

## 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.

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## Fred Iles correspondence

File SA-WTE.

Chicago, Ill. July 25, 1910.

Mr. Fred Iles

Asst. District Atty. Gen. Iles,  
Topeka, Kan.

Dear Sir:

Herewith draft book form 1631 A, numbers 13101  
to 13150 inclusive.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of same, and oblige.

Yours very truly

W. H. BURKS,  
*WBK*  
General Auditor.

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File SA-WTE

Topeka Kansas

August 27th 1910

Mr W. H. Burns

General Auditor, Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir.-

I havethisday received draft book form 1631 A numbers  
13101 to 13150 inclusive contained in your letter of 25th inst.

Yours truly.

Ass't Right of Way Agent.

Western Union Telegrams 1910

Topeka, Kansas

August 31st 1910

Mr T. J. Newkirk,

Real Estate & Tax Agent, Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

I have sent no western Union telegrams during the Month  
of August.

Yourstruly,

## Fred Iles correspondence

Topeka, Kansas

August 31st 1910

Mr J. S. Downs.

Livery. Chickasha, Okl.

Dear Sir

Enclosed Please find, Express draft, amount \$3.00 to pay for the team I had from you, out to Ira Bly's place. Will you please sign the enclosed receipt and send to me. I have sent an addressed envelope.

Trusting that you have got thawed out after our trip.

Yours truly,

Expense account, Fred Iles.

Topeka, Kansas

August 31st 10

Mr T. J. Newkirk

Real Estate & Tax Agent, Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir.-

Enclosed please find my expense account for Month of  
August, Amount \$47.30, covered by my Draft No. 3583 Date Aug-  
ust 31.

Yours truly,

## Fred Iles correspondence

Form G 18.

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

Name and position. Fred Iles, Right of way + Ins. Agent  
Residence. Topeka Kansas

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 employe will be allowed.  
Sleeping car fare, railroad fare, livery and expenses of a similar nature, should be accompanied by receipts 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 N° 3583. Date August 31<sup>st</sup> 1910

Month	BREAKFAST		DINNER		SUPPER		LODGING		OTHER EXPENSES		TOTAL
	Place	Amt.	Place	Amt.	Place	Amt.	Place	Amt.	Description	Amt.	
1											
2							K City	1.00			1.00
3	K City	.75	Keosauqua	.50	Keosauqua	.50	Keosauqua	.50	Room	.25	2.50
4	Keosauqua	.50	Keosauqua	.50	Keosauqua	.85					1.85
5	K City	.80							Pub. KC	.25	1.05
6											
7											
8	Caldwell	.75	El Reno	.75	Wichita	.50	El Reno	1.50	Boarding	.50	4.00
9	Caldwell	.75	St. Louis	.75			Topeka	1.00	Board	.25	2.75
10	Woods	.35			K City	.90			Car	.20	1.45
11	St. Louis	.50	Genevieve	.50	Argyle	.50	Argyle	.50	Board	.25	4.55
12	K City	.65							Board (R)	.20	9.00
13											
14											
15											
16					K City	.70			Car	.20	.90
17	Saladie	.50	Winnon	.50	St. Louis	.65	St. Louis	1.50	Boarding	.25	3.90
18	St. Louis	.55	St. Louis	.70	"	.55	"	1.50	Boarding	.30	3.60
19	"	.45	Saladie	.50	"	.60	"		Board (R)	1.00	4.75
20	K City	.80							Board (R)	.20	1.05
21											
22											
23											
24	Caldwell	.75	Chickasha	.75	Chickasha	.80	St. Reno	1.50	Board	.25	4.15
25	St. Reno	.75	"	.75	"	.50	Chickasha	1.50			3.50
26	Chickasha	.50	"	.50	Caldwell	.75			Notary	.50	2.25
27									Board	.25	.25
28											
29											
30	Pratt	.75	BC	.70	BC	1.05			Board	.25	2.75
31									Board	.25	.25
		10.60		7.40		8.85			Total for the Month \$	9.95	47.30

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Received Payment, Fred Iles  
Date August 31 1900

## Fred Iles correspondence

Expense Account. Fred Iles.

Topeka, Kansas.

August 1st 1910

Mr. T. J. Newkirk.

Real Estate & Tax Agent, Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find my expense account for Month of  
July., amount \$46.90 covered by my draft No. 3582, date  
August 1st, 1910.

Yours truly,

## Fred Iles correspondence

Form O 18,

I CERTIFY that the following is a correct detailed statement of my traveling expenses during the month of July 1910

Name and position. Fred Iles, District Agent, Kansas  
Residence. Topeka, Kan.

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 employe will be allowed. Sleeping car fare, railroad fare, livery and expenses of a similar nature, should be accompanied by receipts 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. 3582, Date August 1st 1910

Month	BREAKFAST		DINNER		SUPPER		LODGING		OTHER EXPENSES		TOTAL
	Place	Amt.	Place	Amt.	Place	Amt.	Place	Amt.	Description	Amt.	
1	Union	50	Union	50	Lal. dis	70			Phone	25	220
2	Han. City	70								25	70
3											
4											
5					Han. City	80			Car	20	100
6	Lalodie	50	Lalodie	50	St. Louis	75	St. Louis	150	Police	20	325
7	St. Louis	45	"	50	"	85	"	100	Leam	200	450
8	"	65	Union	50	"	80	"		Paper	45	40
9	Han. City	65							Abstract	25	90
10											
11					Han. City	95			St. Louis	20	115
12	Lalodie	50	Lalodie	100	St. Louis	80	St. Louis	150	Police	10	290
13	St. Louis	75	St. Louis	60	"	80	"	100	"	60	375
14	"	70	Charleston	50	"	75	"				195
15	Han. City	75							Police	25	100
16											
17											
18	Prindal	70	Prindal	50	Elk	50	Elk	150	Police	25	350
19	St. Louis	60	Prindal	50	St. Louis	75	"	150			335
20	"	70	Elk	50	Elk	50	Elk	100	Leam	250	520
21	Elk	50	Elk	50	"	50	"		Police	25	175
22									Police	25	25
23											
24											
25											
26											
27											
28											
29											
30	St. Louis	65	St. Louis	60	Han. City	75			Police	25	300
31	Han. City	10							Police	25	15
		11 15		1 70		10 00			Total for the Month \$	10 05	46 90

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Received Payment, Fred Iles  
Date August 1st 1910

## Fred Iles correspondence

Transportation: Fred Iles.

Topeka, Kansas.

September 2nd, 1910

Mr T. J. Newkirk,

Real Estate & Tax Agent, Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to my letter of March 19th, asking if it was possible to obtain a Rock Island Annual pass for Mrs Iles, and your reply of March 23rd permitting me to again write you along about September of this year asking you to place her name on your list for an annual for the year 1911. If you can still see your way clear to do this, it will be very much appreciated.

Yours truly,

## Fred Iles correspondence

Topeka, Kansas

March 19th, 1910

Mr T. J. Newkirk,

Real Estate & Tax Agent, Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir.-

If consistant with your views, could you obtain for mMrs Iles, an annual Rock Island pass, my reason for asking this privelege, is, there are just the two of us left in family, I am a way the greater portion of my time from home and there being occasions when Mrs Iles would like to make a visit during my absence, or could accompany me on sometrips when convenient, it then being too late to ask for trip transportation.

I have tried to be "good" for the past twenty thre years in the employ of the company, and if this request should be granted, it certainly will be appreciated.

yours truly,

Right of Way & Tax Agent.

## Fred Iles correspondence

Transportation: Fred Iles.

Chicago, March 23, 1910.

Mr. Fred Iles,

Right of Way Agent,

Topeka, Kansas.

My Dear Mr. Iles:-

In Mr. Newkirk's absence from the city, I have just received your letter of March 19th in regard to obtaining a Rock Island annual for the use of Mrs. Iles.

In my opinion there is no one connected with this department more entitled to a family annual than yourself for the reason that nine-tenths of your time is spent out on the road and away from home. Securing family annuals, however, is a procedure that involves a good deal of red tape. Along about September of each year, the list is made up, and after two or three months' consideration, it is finally approved by the President and the pass is issued. Very rarely, if ever, are subsequent requests taken up. Persons sending in such requests are usually asked to try and make trip transportation do until the next year's list is submitted.

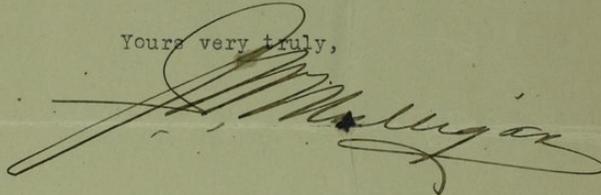
## Fred Iles correspondence

F. I. - 2 -

For these reasons I hope you will find it convenient, between now and the end of the year, to get from Mr. Low whatever trip transportation you find it necessary for Mrs. Iles to have, and then along about the middle of September, call my attention to the fact that you would like to have an annual for her for the year 1911 and I will be only too glad to add her name to the list.

Yours very truly,

jwm-p



## Fred Iles correspondence

3M5-3-10  
Form 579-Local

ROCK ISLAND LINES.  
**TELEGRAM.**

OPERATORS ARE REQUIRED TO WRITE ALL TELEGRAMS IN INK. The TIME filed as well as DATE filed must be transmitted. Office Signal, To or From, Sender, Receiver, and the Time Sent or Received MUST BE SHOWN on all Telegrams. Telegrams for parties on trains (except those addressed to train men) must be placed in envelopes.

71 Ad  
Ebens  
Fred Iles  
To  
Spec  
Pls obtain facing of Datonga Station from  
as suggested in your letter 9th inst  
and forward same direct to my man  
ED Roberts

Time Filed  
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## Fred Iles correspondence

Condemnation of Right of Way. Watonga.

Topeka, Kansas.

September 9th 10

Mr R. J. Roberts.

Ass't Attorney, El Reno, Okl.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to your letter of 5th inst, regarding tracing of Watonga to be used in condemnation proceeding against Lookabaugh. You will remember that I made a tracing of Watonga one day when I was in El Reno of this property from the blue print which I borrowed from the Engineer's office there, showing a possible extension of a track that is now on the ground in the close proximity of the property in question. This tracing I handed over to you, and it was your then intention to send it to Mr Poose, however if you do not find this, or it does not answer your purpose, let me know by return mail and will get one from Chicago, or if a special map should be prepared, Mr A. B. Warner District Engineer at El Reno, will I know, make you just what you require if you will kindly call on him. The blue print borrowed from his Assistant Engineer was returned to his office. If there is anything further I can do in the matter let me know. Anything to beat "Lookabaugh"

Yours truly

## Fred Iles correspondence

### ROCK ISLAND LINES

#### LAW DEPARTMENT

C. O. BLAKE,  
ATTORNEY FOR OKLAHOMA.  
HOMER B. LOW,  
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY.  
R. J. ROBERTS,  
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY.  
W. H. MOORE,  
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY.

Condemnation of R/W Watonga.

EL RENO, OKLA Sept. 5th 1910.

Mr Fred Iles,  
c/o C.E.Cline,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

When you were in the office here you agreed to prepare a tracing of the station grounds at Watonga showing the portion desired by condemnation proceedings and industries located along the track, making same necessary for the railroad use. In conversation with Mr. Seymour Foose this morning he advises the tracing was never mailed to him, or that it has not reached him. The same was prepared, as I recall it, by the Engineering office, whether here or in Ft.Worth I do not know.

Will you procure a copy of this map and forward to us for use in connection with this, or direct us to the proper office who can furnish it to us.

Yours truly,

*R. J. Roberts*

RJR-p

## Fred Iles correspondence

Western Union Telegrams. Year 1910.

Topeka, Kansas.

Oct 1st 1910

Mr T. J. Newkirk.

Real Estate & Tax Agent, Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

I sent no Western Union Telegrams during the Month of  
September.

Yours truly,

Expense account. Fred Iles.

Topeka, Kansas.

Oct. 1st 1910

Mr T. J. Newkirk.

Real Estate & Tax Agent, Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-E

Inclosed please find my expense account for Month of  
September, amount \$17.65 covered by my draft No. 3584.

Yourstruly,

## Fred Iles correspondence

15M 3-10 52921 Form G 18 Standard

I CERTIFY that the following is a correct detailed statement of my traveling expenses during the month of September 1910

Name and position. Fred Iles, Chief Clerk, U.S. District Court, Kansas  
 Residence. Wichita, Kansas

STATEMENT.—Showing places visited and daily expenditures. Expenses must be placed in proper columns.  
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*Paid by Draft No. 3584 Date Oct 1st 1910*

Month	BREAKFAST		DINNER		SUPPER		LODGING		OTHER EXPENSES		TOTAL
	Place	Amt.	Place	Amt.	Place	Amt.	Place	Amt.	Description	Amt.	
1			Wichita	25 <sup>th</sup>					Bank	3.00	3.00
2											
3											
4											
5											
6			Herrington	50	Enterprise	50	Enterprise	50			150
7			Enterprise	50	W. Fairland	75					125
8											
9											
10											
11											
12			W. Fairland	75	Wichita	75	W. Fairland	150			250
13	W. Fairland	60	Wichita	60	Wichita	75					195
14											
15					Wichita	85					85
16	W. Fairland	60	Clayton	50	W. Fairland	60			Patrol	25	420
17	W. Fairland	65	W. Fairland	50					Bank	25	170
18									Patrol	45	
19											
20											
21											
22											
23											
24											
25											
26											

## Fred Iles correspondence

M E M O .

Lincoln Coal Spur at Howe, Okl.

Topeka, Kansas October 13th  
1910

At Howe on 11th inst and met Jas Lincoln President of Above Coal Company.

What he desires, is, that our Company condemn for them, a right of way from a point where the present spur leaves our main line to Station 27 plus 25 on spur extended as shown on attached print. Although a part of this spur line right of way is colored yellow Mr Lincoln claims that no title has passed from the U. S. to their Company or ours, but that the Coal Company does hold a lease covering land on which spur is located from connection to station 22 plus 00.

The reason their application and lease specifies that land is required for a temporary railroad track, is, that that the U. S. Land office would not grant a lease for a permanent track, and it was arranged between the Coal Company and Land Office at Muskogee to term it a temporary track, pro tem, expecting the acquiring of the land desired would have been completed prior to the expiration of their lease. However, it is the opinion of Mr Lincoln, that should we not be able to complete our filings by December 31st 1910, if he could assure the Land office at Muskogee that our Company had the matter under way, then there would be no trouble so far as that office was concerned if our map did not reach their office until a later date.

The land in question is segregated coal land, the \$40.00 consideration mentioned in lease was paid by the Coal Company, and said Company is incorporated. Tracks as shown on Blue print were laid in June 1910. Grading done by Coal Company which also paid \$2831.00 to Railway Company for steel and for laying tracks.

Fred Iles

## Fred Iles correspondence

M E M O )

Chickasha, Oklahoma. Right of way for  
new Team Tracks.

Topeka, Kansas.  
October 8th 1910

At Chickasha, October 3rd took up deed from Ira Bly for part of Lot 12 Block 309 in the original townsite of Chickasha, and delivered to him the 99 year lease from this Company for part of our right of way adjoining lot 12 same block.

The Stephenson -Brown Lumbee Company signed deed for part of lots 8 7 9 in Block 309 original townsite of Chickasha on October 7th.

Was unable to get R. K. Wooten to sign deed for part of lot 11 Block 309 original townsite of Chickasha, without our Company would agree in writing that should he donate the extra piece of land shown in yellow color on print, that we would not take more than eight and one half feet on the westerly side of proposed team track lead, and also that our company lay for his use, a spur across his lot No. 11. He seems to be aware that we would not serve him from this lead, and as his intention is to use his property for industrial purposes at some future time, demands an agreement for a spur . If these concessions cannot be given, he will take \$300.00 cash consideration. Seeing that this property desired is simply a deep wide ditch the cash value as stated is out of all reason, but was the best price I could get out of Mr Wooten.

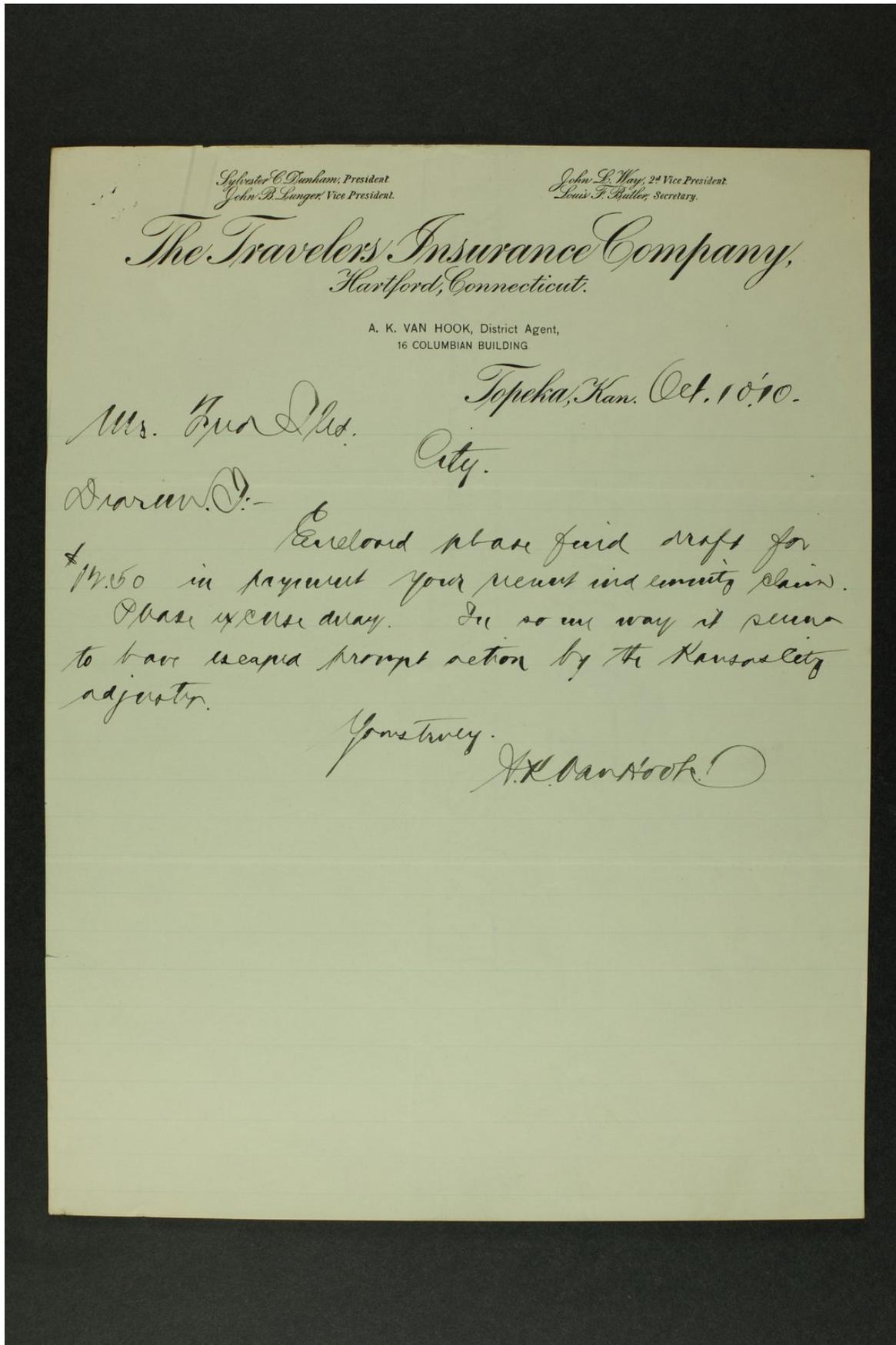
Further. Was at El Reno on 7th inst and there saw a map showing

## Fred Iles correspondence

an entirely "New Lay-out" of Chickasha yard , which, if put into effect will require still more right of way, than we are at present negotiating for, and for that reason would suggest that the Wooten deal be laid over until such time as the new yard plan has been adopted.

Fred Iles.

## Fred Iles correspondence



Topeka, Kansas.

October 15th 1910

Mr A. K. Van Hook.

16 Columbian Building,

City .

Dear Sir:-

I received the draft for \$12.50 for claim for injury to  
foot, and for which many thanks.

yours truly,

Western Union Telegrams 1910.

Topeka, Kansas.

November 1st 1910.

Mr T. J. Newkirk.

Real Estate & Tax Agent, Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

I sent no Western Union Telegrams during the Month of  
October.

yourstruly,

## Fred Iles correspondence

Expense account. Fred Iles.

Topeka, Kansas.

November 1st 1910

Mr T. J. Newkirk.

Real Estate & Tax Agent, Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find my expense account for Month of  
October, amount \$34.40, covered by draft No 3585, date November  
1st, 1910.

Yourstruly,



## Fred Iles correspondence

15M 3-19-62921 Form G 18 Standard

I CERTIFY that the following is a correct detailed statement of my traveling expenses during the month of November 1910.

Fred Iles Name and position. Chief Clerk  
Chicago, 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 employe 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. 3585, November 1st 1910

Month	BREAKFAST		DINNER		SUPPER		LODGING		OTHER EXPENSES		TOTAL
	Place	Amt.	Place	Amt.	Place	Amt.	Place	Amt.	Description	Amt.	
1											
2											
3	Caldwell	75	Chickasha	75	Chickasha	50	Chickasha	50	Porter	25	2 75
4	Chickasha	50	"	50	"	50	"	50	Porter	50	2 75
5	"	50	"	50	"	50	"	50	Porter	25	2 30
6	"	50	"	50	"	50	"	50	"	30	2 30
7	"	50	W. Fairland	75	Caldwell	75	"	"	"	"	12 00
8									Porter	25	25
9											
10			W. Fairland	75	Caldwell	75	W. Ken	1 00	Porter	25	2 75
11	W. Ken	50	W. Ken	50	House	50	House	50	Porter	50	2 60
12	House	50	House	1 00	W. Ken	50	W. Ken	1 00	Porter	25	2 30
13	Caldwell	75	W. Ken	75					"	25	2 75
14											
15											
16											
17					W. Ken	75	W. Ken	50	Porter	25	1 50
18	W. Ken	50	W. Ken	50	House	80	House	150	Porter	25	2 30
19	W. Ken	60	W. Ken	25	House	50			Porter	25	1 90
20	W. Ken	75							Porter	25	1 75
21											
22											
23											
24											
25							House	50	Porter	25	75
26	W. Ken	50	W. Ken	50	W. Ken	1 00	W. Ken	1 00			2 60
27											
28											
29											
30											
31											
		7 65		7 65		7 25		8 00	Total for the Month \$	47 53	44 00

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Received Payment, Fred Iles  
Date November 1st 1910

## Fred Iles correspondence

Chicago, November 10, 1909.

Mr. Fred Iles,  
Box 308,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose some postal cards we are using to report the whereabouts of those connected with this department from time to time, so that we will be in a position to write them should an emergency arise.

If you will be kind enough to fill them out from time to time and send them to me, it will help us considerably in taking care of any important matters that may come up which require your immediate attention.

Yours very truly,

  
Real Estate & Tax Agent.

jwm-c

## Fred Iles correspondence

Transportation account.  
Fred Iles.

Chicago, December 20, 1910.

Mr. Fred Iles,  
Ass't. Right of Way Agent,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose a Rock Island annual No. C3070, for  
your use during 1911, and also an annual No. C3370 for  
Mrs. Iles.

Yours very truly,

*Thos J. Nowicki*  
Real Estate & Tax Agent.

jwm-t

## Fred Iles correspondence

Transportation. Mrs Fred Iles.

Topeka, Kansas.

December 27th 1910

Mr T. J. Newkirk.

Real Estate & Tax Agent, Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

If consistent, will you please furnish pass for Mrs Iles over The M. K. & T Ry, from Fort Worth to San Antonio, Texas and return, good until April 30th 1911, and pass over The San Antonio and Aransas Pass Railway from San Antonio, Texas to Palfurrias, Texas and return good until April 30th 1911.

Yours truly,

## Fred Iles correspondence

Chicago, December 27, 1910.

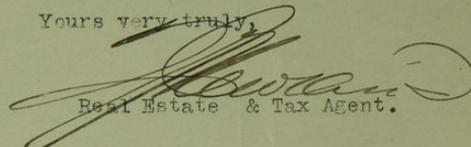
Mr. Fred Iles,  
Ass't. Right of Way & Tax Agent,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose the following transportation for your  
use during 1911:

- ✓ No. 1183, The St. Joseph & Grand Island Ry.Co.
- ✓ No. C545, St. Louis & San Francisco RR.
- ✓ No. B2072, The Missouri Pacific Ry.Co.
- ✓ No. A1478, The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Ry.
- ✓ No. A107, El Paso & Southwestern

Yours very truly,

  
Real Estate & Tax Agent.

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