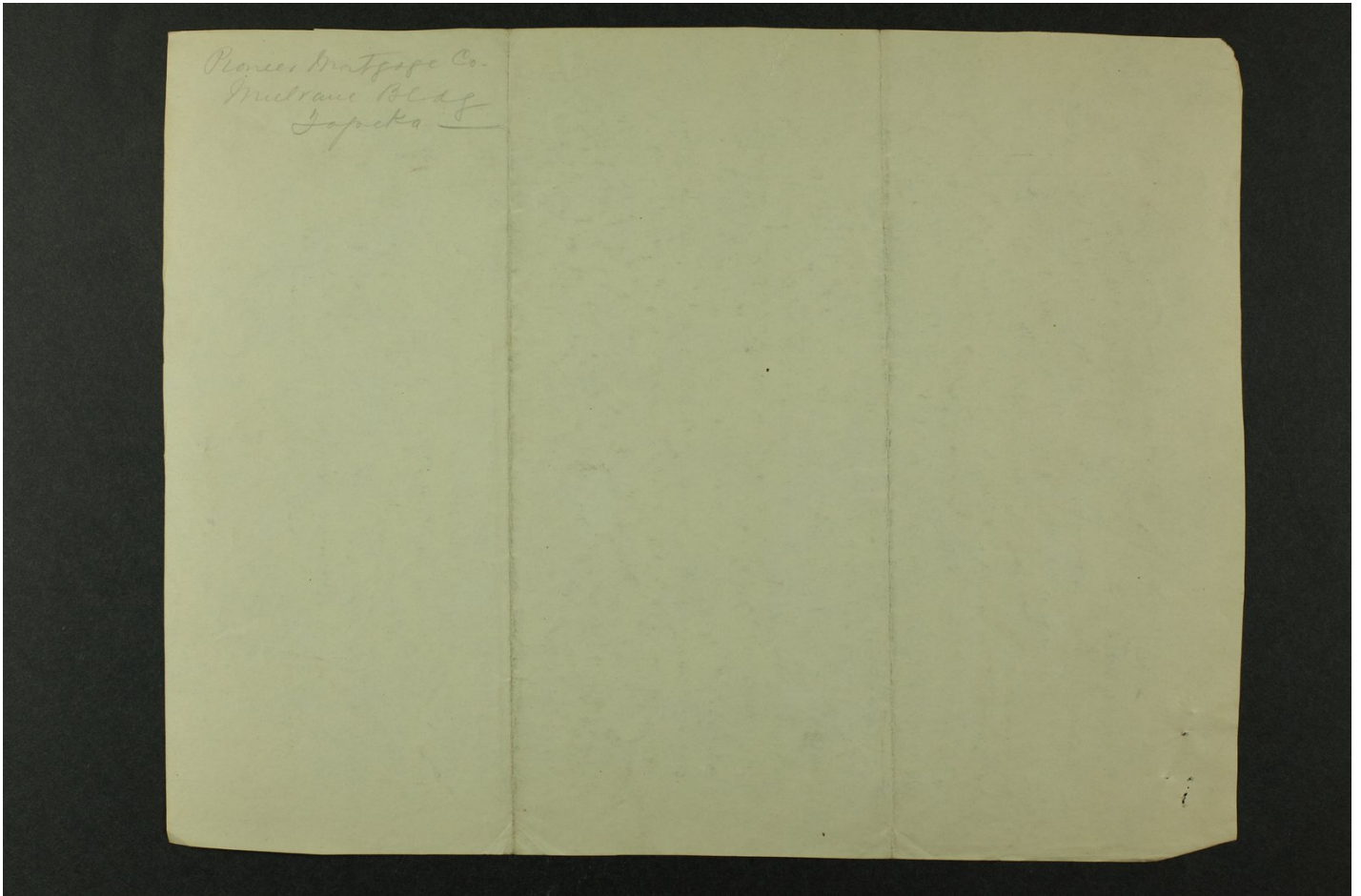
The pencil figures on blue print attached, were made with approval of the Engineering department, and will not lessen the amount of gravel as estimated, I would have had new prints made, but that would have necessitated a still further delay in closing the matter.

Yours truly/

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D E S C R I P T I O N
of land required by the C. R. I. & P. Ry. for gravel
pit and for trackage for same - said land
so required being shown in yellow on the attached blue print and located
in the N. E. 1/4 Sec. 18, Twp. 1 N., R. 11 W., I. M.,
Comanche County, Oklahoma, and bounded by a line described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the westerly right of way line of
the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway, 2374 feet southerly from
the north line of above mentioned Section 18, measured along said
westerly right of way line; thence in a south westerly direction at an
angle of 86° 54' with the main track of the C R I & P, 1597 feet;
thence in a south westerly direction to a point on the east and west
center line of said Section 18, 300 feet east of center of said
section; thence west 300 feet to the center of said section; thence
northerly along the north and south center line of said section, 100
feet; thence east parallel to east and west center line of said
section 275 feet; thence north parallel to north and south center
line of said section 600 feet; thence east parallel to east and west
center line of said section 675 feet; thence south parallel to north
and south center line of said section to a point 75 feet north of the
proposed gravel pit spur of the C R I & P Ry as now located, staked
and surveyed; thence south-easterly to a point 25 feet north of said
proposed gravel pit spur as now located, staked and surveyed; thence
north-easterly parallel to and 25 feet northerly from, measured at
right angles thereto, the center line of said proposed gravel spur
as now located, staked and surveyed to a point on the said westerly
right of way line 1951 feet southerly from the north line of said
section 18, measured along said westerly right of way line; thence
southerly along said westerly right of way line 423 feet to point of
beginning, containing in all 12.5 acres more or less.

Office of
District Engineer.

Fort Worth, Texas, March 23rd, 1910.

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Topeka, Kansas.

April 15th 1910

Mr H. F. Morris.

Cashier, Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

I have been requested by Mr Newkirk to furnish my record for possible use in future by the Pension Board. This I am able to do, with the exception of between January 1903 and March 17th 1905. At this time I was employed in the Division Engineer's office at Topeka under W. C. Taylor Division Engineer and between the above dates my salary was raised from \$70.00 to \$90.00 per Month and it is the date that this change in rate occurred, that I would like to have. Knowing that you would be personally acquainted with Mr Dorwant, and if you do not think it would be out of order, would you kindly ask him, if he can conveniently do so, to let me have the information which I will very much appreciate.

This missing link was no doubt caused by the impression books used in the Engineer's office being lost at the time that this depot caught fire.

If you can get this for me without too much inconvenience to anyone, I will be ever so much obliged, as I would like if possible to be able to furnish my complete record as requested.

yours truly,

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Chicago, March 29, 1910.

Mr. E. W. Cline,
Right of Way Agent,
Topeka, Kansas.

Mr. Fred Iles,
Right of Way Agent,
Topeka, Kansas.

Mr. John C. Buzbee,
Right of Way & Tax Agent,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Mr. J. E. Turner,
Real Estate & Tax Agent,
Ft. Worth, Texas.

Gentlemen:-

Please give me in the detail shown, the information requested in the following circular letter I have just received from Mr. Beirce in connection with the Pension System:

"Mr. H. U. Mudge, President, has asked me to obtain certain information regarding employees of the Law, Claim, Surgical and Real Estate & Tax Departments for possible use in future by the Pension Board. Will you, therefore, please send me, at your early convenience, information regarding all of the regular salaried employees in your department as follows:

1. Date and place of birth.
2. Place and date of entering service of Rock Island Lines.
3. Different positions held, giving places and dates.
4. Period in each class of service, with monthly salary received.
5. Previous railroad service, if any.

The foregoing will not apply to Local Surgeons

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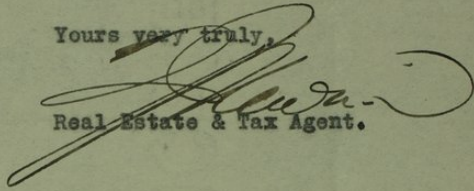
or Local Attorneys.

When any new employes enter your department, please send me same information regarding them."

Let me have your reply as soon as possible, and oblige.

Yours very truly,

jwm-p


Real Estate & Tax Agent.



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Leases.
Cultivation of portions of right of
way in Oklahoma under House Bill 261
known as "Johnson Grass Act".

Chicago, April 19, 1910.

Mr. W.M. Whitenton,
Manager,

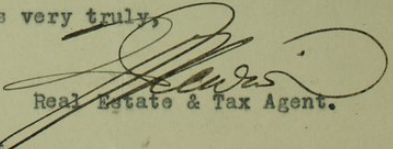
Fort Worth, Texas.

Dear Sir:-

Will you please refer to Mr. Tinsman's file 1171 regarding the "Johnson Grass Act" and the use of which leases were afterwards put in force? Mr. Iles, my representative, has been doing considerable right of way work in Oklahoma lately, and in the course of his travels has come across a number of farmers who have expressed a desire to use portions of our right of way for planting alfalfa. They do not always know to whom to apply for the necessary permission. Mr. Iles told them to take the matter up with our agents, but in some cases, they said they had but had not been able to receive very much information on the subject.

Knowing of your desire to have the right of way cultivated as much as possible, by the planting of alfalfa, and the weeds kept down as a consequence, I am simply calling the matter to your attention so that the procedure of handling the "Johnson Grass Act" leases may be revived in the minds of the agents, roadmasters, and superintendents.

Yours very truly,


Real Estate & Tax Agent.

jwm-p
CC: Fred Iles,
Assistant Right of Way Agent.

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ROCK ISLAND.

St. Louis, Mo., April 24, 1911.

Dear Sir:

The following letter from Mr. Jesse H. Schaper, Attorney at Law, Washington, Mo., addressed to the St. Louis, Kansas City and Colorado Railroad Company, has been handed to me:

"S.C. Hinkle, colored, of Labadie, Franklin County, Mo., has placed in my hands for collection his claim of \$1,000.00 or more, against you, for damages sustained by him, up to date by reason of trespass committed by your company, your agents and servants, in constructing a new channel of Labadie Creek through and across his premises situated next east of your bridge across the right of way of the Missouri Pacific Railway Company and its railroad tracks at Labadie, and in filling dirt in and upon said premises and hauling over and across said premises with wagons and piling up lumber and other timber thereon, thereby depriving my client of the use of said premises.

You are advised that my client is in possession of the above mentioned premises, and has occupied the same for about 23 years, and he has improvements thereon consisting of a dwelling house, containing four rooms and one kitchen, also a smoke house and stable, and an apple orchard.

My instructions are to demand settlement from you at your earliest convenience, and I shall expect to hear from you, and greatly oblige."

I recollect that some time ago Mr. Fred Iles of your department had me prepare several contracts and releases covering changes in the channel of Labadie Creek at this point. I do not find that a release was obtained from Hinkle, but my recollection is that Mr. Iles had this person's occupancy in mind and that the matter was covered in some way. I am sending copy of this letter to him so that he can send me whatever information he has. Will you kindly advise what are the facts, and send me copies of any contracts, releases, &c. covering the land occupied by Hinkle. I



Topeka, Kansas

May 1st, 1910

Mr T. J. Newkirk

Real Estate & Tax Agent, Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:o

Enclosed please find my expense account for Month of April,
amount \$55.15, covered by draft No.3579, date May 1st 1910.

Yours truly,



15m 108 43564 Form G. 18.

I CERTIFY that the following is a correct detailed statement of my traveling expenses during the month of April 1900

Fred H. Iles Name and position.
Topeka, Kansas Residence.

STATEMENT.—Showing places visited and daily expenditures. Expenses must be placed in proper columns.
No expense of any character at headquarters or place of residence of the employee will be allowed.
Sleeping car fare, railroad fare, livery and expenses of a similar nature, should be accompanied by receipted bills. Railroad and sleeping car fare receipts and livery bills should show points between which same were incurred. Expense shown in "Miscellaneous" column should be itemized.

Draft No 3579 May 1st 1910

Month	BREAKFAST		DINNER		SUPPER		LODGING		OTHER EXPENSES		TOTAL
	Place	Amt.	Place	Amt.	Place	Amt.	Place	Amt.	Description	Amt.	
1	Lauton	50	Lauton	50	Lauton	50	Lauton	1.50	Leam	2.00	5.50
2	"	50	Chickadee	75	Calderwell	75			RR fare	1.00	5.50
3	Topeka	25							Leam	50	50
4									Porter	25	
5	Calderwell	75	Elk River	75	Elk River	75	Elk River	1.00	Porter	25	3.50
6	Elk River	55	"	70	Lauton	50	Lauton	1.50	Leam	25	3.50
7	Lauton	50	Lauton	50	"	50	"	1.50	Leam	2.00	5.00
8	"	50	"	50	"	50	"	1.00	"	2.00	4.50
9	"	50	Camden	50	Calderwell	75			RR fare	1.00	2.75
10									Porter	25	25
11			McFarland	75	Calderwell	75	Elk River	1.50	"	25	3.25
12	Elk River	60	Chickadee	75	Lauton	50	Lauton	1.00	Leam	2.00	5.75
13	Lauton	50	"	75	Calderwell	75			RR fare	1.00	3.00
14			Topeka	25					Porter	25	50
15											
16											
17					St. Louis	80					80
18	Union	50	St. Louis	60	St. Louis	1.00			Porter	25	2.40
19	Kennett	50	Kennett	50	St. Louis	70	St. Louis	1.50	Leam	25	3.40
20	St. Louis	55	"	50	Kennett	50	Kennett	50	"	25	3.10
21	Kennett	50	"	50	St. Louis	60	Topeka	1.00	Leam	1.25	3.85
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Total for the Month \$											

Approved: _____ Received Payment, _____

Date: _____ 1900

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THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.
INCORPORATED
24,000 OFFICES IN AMERICA. CABLE SERVICE TO ALL THE WORLD.
ROBERT C. CLOWRY, President and General Manager.

Receiver's No.	Time Filed <i>12.30 pm</i>	Check
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SEND the following message subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to.

To *Leslie B Hutchinson*
Vienna, Aus.
Will be in Argyle Thursday P.M.
with Contracts Fred. Iles

Book #13711
Paid Western Tel Co Telephone Charge 25¢
from Dixon to Argyle

READ THE NOTICE AND AGREEMENT ON BACK.