

Governor Edward Arn, correspondence files, box 59

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These folders contain correspondence subject files with Governor Edward Arn. Some subjects included are flood, Big Creek Watershed Association, Strawn Dam, Toronto Dam, and the Tuttle Creek Dam. Starting on July 13, 1951, one of the most costly floods in Kansas' history swept down the Kansas River valley into the Missouri River basin. The Kansas River valley had flooded before but not with this magnitude and damage. During the period of July 9-13, some areas in the Kansas River basin received 18.5 inches of rain. The eastern half of the basin averaged 8 inches.

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24 February 1953

Mrs. Mamie Polson
810 N. Manhattan Ave.
Manhattan, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Polson:

Thank you very much for your letter concerning the proposed construction of Tuttle Creek Dam, and commenting on the report of the Kansas Engineering Commission which surveyed the Kaw River Basin.

As you know, the report suggested various methods other than the building of a large dam and I believe all proposed methods of flood prevention will receive full consideration from our national Congress. My only interest is that in some way the correct engineering answer be once and for all determined.

I appreciate having your comments on this problem, and with every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

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Gov. Ed Arn:-

Dear Sir,

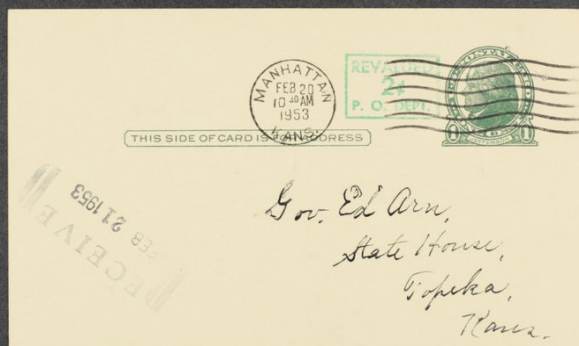
We are depending on you
to do all you can to petition Congress
for an immediate halt on ^{back} Tittle Dam.

We need the land, we need
the crops.

Respectfully, Mannie Tolson
8107 Manhattan Ave.,
Manhattan, Kans.

Manhattan, Kans.
Feb. 19. 1933

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Mr. Glenn Britt
413 Vattern
Manhattan, Kansas

Dear Mr. Britt:

Thank you very much for your letter concerning the proposed construction of Tuttle Creek Dam, and commenting on the report of the Kansas Engineering Commission which surveyed the Kaw River Basin.

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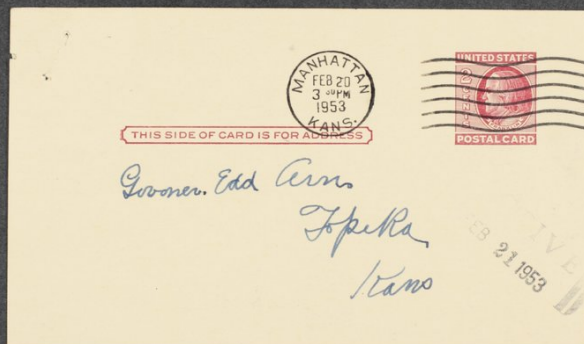
Sincerely,

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Manhattan, Kans - 2-18-53
 Dear Governor Arn
 I wish to Express My
 Thanks and Show where I
 stand in regard to Tattletale
 Dam, a Crazy Idea
 With absolutely nothing to
 back up the promise of what
 it will do - We all know
 here that the Blue River did
 not cause the 1951 flood
 and that the Blue Valley
 is one of the most productive
 valleys of the U.S. So if you
 can do some thing to stop
 its construction I will
 appreciate it very much
 I have a flood where it belongs
 Put the dam where it belongs
 Blue River - 413 Valley Kansas
 J. H. Hest

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Miss Doris Velen
608 Fremont
Manhattan, Kansas

Dear Miss Velen:

Thank you very much for your letter concerning the proposed construction of Tuttle Creek Dam, and commenting on the report of the Kansas Engineering Commission which surveyed the Kaw River Basin.

As you know, the report suggested various methods other than the building of a large dam and I believe all proposed methods of flood prevention will receive full consideration from our national Congress. My only interest is that in some way the correct engineering answer be once and for all determined.

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608 Fremont
Manhattan, Kansas
February 21, 1953

Governor Edward F. Arn
State House
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Governor Arn:

We heartily endorse the action taken in Kansas in respect to having an independent engineering group survey the flood control needs in the Kaw Basin. I wish to personally commend you for instigating such a survey.

Now that the group has submitted its preliminary report we are very happy to hear your statement, "I will make their recommendations mine". I think it is significant that the Missouri Basin Survey Commission had many of the same recommendations. We want you to know that there are many people in Kansas who are ready to support you as you seek cooperation in carrying out the recommendations of this report.

Just this afternoon I rode past the site of the infamous Tuttle Creek Dam. The sight compels me to add one more plea. If there is anything you can do to help stop this needless destruction before more money and good soil are wasted we ask such action. We are in hopes that the resolution before the state legislature will not long be delayed.

Sincerely yours,

Doris Velen

(Miss) Doris Velen

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Mr. H. W. Brubaker
Kansas State College
Manhattan, Kansas

Dear Mr. Brubaker:

Thank you very much for your letter concerning the proposed construction of Tuttle Creek Dam, and commenting on the report of the Kansas Engineering Commission which surveyed the Kaw River Basin.

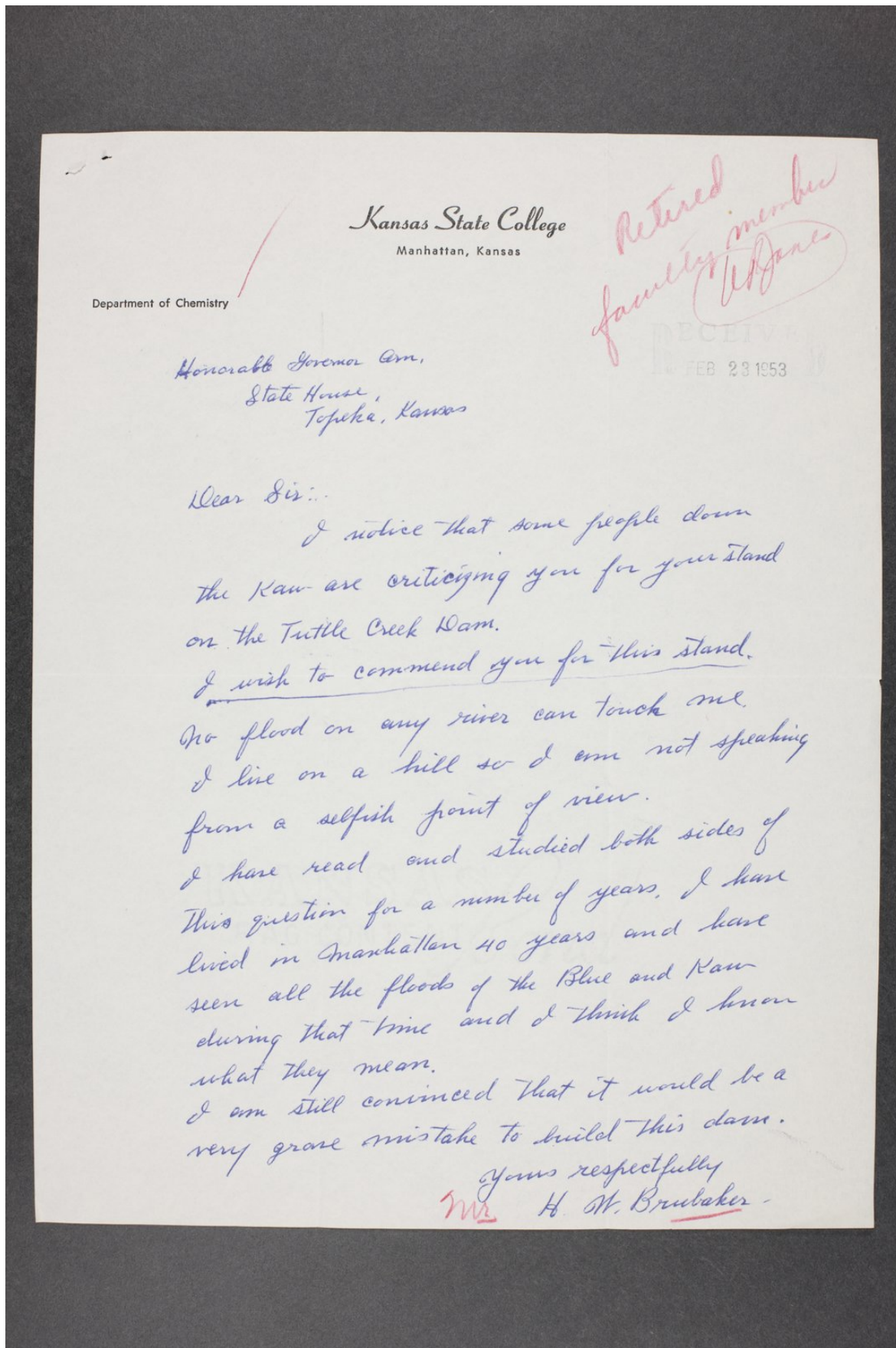
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Mrs. Alice M. Kfellin
809 Houston
Manhattan, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Kjellin:

Thank you very much for your letter concerning the proposed construction of Tuttle Creek Dam, and commenting on the report of the Kansas Engineering Commission which surveyed the Kaw River Basin.

As you know, the report suggested various methods other than the building of a large dam and I believe all proposed methods of flood prevention will receive full consideration from our national Congress. My only interest is that in some way the correct engineering answer be once and for all determined.

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Manhattan, Kansas.
Feb. 21, 1953.

Gov. Edward F. Arn,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Gov. Arn:

I heartily approve your endorsement of the report by the special board of engineers on the study of flood protection in the Kansas River basin.

I trust that you will continue to use your influence to halt construction and to prevent further expenditures on the Tuttle Creek dam.

Yours truly,
Mrs. Alice M. Kjellin.

809 Houston,
Manhattan, Kansas.

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Mrs. Esther E. Christensen
1436 Laramie
Manhattan, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Christensen:

Thank you very much for your letter concerning the proposed construction of Tuttle Creek Dam, and commenting on the report of the Kansas Engineering Commission which surveyed the Kaw River Basin.

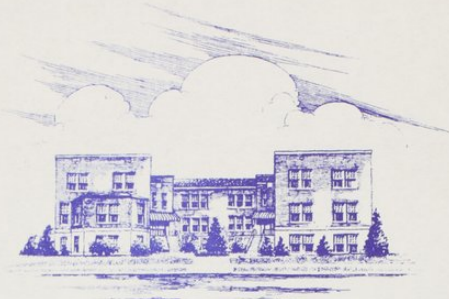
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WALTHAM HALL
MANHATTAN, KANSAS

February 20 - 1953

Gov. Edward F. Arn
Topeka, Kansas -
Dear Governor -

I wish to thank you for
your interest and endorsement of
the board of engineers report concerning
flood protection in the Kansas River
Basin -

I am particularly concerned about
Tuttle Creek Dam - and trust that
construction there as well as at other
un-necessary dams will be stopped
immediately -

Thanking you -

I am yours truly

Mrs. Esther E. Christensen
(of Blue Valley and Manhattan)

1436 Laromile
Manhattan

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Mrs. Jessie Woodburn
714 Fillmore
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Woodburn:

Thank you very much for your letter concerning the proposed construction of Tuttle Creek Dam, and commenting on the report of the Kansas Engineering Commission which surveyed the Kaw River Basin.

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714 Fillmore
Topeka, Kansas
February 22

Governor Edward Arn
Statehouse
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Governor:

I certainly agree with your engineering commission's report and your stand in favor of it's way of handling the flood problem.

As Mr. Carruth said in the Journal last night, the report contains a lot of common sense. It proves what a lot of us suspected all along--that the interests plugging for Tuttle Creek aren't really interested in Tuttle Creek for flood protection but for navigation, sewage disposal and to line their pockets.

You have the backing of thinking people in your efforts to have your plan substituted for Tuttle Creek and the rest of the extravagant and useless Pick-Sloan plan.

Yours truly,

Mrs Jessie Woodburn

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Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Johnson
Clebrune, Kansas

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Johnson:

Thank you very much for your letter concerning the proposed construction of Tuttle Creek Dam, and commenting on the report of the Kansas Engineering Commission which surveyed the Kaw River Basin.

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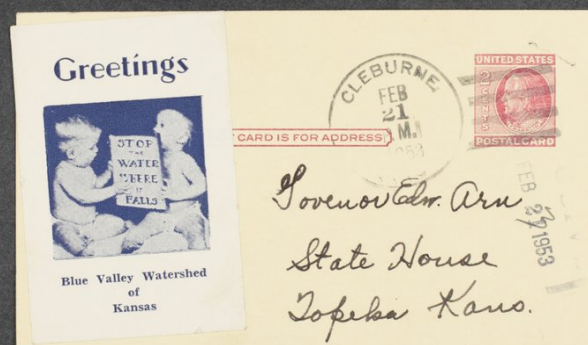
Dear Gov. Arn.

We heartily approve your endorsement of the unbiased engineer's report.

We feel a Divine Power will prevent the crucifixion of the Valley by selfish downstream interests and army engineers.

Our boys wonder why they are fighting overseas while their homes are being destroyed. Sincerely, Mr & Mrs V. E. Johnson.

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Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Holt
Gleburne, Kansas

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Holt:

Thank you very much for your letter concerning the proposed construction of Tuttle Creek Dam, and commenting on the report of the Kansas Engineering Commission which surveyed the Kaw River Basin.

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SAVE THE SOIL AND YOU SAVE THE CITIES

Cleburne, Kans.
Feb. 21- '53

Gov. E. D. Arn,
Topeka, Kans.
Gov. Arn.

We wish to take this means
of thanking you for endorsing the
Engineers report. We would like to ask you
to support the resolution asking Congress
to take immediate action to stop Construction
on Tuttle Creek Dam and to rescind its
authorization.

Yours truly,
Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Helt
Cleburne, Kans.

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Mr. and Mrs. Albin Longren
Randolph, Kansas

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Longren:

Thank you very much for your letter concerning the proposed construction of Tuttle Creek Dam, and commenting on the report of the Kansas Engineering Commission which surveyed the Kaw River Basin.

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Randolph, Kansas,

February 23, 1953.

Governor Edward F. Arn,
State House,
Topeka, Kansas.

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Dear Governor Arn,

We want to thank you for your endorsement of the report of the special board of engineers, Wolman, Howson, and Veatch, concerning a study of flood protection in the Kansas River Basin. This report should awaken all interested, sensible Kansans if nothing else has.

We attended the preliminary report given in the House Chamber the evening of Feb. 16 and were overwhelmed with Prof. Wolman's knowledge of the Kaw Basin, its problems and the solution of flood control in this vast empire. We were fascinated with his calmness and superior personality, his knowledge of facts and figures upon being cross examined.

You are to be congratulated upon selecting these expert engineers and I don't see how anyone can blame you for their final report. You did your duty to your state by selecting brilliant, unbiased engineers. The rest was up to them.

Yours truly,

Mrs. Albin Longren

Mrs. Albin Longren

Albin N. Longren
Albin N. Longren

P.S. We hope you will support the resolution asking Congress to take immediate action to stop construction on Tuttle Creek Dam and to rescind its authorization. Regardless of pressure from the Kansas Cities, pressure from machines, this state must be saved from these monstrous dams. Mrs. A. L.

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Mrs. Eldon V. Southerland
Cleburne, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Southerland:

Thank you very much for your letter concerning the proposed construction of Tuttle Creek Dam, and commenting on the report of the Kansas Engineering Commission which surveyed the Kaw River Basin.

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Cleburne, Kansas
February 23, 1953

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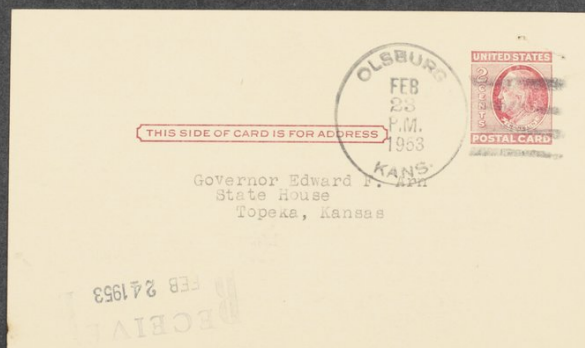
I wish to commend you for your endorsement of the engineers' report on flood protection in the Kansas River Basin.

We who desire flood protection without wanton destruction of our valley land and without exorbitant cost, which is not the kind offered by big-dam enthusiasts, if it can rightly be called flood protection at all since it floods one in a questioned attempt to protect another, are pleased with the report and with your free endorsement of that report.

Very truly yours

Mrs. Eldon T. Southerland

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Mrs. Lucile Johnson
Gleburne, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Johnson:

Thank you very much for your letter concerning the proposed construction of Tuttle Creek Dam, and commenting on the report of the Kansas Engineering Commission which surveyed the Kaw River Basin.

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O Lebanon, Kans
February 22, 1953

Governor Ed Arn
State House
Topeka, Kans.

Dear Governor Arn:

I wish to express my appreciation to you on the stand you have taken on the preliminary report of the board of engineers on flood protection in the Kansas River Basin. I hear favorable comments on every hand. We are prone to write when dissatisfied, but often neglect to say "thank you" when pleased. I urge you to use your influence in getting the resolution to stop construction on Little Creek through the legislature. Maybe Kansas can become a leader in the matter of solving her flood control problems sanely & with the wisest use of money.

Respectfully

Lucile Johnson

Mrs.

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Mrs. Ruby Johnson
918 Moro St.
Manhattan, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Johnson:

Thank you very much for your letter concerning the proposed construction of Tuttle Creek Dam, and commenting on the report of the Kansas Engineering Commission which surveyed the Kaw River Basin.

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918 Moro St.
Manhattan, Kansas
February 22, 1953

Governor Edward F. Arn
State House
Topeka, Kansas

Honorable Sir:

This is just a Thank You for your fairness and courage in appointing the Flood Control Survey Commission and for standing by their report. We of the Blue Valley feel that for once we received official help, that you were big enough to want to give plain farmers a fair deal. We were distressed at the news item in the Topeka paper for today which said the Kaw Farmers are angry. I am sure that does not mean all the Kaw farmers, either. I still believe that those angry farmers would not have been helped very much if the Tuttle Creek Dam would have been built before 1951. The heaviest rains were below our watershed, and the water in Manhattan came mostly from the Kaw south of Manhattan. But you have been informed about that long ago. We just want you to know we are proud of our Governor.

Sincerely,

Ruby

Ruby Johnson.

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