

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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Elbing, Kansas, *March 4* 1915

Mr. J. H. Mercer
Sanitary Commissioner
Topeka, Kans.
Dear Sir:

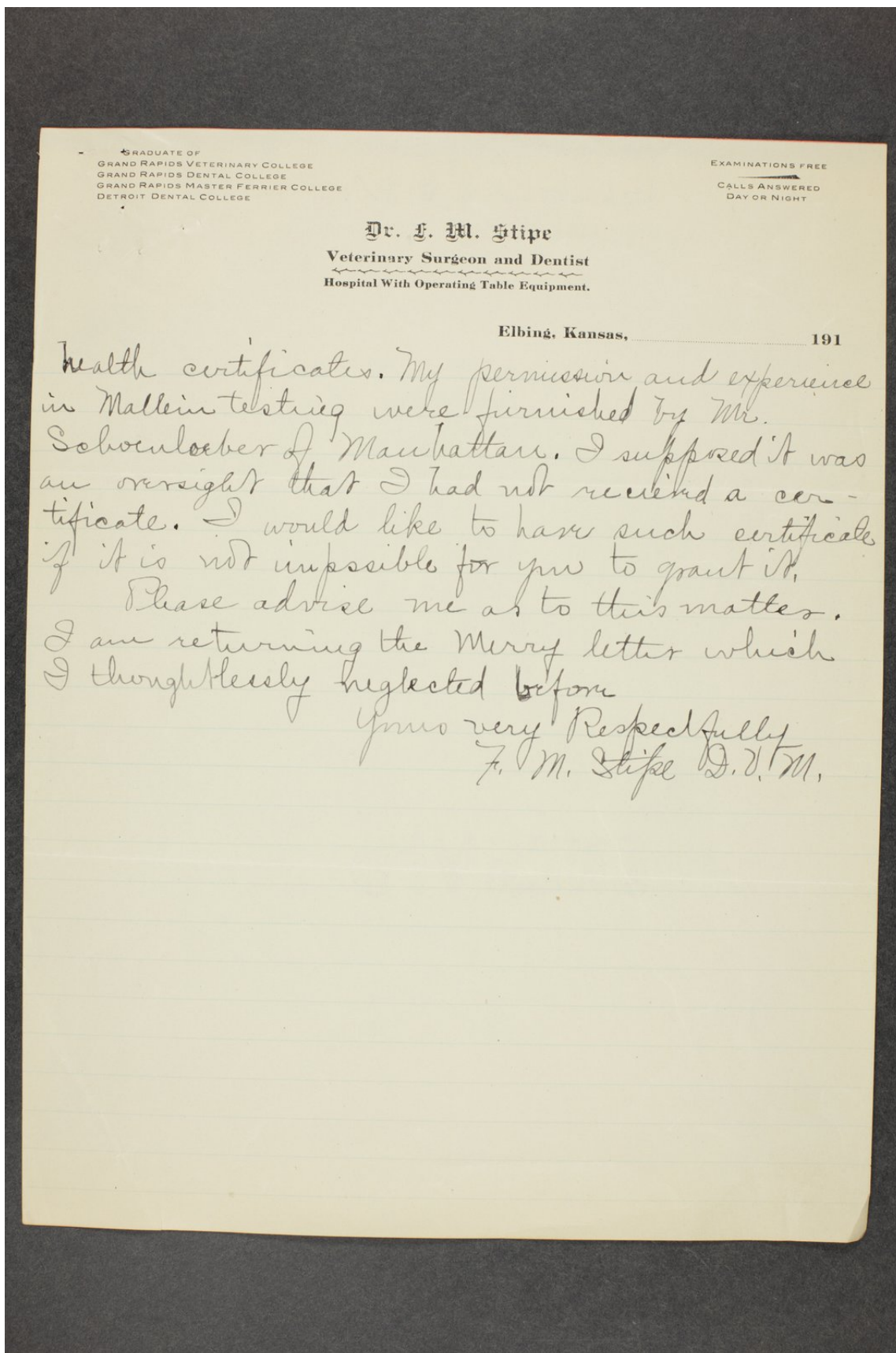
In reply to yours of recent date I wish to inform you that I am in communication with Mr. B. E. Merry and we expect to reach an agreement if possible.

He explained the matter fully to me and I am sorry he was forced to experience the delay and trouble and I expect to deal honestly with him though I will not submit to anything unreasonable for I could have given him the information the authorities there required if he had wired me differently, still I do not wish any trouble and I hope to arrange the affair without any if possible.

I wrote you once asking for a certificate of inspection and received reply that I would get same in few days and my name appears in list of veterinarians authorized to receive



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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
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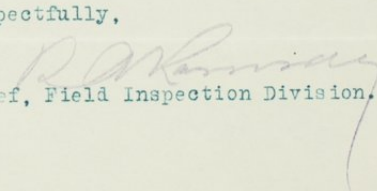
March 12, 1913.

Mr. J. H. Mercer,
Live Stock San. Commr.,
Topeka, Kans.

Sir:

You are advised that in February, 1913, Mr. H. A. Gudger, Kirwin, Kans., shipped 463 sheep which on arrival at South St. Joseph, Mo., where Federal inspection is maintained, were found to be infected with scabies. This office will be glad to be informed if the railroad yards, pens, and chutes that were used in handling this shipment of diseased animals have been cleaned and disinfected; also if the barns or sheds which contained the sheep on the premises of the owner have been treated by direction of your State.

Very respectfully,


Chief, Field Inspection Division.

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

South St. Joseph, Mo.

March 14th, 1913.

Mr. H. J. Scheck,
Agent, Mo. Pac. Ry.,
Kirwin, Kansas.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 13th instant, stating that the stock pens at your station have been cleaned and disinfected in accordance with my letter of Mar. 11th, 1913, and the regulations contained in B. A. I. Order 145, you are hereby notified that inasmuch as the stock pens at your station have been cleaned and disinfected in accordance with directions, said quarantine against the interstate movement of sheep is hereby removed.

Very respectfully,



Inspector in Charge.

Copies to:
Chief of Bureau.
State Veterinarian.
G.F.A., Mo. Pac. Ry. thru local agent.

Sharon Springs Mo
March 11. 1913

Mr. J. W. Mercer.

Dear Sir

I went to look after that
mange I went to Carl Peterson
on 18. 16. 42. He has 42 head
of cattle with the mange, as
bad as I ever saw about
half of them naked, a bull
is naked, drawn up, cracked
and raw. I went from Peterson
to a man named James Finch
who has a rented ranch, he
lately took 215 head of cattle
to W. Keeney, and left
seven head of steers that
were raw with the mange
running at large, this is
what made those men notify me.
I thought I would see to it that

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Those cattle were dipped, or something
done. There are others in that
neighborhood that I heard had it
but these that I saw was
proof that the mange was
there for sure and, that they
would all have to dip get
rid of it. This location is
about thirty miles South
West of Sharon Springs in
Wallace and Greeley Counties
along the line. This man Peterson
says his cattle caught it from
Finches cattle, I understand
that Finch took his cattle to
Wa Keency and sold them out
So I suppose it will be well scattered

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down there. You will find that
this is just as I tell you.
This was a two days trip,
and you can allow me
what you think right, and
I will be satisfied.

Respectfully
G. A. Hoys

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March 12, 1913.

Mr. G. A. Hayes,
Sharon Springs, Kas.

Dear Mr. Hayes:-

I have your letter of the 11th relative to the investigation of the reported case of scabies in your territory, and desire to thank you for your quick work in making this investigation. You do not state what action you took relative to taking steps relative to the cleaning up of this trouble. I would like for you, if possible, to take charge of these cases and see that they are properly dipped or hand-dressed, and any other steps you might deem advisable to take toward the eradication of this disease. If you can do this, I would like to have you proceed at once and try and have it attended to this month, or rather, before the 1st day of April, as that is the time my successor takes charge of the office.

Advise me what you can do and if you can handle the proposition, do not wait for any further instructions.

Thanking you for your interest in this matter.

Very respectfully,

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ALBERT A. JONES, CLERK.

United States Senate,
COMMITTEE ON
EXPENDITURES IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

Washington, D. C.,

May 26, 1913.

Honorable Sam S. Graybill,
Live-Stock Sanitary Commissioner,
Topeka, Kansas.

My dear Sam:

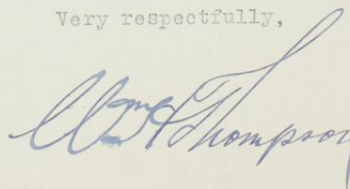
I am in receipt of your letter of May 23d, stating that copy of the Soil Survey has not reached you, and that you would be able to send me soon a selected list of names of a hundred farmers to send this document to. I am having sent to you under separate cover two or three other copies of the Soil Survey. I have about a thousand of these for Reno County and one hundred farmers would be insufficient to exhaust the supply.

The documents would go forward in my franked envelopes, and it would require no postage for them to be mailed out there, and it might be a good idea to send ten copies to each farmer and have him hand them out or mail them out. What is your idea about this?

With best wishes, I remain

Very respectfully,

J-M





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United States Senate,
COMMITTEE ON
EXPENDITURES IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

June 4th, 1913.

Hon. Sam. S. Graybill,
State Live Stock Commissioner,
Topeka, Kans.

My dear Graybill:

Your telegram on behalf of the Commercial National Bank received. I am doing all I can to secure the designation of this bank as a national depository, and will make an extra effort in order to favor you.

With best wishes, I remain

Very respectfully,

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June 12, 1913.

Hon Wm H. Thompson

Washington D.C.

My Dear Mr. Thompson:

After looking over the field, I have decided to have you send the Soil Surveys of Reno county to these parties for distribution.

W.H.Underwood-----	Hutchinson----	100
F.D.Hornbaker-----	Barlow	75
Geo. Kearney-----	Hutchinson R.F.D25	
G.W.Sain-----	Nickerson	100
H.S.Thompson,-----	Sylvia	50
M.T.Henderson, Haven,		100
A.M.Switzer, Yoder Prairie,		50
F.C.Field, Pretty Prairie,		50
G.W.Layman, Arlington		50

I want to thank you for the interest you took in the matter of locating the U.S. Depositary in the Commercial National Bank, in Hutchinson, and I assure you the members and the Board of Directors speak very highly of you.

Everyone seems to be well pleased with the appointments and I assure you, you are gaining ground.

With best wishes to you and yours, believe me to be,

Very truly,

G/L



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C. W. BRANDENBURG, Chairman
Frankfort

J. J. WILLIAMS, Secretary
Home City

CLARENCE COULTER, Treasurer
Blue Rapids

Democratic Central Committee Marshall County

Frankfort, Kansas, June 5, 1913.

My Dear Sir:-

After consulting with the Hon. W. J. Bryan, Secretary of State, while at Washington recently, I filed my application for the position of Minister to the little Country of San Salvador, in Central America.

During the twenty years that I have served continuously as a member of the State Committee, I have never before asked for an office or endorsement of any character. Believing that the time and money I have always given freely during these years are appreciated by not only the rank and file of the party, but by the active workers as well, is attested by the magnificent letters of endorsement that I have received from Wm. F. Sapp, Henderson Martin, Gov. Hodges, W. H. L. Pepperell, Harrison Parkman, John H. Attwood, E. E. Murphy and a score of others equally as prominent in Democratic affairs throughout the State.

I shall greatly appreciate a letter of endorsement from you, addressed to Mr. Bryan, and sent directly to me here at Frankfort, at the earliest possible moment.

Thanking you in advance for this favor, and assuring you of my willingness to reciprocate when opportunity affords, I am

Yours very truly,

C. W. BRANDENBURG.

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June 20th 1913.

Mr. C. W. Brandenburg,
Frankfort, Kansas.

My Dear Sir:

I will say that I have been out of town a great deal lately, and have not had a chance to answer your request but at this time I am glad to give this recommendation and I do hope you will be successful.

I am glad to give you this letter and do my little might toward getting a good man in the place you desire.

Very truly yours.

U/L

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Grove Okla.
June 1. 1911
Mr. S. S. Graybill
Topeka Kan.
State Live Stock Sanitary
Commissioner
Dear Sir.
I want know if
I can take my cows out of
Grove Okla into the State
of Kan. I talked to the Act.
of Pittsburg Kan. he said
I could bring them into Kan.
I am just in the Edge of the
Dick district & my home is
in Kan. I want to go home I
made a mistake by coming to
Okla. but it is no more
than many others done &

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I am trying to get out some
as I am I was sick three months
I lost every thing but my
cows they are healthy &
no ticks on them not even
the native ticks I want to
take them some place
where I can sell milk to
help make a living.
The fact of the business is
the people here trying to
beat me out of my cows
as they are good Kam cows
if you can be of any help
to me please let me know
by return mail as I would
like to get away this week
Yours Respectfully
Ella Ship

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June 5, 1913.

Miss Ella Fly,

Grave Oklahoma,

My Dear Madam:

Your letter received and in reply will say that to be honest with you I don't know what to say to you about your cows. If they are not in the ticky district I would say to you, under the conditions, you might bring them in, being of a disposition to help you as you seem to be in trouble.

I would allow you to bring the cattle across the line and then have them tested but you must write me and assure me that they are free from ticks. You have some one who knows, look over the cows and if there are not any ticks on them, and this man pronounces them clean then I will let you have them tested when they arrive in Kansas.

This is not strictly according to the Kansas rules but in as much as you seem to be in trouble and want to do what is right I will help you. Under no consideration could you bring these cattle in if they are ticky or from the ticky district.

If you were a man I would not extend even this courtesy but this time I will try and help you out.

Very truly,



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HOME PHONE MAIN 1871

BELL PHONE MAIN 6021

ST. LOUIS HOTEL

FRED. L. SHIPP, PROP.
1531 GENESEE STREET
OPPOSITE LIVE STOCK EXCHANGE

GOOD ROOMS
MEALS AT ALL HOURS

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 11, 1913

Mr. Samuel S. Graybill,
Topeka, Kans.

Sir:

I am in receipt of my last letter to you on one corner of which you state that you have sent me "all papers and recommendations that were in my possession." As I have received neither by post or express any "letters or recommendations" whatever from you I write you again asking for return to me of all recommendations and endorsements signed by about 20 firms doing business at the Kansas City Stock Yards.

I handed you the papers in Representatives Hall early in February. Also I mailed you the endorsement of Chairman Pepperell. Both of these papers I have a right to have returned to me. I also have a legal right to copy any other letters or other recommendations that others may have filed in your office concerning myself. But in the latter case I ask you to give me a list of the names of writers of letters endorsing me for Inspector.

Mr. Graybill, the requests I make herein are reasonable and are within my rights. I have a list of nearly 20 letters, also the copies in full of several others furnished my by the Governor's office, also a lengthy communication filed with him soon after you, twice solemnly, in your own home, promised me that I should have a position as Inspector.



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HOME PHONE MAIN 1371

BELL PHONE MAIN 6021

ST. LOUIS HOTEL
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KANSAS CITY, MO.,

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Now, Mr. Graybill, I think that since I first met you in your own home you have treated me, to put it mildly, very shabbily. You have not fulfilled a single one of the several promises or agreements you made me during the campaign.

It is now time to treat me differently.

Mr. Joe Mercer informs me that he always returns all letters to candidates not appointed--why shouldn't you?

Yours truly,

JGMc

J. G. McLoon
Stock Yards Station,

General Delivery.

Add Stock Yard Station



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June 13, 1913.

Mr. J. S. McCoy

Kansas City Stock Yards Station

My Dear Sir:

You seem to be very much aggrieved over the fact that the papers you left in my possession have not been returned to you. I cannot understand, Mr. McCoy why you criticise me and claim that I am doing you an injustice. I gave you the same fair treatment, that I gave the other fellows who applied for positions under this department.

While you think you are strong and capable of doing this work, it was the consensus of opinion that you were too old and a younger man would be able to fill the position to a much better advantage.

Many of the state institutions will not hire men who are over fifty years of age, which is a little hard on men of your age. I think if you will remember I told you I would consider your application. I offered to put you in, at Wichita, and the commission men there told me that I was doing them an injustice by putting such an old man to do the work and it would be treating them unfair to say the least.

I assure you I have no feeling against you, in any way and there isn't a man in Kansas who would go farther

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to help you than I would and yet you think I am doing you an injustice by not putting you in the Stock yards, and think that I am holding papers that you would like to have.

I will say that if any papers have been misplaced in this office, I will be perfectly willing for you to come down and go through everything in my office and see if you can find the same, we have gone over everything and are unable to find any such papers.

I hope this letter will put an end to this misunderstanding, and assure you I have no prejudice against you and no papers to my personal knowledge.

Very truly yours,

G/L

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A. O. YEOMAN, VICE PRES.

D. F. CALLAHAN, CASHIER

H. W. FREELAND, ASST. CASHIER
M. M. RADER, ASST. CASHIER

THE FARMERS STATE BANK

CAPITAL \$50,000.00 SURPLUS \$25,000.00
UND. PROFITS \$15,000.00

KINGMAN, KANSAS,

June 12, 1913.

Sam S. Graybill, Live sStock Commissioner,
Topeka, Kans.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of recent date and wish to let you know further as the manner the serum I bought of the college acted on my hogs.

In my previous letter to you I made the statmenet that after the delgy in shipping the vaccine, up to the time of vaccination I had lost only tow hogs besides the one I had Dr. S. E. Hays kill and examine before the first ordering of the serum. I have up t this date lost 196 head out of a total of 238 head that were vaccinated. Twelve small pigs that were vaccinated out of one smalll bottle of the serum bearing a leter dated label than the rest of the serum never took sick and are alive and well today.

The first hog I had that showed any symp- toms of cholera was not in the pens with my main bunch of hogs. All the hogs that did not eat or drink were kept isolated. While waiting for the serum all the hogs except one bunch of shoats were sprayed together with a commercial dip. This bunch of shoats that were

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not sprayed had lime scattered well in their sheds. All post-mortem examinations made either by myself or by Dr. Hasy until three weeks after vaccination showed no worms. These hogs had shorts slop to drink as I have always worked on the theory that it payed me to give my hogs some shorts slop at all times.

I am a young man, and I am the first man I believe to by ante-hog cholera serum in Kingman County. Out of the 109 head that I vaccinated last fall and handled in the same manner as the herd which has been practically exterminated by the use of the serum I never lost a single hog. What little sickness has been in this neighborhood this spring has not been in any malignant form.

In view of all of these facts I can believe only one think, that I have been given bad serum, and it is the concensus of opinion of this community that this is the case. I feel that a through investigation must be made and if someone in the college has made a mistake they must acknowledge the smae, and in every line mistakes will occur. If the college finds this to be the case and will admit it my friends say I would have a sleigh chance to recover through the



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legislature, as you know there is no recourse in law.

Do you not think that I am entitle to a
hearing in this matter?

Thanking you for all efforts you may take in
my behalf, I am

Yours very truly,

R. L. Sutton.

P. S. In reference to the number vaccinated will say
we vaccinated all hogs on the place at the time of
vaccination and that I lost two hogs while waiting
for the serum.

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Kan.

June 13, 1913.

Mr. R. L. Dutton

Kingman, Kansas.

My Dear Sir:

I have been very much interested in your case and have given it a great deal of attention, and have already taken it up with the College and will do all I can to help you straighten this matter out satisfactorily.

With best regards believe me to be,

Very truly,

G?L



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KANSAS CITY, MO., June 16, 1913.

Mr. Samuel S. Graybill,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of yours enclosing ExSenator John Martin's letter addressed to the Governor endorsing me for the position of Inspector.

Allow me to tell you that your not occupying the office in Topeka until April 1st caused many of my friends to address you at Hutchinson instead of at Topeka, as I did myself. I am quite sure you have at your home in Hutchinson a goodly number of letters and other forms of endorsements of myself which I very much desire to have and which I cannot see any good reason for your withholding from me.

Now, please look this matter up the first time you go home and I am quite sure you will find a score or more of such papers as I ask for.

You are in decided error in your statement in what you write about the promises you made at your home on occasion of my visit very soon after your appointment. Your language at that time was a twice repeated, emphatic, declaration that I should have a position as inspector.

Wichita Yards were mentioned. I told you that a Mr. Johnson or Jackson (I am not sure as to his name) who was Gate Keeper at the Yards had your emphatic promise that in event of your appointment as Sanitary Commissioner he should have the position of State Inspector at Wichita Yards and that, at his request, the Association had endorsed him. You said that you had so promised him. At the Yards it was said that Johnson (or Jackson) being an ex Confederate, was his chief recommendation or reason of your appointing him. It is well known that he has no proper qualifications for the position, so all your statement about your consulting the Wichita Commission men about my appointment to that place is, to my mind, rot.

Now, I am unwilling to cease calling on you for the papers filed with you personally and by mail until you return them to me, I mean those addressed to you at Hutchinson.

Yours truly,

Address-
Stock Yard Station,
Kansas City, Mo.

J. G. McLeary

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State of Kansas.

OFFICE OF
STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY EXAMINERS.

O. O. WOLF, SECRETARY.

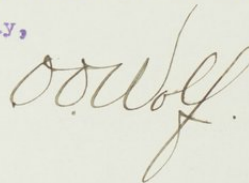
OTTAWA, June 16, 1913.

Mr. S. S. Graybill,
Live-stock Sanitary Commissioner,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Graybill:-

Dr. A. L. Ashby of the Missouri Valley Serum Company desires that I convey to you my opinion of his ability to use Anti-Hog Cholera Serum and the Virulent blood in the treatment of or eradication of Hog Cholera. I believe him capable and qualified to do this work.

Yours truly,



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Ken
June 10th, 1913.

Mr. A. L. Ashby,
MO Valley Serum co.
809 Kansas City Mo.

My Dear Sir:

The letter from Dr. Wolf does not show that you are registered in the state and does not instruct me to give you a certificate of appointment.

The point I want to know, are you a veterinary or a medical doctor? If you are a veterinary and are registered in this state I will give you a commission but if you are not registered and a graduate, I cannot give you anything but a permit to vaccinate hogs against the cholera.

I hope to hear from you in regards to this matter.
soon

Very truly yours,

G/L

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THE WILSON GAMBREL



J. F. WILSON, JR.

INVENTOR WILSON GAMBREL
BURR OAK, KANSAS

Jan 17, 13.

Dear Sir: Having seen by the paper that you have been testing cows over the country, I would like to get some information upon the conditions of your tests.

Does the State stand the expense of these tests or does the party owning the cows tested have to stand the expense. Last Fall I purchased some registered Jersey cows from Mr. R. J. Linscott of Holton and one of them has been coughing ever since and is very restless while being milked as though her udder is very sensitive and I fear that she is infected with the disease.

These cows are represented to be tested cows. Please let me hear from you at an early date. Am enclosing stamp

Yours truly,
J. F. Wilson, Jr.

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June 21st 1913.

Mr. J. F. Wilson, Jr.

Burr Oak Kansas.

My Dear Sir:

Your letter in reference to the tuberculosis cows came to hand and I will say that the state does not pay for the testing tuberculin cows unless the parties refuse to test same, or unless we have reason to believe that tuberculosis exists. You understand that this is very expensive for a doctor cannot charge over \$5.00 a day and his expenses.

I assure you I will co-operate with you and furnish the tuberculin free of charge. The Doctors in your county, are Mr. E. F. Meads, and Mr. H. R. Groome of Jewell City, who have commissions to test under this department, and if you will send us the number of cows to be tested I will send the tuberculin to the doctor free of charge.

Very truly yours,

G/L

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Kan

June 18, 1913.

Hon. A. D. Melvin,
Chief of Bureau of Animal Industry
Washington, D.C.

My Dear Sir:

About a month or six weeks ago you wrote me in reference to a gentleman by the name of Dittinger who had moved some cows interstate from Illinois to Kansas that had been condemned for tuberculosis and instructed me to look into the matter and help the Federal Inspector to find them and report same to you. In connection with Mr. Peter I Kerschner I found the man who had shipped the cattle and found them to be reactors, and put under quarantine as well as the other part of the herd which they were in with.

Then I recommended that the party be prosecuted and up to date I have heard nothing. I would like very much to have you give me the information as to whether the Federal Government expects to prosecute this gentleman or not as I want to take some action against him in Kansas.

Since then over 50 cattle have been reactors in the same neighborhood, among cows that were from the same part of Illinois and it seems to us that Illinois is making Kansas a dumping ground for their tuberculosis