

Livestock Sanitary Commissioner's Office, correspondence, 1898-1915

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This collection contains correspondence regarding indemnities for cattle killed by tuberculosis, concerns over the findings of veterinary inspection, discussion of an outbreak of rabies among Kansas dogs that affected cattle, complaints of veterinary treatments killing animals, and general discussion about livestock diseases. Most of the correspondence is between the Livestock Sanitary Commissioner and various livestock owners throughout Kansas.

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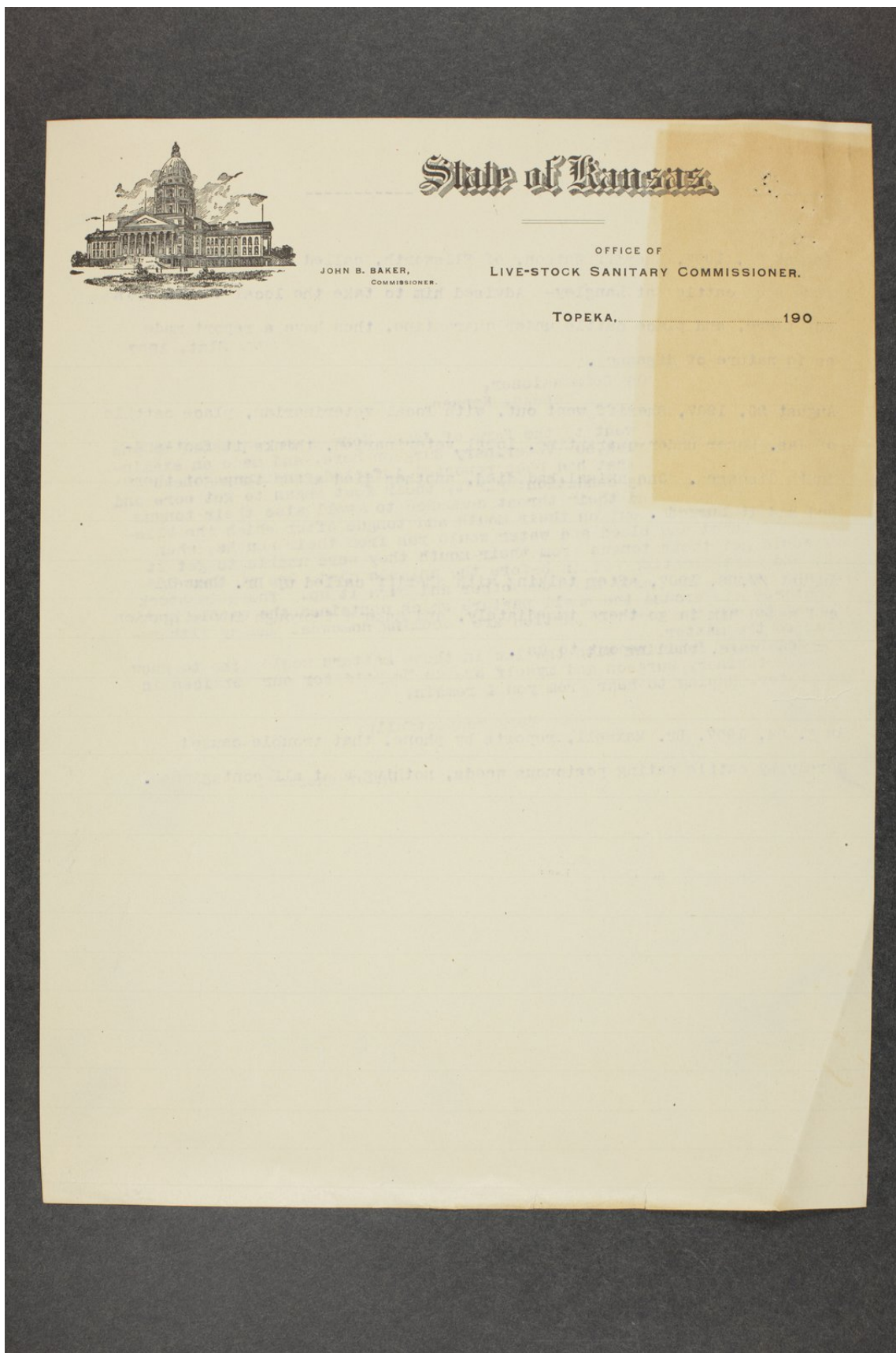
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HERE IT IS AGAIN.

Dreaded Foot and Mouth Disease Reported in Ellsworth County.

The dreaded "foot and mouth disease" has made its appearance in Kansas, and a herd of cattle near Ellsworth, Kan., at the little town of Langley, is infected and under quarantine. Several head of cattle have died, and every effort is being taken to stop the spread of the disease.

John B. Baker, state live stock inspector, received word on Monday that the cattle were sick, and wired instructions to the sheriff to take the local veterinary and make an inspection of the herd. This was done, and the veterinary pronounced it foot and mouth disease. Dr. Schoenleber, the state veterinarian, being out of the state, Mr. Baker notified a veterinarian of Salina to proceed at once to Ellsworth and examine the cattle, for the purpose of verifying the diagnosis previously made.

Foot and mouth disease is one of the most fatal maladies which affects cattle. A beast once afflicted with the disease seldom recovers. For that reason extraordinary efforts will be made to stamp out the contagion. It is the first time for many years that foot and mouth disease has appeared in Kansas.

NOT FOOT MOUTH DISEASE.
That in Ellsworth County Due to
Poisonous Weeds.

It is now claimed that the "foot and mouth disease" discovered in Ellsworth county, among cattle near the town of Langley, is not foot and mouth disease at all, but is due to poisonous weeds. This is the diagnosis made by Dr. Maxwell, of Salina, one of the leading veterinarians of the state.

Dr. Shoenleber, the state veterinarian, is out of the state at present, and the first diagnosis of the sickness was made by a horse doctor who lives in Ellsworth county.

The alleged recurrence of the "foot and mouth disease" calls to mind the old remark made by John J. Ingalls, to the effect that the Populist party was afflicted with foot and mouth disease, the symptom being that every time they opened their mouth, they put their foot in it.

KANSAS STATE
VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.
FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING, MANHATTAN, JANUARY 1908.

DR. HUGH S. MAXWELL, SECRETARY,
ALSO PRESIDENT OF THE KANSAS STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY EXAMINERS.

SALINA, KANSAS, Aug 21 1907

Mr J. B. Baker

Topeka,
Dear Sir:

I see a peice in
tonights Journal, claiming that Foot+
Mouth disease had appeared at Langley.
in a heard of beattle, that you had
instructed me to proceed at once to the
cattle and make a thorough examination,
and that I had confirmed the previo-
us diagnosis of Foot+ Mouth disease.
If you sent me any such instructions
I never received them. further-more
I do not believe that such a disease
exists in the country. I have been
trying to get you by phone tonight, so
that in case you wanted me to go up
there I could catch the 5³⁰ A.M train
in the morning. How must we get you
at night when we want you?

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The paper states that the Sheriff took the local Veterinarian out and that he diagnosed the trouble Foot and Mouth disease, the local man at Ellsworth is not a graduate, and I am sure now with-out seeing the cattle that it can not be "Foot and Mouth disease".

So please let me know if you wish me to go and see these cattle, I will be pleased to go if you say so.

Expecting an early reply, I am
as ever

Yours Truly,
Hugh S. Maxwell



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R. N. Watson, Under-sheriff,
Ellsworth, Kans.

AUG. 22,

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Dear Sir:-

I have your favor relative to tour fees. in looking after sick cattle in your county, and note your question as to how, you will be paid. Section 5- Page 814-815, Chapter 495, Laws of Kansas, 1905, prescribes for your payment, and that same shall be made by the county; simply make out your bill, and present to the county commissioners, calling their attention to this section, and you will have no trouble in collecting for this work; we are calling on sheriffs all over the state to perform such work, and they are paid by their respective counties for same.

As for the local veterinarian, we pay his expenses, Sec. 3, page 812-813, same chapter, you will note; he is allowed for his days work and his actual expenses- I enclose a voucher, and he can note on same what his expenses are, and we will then file same with the Auditor.

I have talked with Dr. Maxwell twice today, and he will be there this evening, and will report to us, after seeing the cattle, and we will be guided by his report.

Very truly,



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Aug. 24,

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R. N. Watson, Under-sheriff,
Ellsworth, Kans.

Dear Sir:-

Just had a talk with Dr. Maxwell, of Salina this morning, in regard to the trouble in your county; said he had been to Ellsworth, and found conditions there, much the same as he found them at Langley, and he had just returned from Langley, found the trouble to be simply from poisonous weeds, and that would make the mouths of the cattle sore, advised owners to feed them some alfalfa until cured. Nothing at all contagious, and no cause for alarm, we have many cases reported so, and always wish to investigate them promptly, for we wish to run no chances of contagious disease at any time, and I realize owners wish to know as soon as possible the trouble.

I wish to thank you for your promptness in all your actions as to this trouble, and to assure you we appreciate them.

Glad to hear from you, at any time.

Very truly,



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Dr. Hugh S. Maxwell,

Salina, Kans.

Dear Sir:-

I wrote the under-sheriff, R. N. Watson, at Ellsworth this morning, after talking with you, and advised him that there was no cause for alarm, as you had advised me it was a purely local cause, causing the sickness.

Would be glad to have you make us a report, as to each place visited &&, that we may keep on file, as we may be called upon to furnish such a report in order to allay all fears, from owners.

I enclose you voucher for you to make up your expense account, in looking after the case, and wish to thank you, now, for your promptness.

Very truly,

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SALINA, KANSAS, *Aug 24* 1907

Mr J. B. Baker

Topeka Kans

Dear Sir

- As directed I went to Ellsworth on Thursday (22) on the U. P. The next morning (Friday) I and Mr Watson (the under sheriff) drove to several farms to inspect the cattle supposed to be affected with "Foot and Mouth Disease"

I found cattle with sore mouths and feet caused by eating poisonous plants and ergotized grasses

The next day Saturday (24) I went to Langley to see the cattle that had been quarantined by Mr Watson, at the instigation of Mr Tom Hedricks the party pronouncing the trouble "Foot and Mouth Disease" here at Langley in Ellsworth, Rice and

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McPherson Counties I found the same trouble as at Ellsworth.. I assured the excited farmers that no contagious disease existed; but simply local plant poisoning.. also prescribed treatment..

Mr Watson (the Under Sheriff) at Ellsworth wishes you to communicate with him as soon as my report is received..

Very Truly
Hugh S. Maxwell.

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Dr. Hugh S. Maxwell, V. S. ,
Salina, Kans.

Aug. 26,

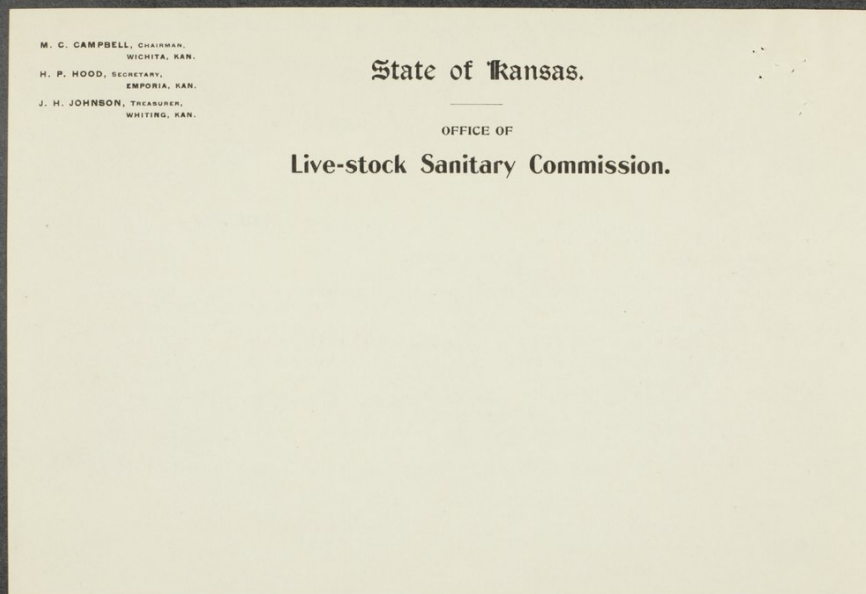
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Dear Sir:-

We have your report received this morning, and have today forwarded Mr. Watson, under-sheriff a copy of same; also talked with him over the 'phone the Saturday morning, we talked with you, and assured him you had said there was no danger; then I gave a report to the papers, of your findings, and see it has been printed. Am sure Mr. Baker will be pleased with your work; he is absent from the city this week.

Very truly,

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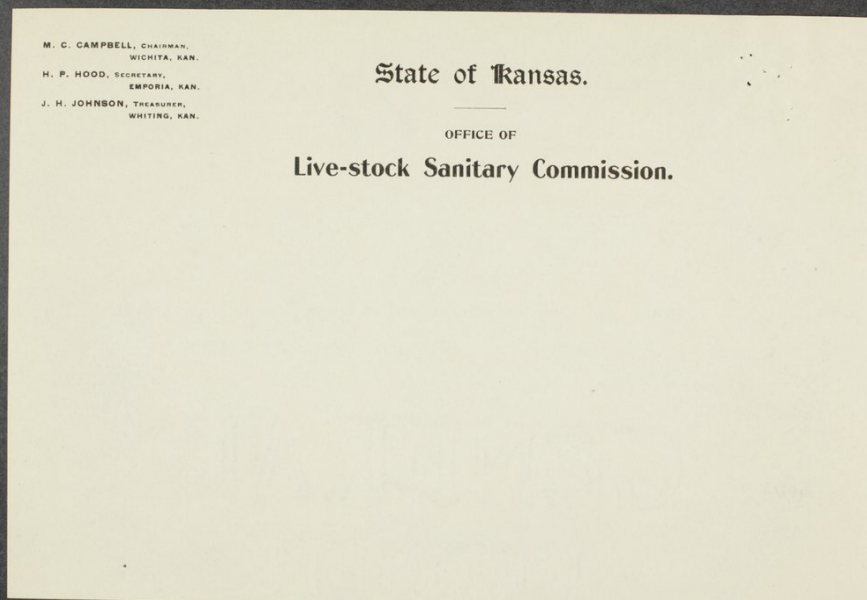
R. N. Watson, Under-sheriff,
Ellsworth, Kans.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose you copy of report filed by Dr. Maxwell, and trust
that it will allay all fears among owners of cattle, relative to the
trouble in your county.

Very truly yours,

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SALINA, KANSAS, *Aug 24* 1907

Mr J. B. Baker

Topeka Ks.

Dear Sir

Enclosed please find my meager report. I hope it proves satisfactory, and that my services the same. Now if my report is not according to "Hoyle", please let me know, and give me instructions, as I sincerely hope to please you. Many thanks for past favors, and I sincerely hope that you can see your way clear to give me more of this work.

Very Truly

Hugh S. Maxwell,

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The names of the places I visited
were as far as I can remember

at Ellsworth
Mrs Ben Henry = 2 cows
Mr Nelson Weir = 5 cows

at Langley
Mr Jas Monroe
Mr Robt McGinnis
Mr Forecraft

There are one or two others, that
I do not remember.

Hugh S. Maxwell



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James Reardon

Sheriff of Ellsworth County
Kansas

Terms of Court in the
Thirtieth Judicial Dis-
trict of Ellsworth
County

Fourth Tuesday in January ... Fourth
Tuesday in April ... Second Tuesday
in October

R. R. REES, Judge
JAMES REARDON, Sheriff
JAMES M. WILSON, Clerk
DALLAS GROVER, County At'y

Ellsworth, Kansas, August 27th, 1907

Hon. John B. Baker,

Live Stock Sanitary Commissioner,

Topeka, Kansas,

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed herewith please find statement of expenses &c. by
Dr. T. M. Hedrick, the local veterinarian who went with me, upon the
advice of your office, to inspect certain cattle infected with con-
tagious disease, in this county, August 19th, 20th and 21st.

As the expenses of this trip were born entirely by myself,
I desire to request that a separate voucher be made out for the
expense item of \$6.85, and made payable to me. Or, if it would be
more regular, the voucher for the entire bill might be sent to me
so that I may hand the same to the veterinarian.

Yours respectfully,

R. C. Watson
Undersheriff.



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R. N. Watson, Under-sheriff,
Ellsworth, Kans.

Dear Sir:-

I have your favor of the 27th inst. enclosing the bill of local veterinarian, Mr. Hedrick, relative to the investigation of sick cattle in your county. In regard will say, that you called this department on the 20th inst., and I authorized you to take the Doctor out with you on that date, so he would be allowed \$5 per. day for the 20th and 21st, that would be \$10 for his services- I am enclosing a voucher for him to make out separately for that amount, and have noted on same the service. Before the 20th we would have nothing to say in regard to that item, for we only was notified on the 20th.

Then in regard to the item of "Actual Expenses", and which you say you have paid out, that or the expenses of sheriff is paid by your county, make out your bill and present to your county commissioners for your services, and they will look after your fees, as they do in every county where such services are rendered.

Trusting this may be plain to you. I remain,

Very truly yours,



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DALLAS GROVER, County Att'y

Ellsworth, Kansas, August 28th, 1907. 1907

Hon. John B. Baker,

Livestock Sanitary Commissioner,

Topeka, Kansas,

Dear Sir:-

Referring to the infection among the cattle of Ellsworth county, which has been the subject of several communications between myself and your office, allow me to say that the disease is spreading in the several parts of the county and there is need of prompt action on the part of the authorities in regard to the matter. We would like your office to send to our county for the purpose of diagnosing these cases a competent veterinarian. The man sent here from Salina evidently is better qualified for other lines of work, as he gave it out that there was nothing the matter with the cattle other than being poisoned by eating a certain kind of weed, whereas a number of cattle in different communities in this county are affected in identically the same way as the ones examined by the Salina horse doctor (I believe his name is Maxwell) and in many of the cases there is not a weed to be found in the pasture, and it is certain the cattle did not eat any weeds.

Please give this matter your earliest attention, as people up here are very uneasy about this contagion.

Yours respectfully,

R. N. Iverson, Undersheriff



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R. N. Watson, Under-sheriff,
Ellsworth, Kans.
Dear Sir:-
I have your favor of the 28th inst. and note what you say relative to prevalence of sick cattle in your county. And as for Dr. Maxwell, he is a graduate of a very reputable college, and stands well in the state, Governor Hoch, considering him among the best as he was appointed a member of the Veterinary Board, also our state veterinarian, Dr. F. S. Schoenleber, considers him a very fine veterinarian, and we have always been quite well-pleased with his work, having had no complaints so far, however, just as soon as Dr. Schoenleber returns from his vacation, and that will be I think within the next week or ten days, we will have him make a trip to your county, and investigate the conditions, ; we have no one more competent to send at this time than Dr. Maxwell, he ranks among the highest, and pending the Doctors return will have to ask that your people look after their cattle, and we will have the Doctor there promptly upon his return. We wish to give your people the best service we have, and at this time, can only ask their courtesy, in waiting upon the Doctors return, as we have none better to send than Dr. Maxwell, and thought he would please you, as he ranks highly. Will be glad to hear from you at any time as to conditions there, and thank you for your interest in the matter.

Very truly yours,

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Law Office of IRA E. LLOYD, Ellsworth, Kansas.

Sept. 2nd 1907.

State Live Stock Sanitary Commissioner,
Topeka,
Kansas.

Dear Sir:- At request of Dr. Hedrick I enclose herein his bill for services rendered.

Very truly

Ira E. Lloyd,

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Sept. 5,

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Mr. Ira E. Loyd,

Ellsworth, Kans.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your favor of the 2d inst. enclosing bill for veterinary services rendered this department by T. N. Hedrick, V. S. will say that I return the bill made out by him, and a blank for new bill, asking him to omit the item of \$5 on the 19th inst. as R. N. Watson, under-sheriff, did not notify us of the case until August 20th and I on that date authorized him to take a local veterinarian and make an examination, and for the 20th and 31st his charges are O. K. but as I was not notified of the case until the 20th I cannot see how this department is liable for the \$5 charged on the 19th- I cite you to Section 8, chapter 495 of the Session Laws, or rather Laws of Kansas, 1905. When I returned the bill to Mr. Watson, omitting the item of expense Mr. Watson told me that he had paid for the expenses, and as each county is liable for sheriff's expenses I omitted that, not knowing it was Mr. Hedrick's expenses alone. We have no desire to withhold from Mr. Hedrick his pay for work we authorized, and trusting we may receive the bill, as per. work authorized, I am,

Very truly yours,

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Law Office of IRA E. LLOYD, Ellsworth, Kansas.

September 7, 1907.

Live-Stock Sanitary Commissioner,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir,

Enclosed find the claim of Dr. Hedrick, the \$5.00 being omitted as you suggested.

Yours very truly,

Ira E. Lloyd

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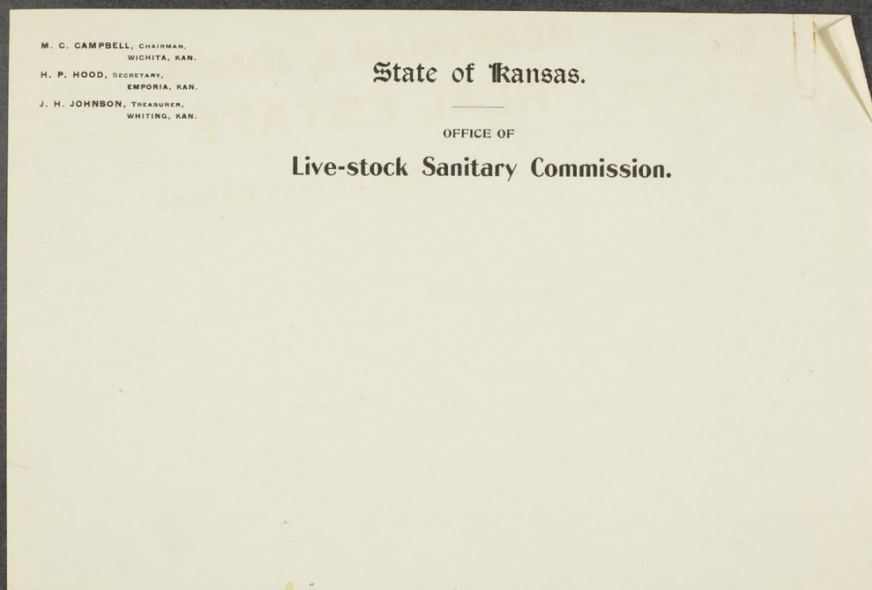
Mr. Ira E. Loyd, Lawyer,
Billworth, Kans.

Dear Sir:-
Enclosed please find warrant, favor T. N. Hedrick, V. S. for
\$16.85.

I wish to thank Mr. Hedrick for his work for this department.

Very truly yours,

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

ADDRESS REPLY TO "CHIEF OF
BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY,"
AND REFER TO YY

January 14, 1910.

Mr. J. H. Mercer,
Live Stock Sanitary Commissioner,
Topeka, Kansas.

Sir:

For your information I desire to advise you that during
December, 1909, the following shipments of cattle, which were
received at public stock yards, where inspection is maintained
by the Bureau, were found to be affected with scabies:

Name	Address	No.	Origin	Destination
Kemper & Wertz,	Garden City, Kas.	150	Garden City, Kas.	Kansas City.
W.K. Gordon,	Horton,	" 29	Horton,	do
Horace G. Adams,	Maple Hill,	" 52	Maplehill,	do
J.W. Sturges,	Burdick,	" 54	Delavan,	do
Olaerder & Carlson,	Assaria,	" 32	Assaria,	do
Geo. Molitor,	Bellefont,	" 27	Offerle,	do
Moses Bros., & Clayton,	Great Bend,	" 127	Great Bend,	do

Very respectfully,

Wm. Shooden

Acting Chief, Inspection Division.



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY,
LOCAL OFFICE.

Amarillo, Texas, Apr. 11, 1910.

Mr. J. H. Mercer,

Live Stock Sanitary Commissioner,
Topeka, Kans.

The following shipments of cattle were inspected in this district during March, 1910, for movement to various Kansas points.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Destination</u>	
Mar. 1	730	H. Kizlman,	DeGraff,	Kans.
" 3	20	G. C. Thompson,	Barclay,	"
" 4	32	L. A. Held,	Chetopa,	"
" 5	414	W. Davis,	Peabody,	"
" 7	126	Heilburn & Co.,	Osage Cy.,	"
" 7	202	G. C. Thompson,	Barclay,	"
" 7	265	E. A. Walden,	Bazaar,	"
" 7	120	W. Davis,	Elmdale,	"
" 7	200	Imthurn Bros.,	Hilltop,	"
" 13	34	Kelly & Reidy,	Cambridge,	"
" 17	300	F. L. Giddings,	Burns,	"
" 17	119	B. D. Freeman,	Madison,	"
" 19	500	White & Chaffin,	Moline,	"
" 19	343	Hammill & McClure,	Grenola,	"
" 19	37	L. L. Hiatt,	Gd. Summit,	"
" 21	100	R. W. Huff,	Udall,	"
" 21	280	Lee L. S. Com. Co.,	Elk Falls,	"
" 22	61	D. E. Ainsworth,	Hamilton,	"
" 24	67	S. F. Crow,	Gridley,	"
" 25	72	" " "	"	"



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Mar.	25	217	H. J. Hodgson,	Eureka,	Kans.
"	26	975	J. M. Moody,	Silverdale,	"
"	27	1000	W. M. Ferguson,	Gd. Summit,	"
"	27	429	J. H. McCready,	Clements,	"
"	27	156	W. T. Hays & Son,	Vine Creek,	"
"	27	150	L. P. Brown,	Minneapolis,	"
"	27	276	F. J. Bowen,	Vine Creek,	"
"	27	178	W. H. Shroyer,	Miltonvale,	"
"	27	146	F. M. McCready,	Vine Creek,	"
"	27	80	D. Murphy,	" "	"
"	27	32	J. M. Garver,	" "	"
"	29	98	Clay, Robinson & Co.,	Clements,	"
"	29	88	F. S. Heidrick,	Madison,	"
"	29	117	B. D. Freeman,	"	"
"	29	252	F. J. Bowen,	Vine Creek,	"
"	29	154	D. Murphy,	" "	"
"	29	151	F. M. McCready,	" "	"
"	29	140	W. T. Hays & Son,	" "	"
"	29	88	J. M. Garver,	" "	"
"	29	182	W. H. Shroyer,	Miltonvale,	"
"	29	148	G. L. Davis,	Burns,	"
"	29	352	J. H. McCready,	Bazaar,	"

Very respectfully,

Charles Pearson
V. Inspector.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

ADDRESS REPLY TO "CHIEF OF
BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY,"
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April 12, 1910.

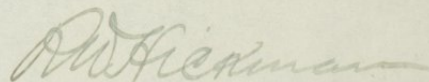
Mr. J. H. Mercer,
Live Stock Sanitary Commissioner,
Topeka, Kans.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of March 31, you are advised that 200 doses of tuberculin were shipped to your address on the 9th instant, and one dozen copies of Farmers' Bulletin 152 were ordered to be sent.

Please find enclosed copy of Dr. Eagle's official report of the investigation of the disease among horses at Erie, Kans., in accordance with your request.

Very respectfully,



Chief, Quarantine Division.

Enclosure 502.



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

ADDRESS REPLY TO "CHIEF OF
BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY,"
AND REFER TO

Kansas Cy., Kans., March 22, 1910.

Dr. L. R. Baker,
Inspector in Charge,
Kansas City, Kans.

Sir:-

Referring to the investigations in Neosho County, Kansas, of an outbreak of disease among horses, the following report is respectfully submitted.

On the 16th instant in company with the state live stock commissioner, I proceeded to Erie, Kansas, which is the county seat of the above county, and found the following diseases to exist among the horses of Erie and surrounding territory.

Swamp Fever (Infectious Anemia), Strangles, Shipping Fever, and Glanders.

Swamp fever appears to be a common malady among the horses of this locality, while Strangles and Shipping Fever are of recent invasion. Glanders does not appear to have spread very rapidly although my investigation pointed to the fact that there had been a few isolated cases in Erie for some few months. Before my arrival a local practitioner had applied the mallein test to six horses which he afterwards classed as reactors and during my visit destroyed five of the same. Clinical symptoms were only present in a slight degree in two of the animals and I selected the one which appeared to have the most pronounced clinical symptoms and demonstrated the presence of an extensive pulmonary glanders and also tracheal lesions, on post-mortem examination.

The people of Erie and surrounding territory were in a highly nervous condition due to the infectious diseases among their horses and this nervousness reached great proportions when local physicians in consultation diagnosed glanders, which afterwards became fatal in one of the male employees of a livery barn, in which barn we afterwards destroyed a horse afflicted with glanders. In visiting the different farms on which it had been rumored glanders existed, I found that strangles was being mistaken for glanders and in some cases swamp fever was the cause for the numerous rumors. Glanders appears to be confined to the town of Erie, although the other diseases mentioned also exist among the horses of this town.

In tracing the source of infection I found that a gray mare which had been driven from Parsons, Kansas, and sold to a local liveryman of Erie, Kansas, undoubtedly brought the disease to the horses of Erie. The shipping fever and strangles was traced to a car load of

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Dr. L. R. Baker.....2.

horses that were shipped into this town and sold at public sale.

I applied the mallein test to five horses, four of which I considered had been directly exposed to the disease. You will note from the enclosed charts that the test was not given a fair trial, due to the presence of other infections, such as strangles and shipping fever, appearing in the same stable and perhaps working on the animals tested. While I did not get a typical reaction on any of the animals tested I considered them as suspicious and recommended to the state authorities that they should be kept under close observation until a re-test could be made. The state authorities arranged to carry out my recommendation.

The live stock commissioner appeared to be convinced after my investigation that the outbreak of diseases among the horses was a mixture of infections and from all appearance glanders constituted a very small per cent of the infection.

After destroying all cases of glanders not doubtful, all premises and equipment were disinfected and the horses of the locality placed for close observation under the care of a local practitioner.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) R. F. Eagle

Veterinary Inspector.