

Livestock Sanitary Commissioner's Office, correspondence, 1919-1924

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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. The correspondence is mostly between the Livestock Sanitary Commissioner and various livestock owners throughout Kansas.

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Hollenbeck Cattle

February 24, 1920.

Mr. J. A. Burnett,
c/o New Arlington Hotel,
Ness City, Kans.

Dear Burnett:

I just received your letter of the 22d with enclosures. I am writing to Mr. Herr at Hutchinson asking him to give you any consideration he can in securing the information that might be of any assistance to you regarding the Hollenbeck cattle. I might add that I just received a letter this morning from Mr. Hollenbeck advising that up to date he knew nothing new from the time he saw Mr. Sanders and he did not suppose there was anything else we could do. You might go ahead and find out what you can at the reformatory.

I think it would be alright for you and Sanders to spend another week or two together in canvassing some county out in that section. I would not go into any county adjoining Comanche, as that is close to Sander's home, but any other county out of Hutchinson will be alright. We have but very few members in Ford County, and I believe it would be a good county to canvass. If you should go into that county, call on Fred Greenleaf and he can give you information that will help you.

Very truly,

Special attention Given the Commercial Trade.

The New Arlington Hotel

AMERICAN

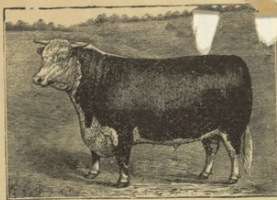
C. M. COOK, Proprietor

NESS CITY, KANSAS, 2/22 1912

J. H.-
I am dealing with the Hollenbeck matter. I find there is a boy in the Reformatory sent up for stealing cattle and who was working for H. at the time the cattle disappeared. He is asking for a parole and I am going to stop off at Hutchinson Friday and see if I can pump anything out of him. It will smooth matters some if you will write Sup. Here to give me an opportunity to see this boy and answer one sent up at the same time. The general impression here is that the cattle were not stolen. We will attend the stock sales Tues. Wed. & Thurs. in the stock country along the Pawnee and will be able to see about all of them. Foster has agreed to go with us. Enclose 16-

J. H. B.

CORRESPONDENCE SOLICITED



J. C. HOLLENBECK

BREEDER AND DEALER IN

FANCY HEREFORD CATTLE

STOCKERS AND FEEDERS A SPECIALTY

Bunker Hill, ~~NESS CITY~~ KANSAS, 2/20 1920

Mr. J. H. Mercer
Topeka, Kans.

Dear Sir. I have just returned from Ness Co.
We have never heard anything further from the cattle
that were taken about Nov 15-19. Mr Souders got no clue
and the people at Abetlin, have never reported anything.
I want to take a trip up there as soon as I can get away.
I don't know of anything more that you could do
at present. But if we get any clue, and need any help,
we will be glad to call on you. Thanking you for your
kind offer. I Remain, Very Truly Yours,
J. C. Hollenbeck

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February 24, 1920.

Mr. Herr,
Superintendent of the Reformatory,
Hutchinson, Kans.

Dear Mr. Herr:

Mr. J. A. Burnett, a representative of this department engaged in the inspection of brands of live stock and incidentally trying to locate cattle that might have been stolen, will likely call on you in the next few days for the purpose of securing some information if he can from some inmate of the institution. He writes to me that there was a young man in the reformatory that might have some information regarding the theft of fifty head of pure-bred Hereford cattle out in Ness County.

I would be pleased very much if you would give Mr. Burnett consideration in helping him secure any information that might be of benefit.

Thanking you in advance for this favor, I am,

Very truly yours,

M-S

Commissioner.



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JAMES A. KIMBALL
BUSINESS MANAGER

BOARDS GENERAL OFFICE
TOPEKA, KANSAS

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Hollambeck Cattle Loss

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February 25, 1920

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

My dear Mr. Mercer:

I have your favor of the 24th, stating that your Mr. J. A. Burnett will visit us to have an interview with one of our inmates. We will be delighted to have Mr. Burnett come, and shall render him every possible aid. If there is any young man here who can give him information we shall also insist that this young man shall go the limit and shall hold nothing back. We shall be very glad indeed to be of service in this instance.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

J. N. Herr
Superintendent.

JNH:MS

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Hollenbeck Cattle

February 11, 1920.

Mr. J. C. Hollenbeck,
Russell, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

I did not get to talk with you at Wichita after you saw Mr. Sanders, and therefore do not know whether you talked with him concerning your lost cattle or otherwise. I wish you would write me on receipt of this letter what information, if any, you might have now, other than what you gave Mr. Sanders when he was at your place, and if you have any information or clue in any manner of the cattle, we will have Mr. Sanders look after same. We will help you every way we can and as far as we can, but of course as you know, we have no funds with which to go into the matter to any great extent.

Let me know if there is anything new developed since Mr. Sanders talked with you at Ness City, and I will advise him as to what to do.

Very truly,

M-S

Commissioner.

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Hollenbeck cattle

February 11, 1920.

Mr. O. L. Lennen,
Secretary,
Kansas Investment Co.,
Ness City, Kans.

Dear Mr. Lennen:

I have your letter of the 7th inst., and note same. I have had some correspondence with Mr. Hollenbeck regarding the loss of his cattle. Along in December I had Mr. W. F. Sanders, who is one of our brand inspectors, go to Ness City and call on Mr. Hollenbeck with a view of helping him locate his lost cattle if possible. He was there a day or so and made some investigations, but the weather was so bad that he left and went back home and of course throughout the month of January, he being a member of the Legislature, was here in Topeka.

I will have Mr. Sanders call on Mr. Hollenbeck and have him make any investigation that he can. Of course we are doing this with a view of determining the necessity of a uniform brand system, as that is what Mr. Sanders is doing under the present law -- making investigations and compiling reports on the conditions in the State relative to the branding of live stock, etc. I believe Mr. Sanders told me that there was considerable gossip around there concerning the Hollenbeck cattle as to whether they were stolen or otherwise. But of course he did not make any investigation regarding the matter, and we know nothing further about it. As you know, there is always someone to question the integrity of a person when a thing like that comes up, but we will go on and help Mr. Hollenbeck as far as we can. Of course we cannot spend very much money in matters of this kind but we will do the best we can.

Very truly,

M-S

Commissioner.

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G. A. BORTHWICK,
Vice-President
O. L. LENNEN, Secretary
EARL B. HOPPER, Treasurer

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THE KANSAS INVESTMENT COMPANY

(INCORPORATED)

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS \$52,000.00

NESS CITY, KANSAS

Feb. 7, 1920.

Mr. J. H. Mercer, Sec'y.,
The Kansas Livestock Assoc'n.,
Topeka, Kansas,
Dear Mr. Mercer:

You will remember that Mr. Hollenbeck, one of our most prominent stockmen lost about 50 head of good Whiteface cows a few weeks ago. One of your Inspector's, whose name I can not now recall, was out here and made some investigation but at that time the weather was somewhat unfavorable, and in fact, then as now we are all at a loss to know just how to proceed.

A few persons have been uncharitable enough to say they do not think any cattle were lost at all, but there seems to be no question in the minds of right thinking men who have known the Hollenbecks all these years, they having been raised out in this country.

Mr. J. C. Hollenbeck the Senior member of the Hollenbecks has been a determined and inveterate and determined worker in the Anti-horse thief Association in this part of Kansas for years and therefore is in bad with all old time smugglers or would be smugglers of livestock out this way. Mr. Hollenbeck, in the past years has employed many men on his ranch and now thinks that some of these, who pretended to be friends, might have been instrumental in helping to hide these cattle away and gradually get them out of the country.

For instance a young man who has been in this part of the country for several years and spent much time at Hollenbecks, and who was quite an experienced cow-man disappeared two or three weeks before these cows disappeared and while they thought lots of him and were slow to allow suspicion to rest in that direction, but since he has not returned they think it possible that he may have at least assisted some gang in getting the cattle.

This fellow was heard of in a small Texas town recently but was supposed to have gone from there to Ft. Worth.

Mr. Hollenbeck has spent considerable time and money in following different clues and is entitled to all the advice and moral support, at least that can be given him.

What suggestions have you that might be of some assistance in running this down and apprehending the guilty ones?

How would it be to put some detectives in the field?

Awaiting your early reply, I remain,

Yours very truly,

O. L. Lennen

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State of Kansas

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

TOPEKA

Mr J. H. Mercer

Topeka Kan.

Protection Kan

12-20-19

Dear Sir

I arrived home Sunday haven't
done very much this week as I have
about sick. I did not get much trace
of cattle some of the leading citizens
of Ness City think the owners of these
cattle disposed of them in some way
Every thing they have is heavy mortgaged
Sorry I could not locate them but ~~element~~
Weather made it difficult to get around
but may be able to find them yet
Please find inclosed 7 application
for membership in association
I hope to see you about the 5th of next
month.

Very truly yours
W. L. Sanders

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Allen

December 3, 1919.

Mr. J. C. Hollenbeck,
Hess City, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of November 28th, wish to say that at the last session of the legislature a law was passed providing for a brand inspector to work under supervision of the State Live Stock Sanitary Commissioner.

At present we have two inspectors doing this kind of work and I am writing Mr. W. P. Sanders, one of the inspectors now located at Protection, Kansas, to call upon you at his earliest convenience and assist in every way possible in tracing your cattle.

Assuring you that we will be very glad to cooperate with you in every way that will help in locating these cattle, I am

Very truly yours,

Commissioner.

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December 3, 1919.

Mr. W. P. Sanders,
Protection, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

This department is in receipt of a communication from Mr. J. C. Hollenbeck of Ness City, Kansas, wherein he states that some time between the 15th and 17th of November fifty-five head of white face cows were stolen from his pastures. He has been unable to find any trace of these cattle.

At your very earliest opportunity you are authorized to call upon Mr. Hollenbeck and go over the matter carefully with him and lend every assistance possible in tracing these cattle. I wish to add that this is a very important matter and an opportunity for the brand inspector to be of real service to the cattlemen of Kansas.

Kindly keep me posted concerning your efforts in this matter.

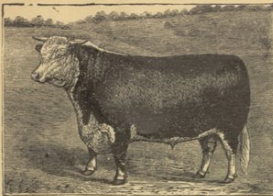
Very truly yours,

Commissioner.

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J. C. HOLLENBECK

BREEDER AND DEALER IN

FANCY HEREFORD CATTLE

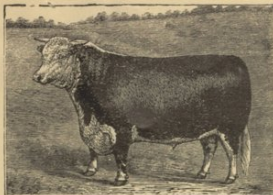
STOCKERS AND FEEDERS A SPECIALTY

NESS CITY, KANSAS, 11/28 1919

J. A. Mercer Sec. Kans. Live Stock Ass.
Topeka, Kans.

Dear Sir. Between the 15th and 17th of this month we had stolen from our pastures about 55 head of mostly white face dehorned Cows. Branded as follows. -IV or I V or -V all on left hip. Also one Horned Registered White face cow with Tattoo No. 263 in Left ear. Being an old timer, here since 1876. And having some good friends, we have scoured the country pretty well from the Arkansas River to the Nebraska line, with very little success. on the 26th we learned of about 60 head good white face cows with a few good red ones being offered for sale near Osblin, in Decatur Co. Kans. by a stranger who was with a native of questionable character. That crew will be worked out thoroughly by the Sheriff and his deputies of Decatur Co. Having been a member for several years, of Kans. & S. Ass. I am taking the liberty of asking you to cooperate with us in find these cattle, and apprehending the thieves. And help rid the country of Cattle Rustlers. We have checked up the shipments on the different roads pretty close, for miles around. Notified the

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J. C. HOLLENBECK

BREEDER AND DEALER IN

FANCY HEREFORD CATTLE

STOCKERS AND FEEDERS A SPECIALTY

NESS CITY, KANSAS. 19

Brand Inspectors. of Denver, Omaha,
Chicago, St. Joe, ^{and} Kansas City. Notified the
Sheriffs of Hodgeman, Ford, Gray, Finney,
Scott, Lane, Gove, Trego, Ellis, Graham, Sheridan,
Decatur, and Norton. Offering \$300.00 Reward.
And my son A. H. who was at Berlin. Offered
a Reward of \$500.00 For the Arrest & conviction
of the Thief or Thieves. No one man could
get away with these cattle so effectually
and not leave a trail or let anyone see him.
Hoping to hear from you in the near future.
And With Kind Regards, I Remain,

Sincerely Yours

J. C. Hollenbeck

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February 26, 1924.

Dr. H. W. Balthrope,
Whiting, Kansas.

Dear sir:

Answering your letter of the 22nd instant.

The regulations you refer to are federal regulations
and not state regulations.

As I understand it you had a car load of cattle
on your farm that you intended to ship and that you wanted to ship
a bull with them but it appears from your letter that you have no
shipment of your own to make. It appears, therefore, that it
would be no trouble to get this animal put in a car of cattle that
are going to market. Of course it will be necessary for you to
securely tie the bull in one end of the car and by doing this you
will take no chances on shipping the bull to market. If you do
not want to carry out federal requirements just put the bull in
and ship him with someone and phone this office the day he is
shipped and give us the name of the Commission Company to which
the car of cattle is consigned and we will do the rest. It makes
no difference to this department what Commission Firm sells the
state reactor cattle. Should you want to send the bull down to
Topeka, all you need to do is to get someone to either bring
him down in a truck or send him down to the Wolff Packing Company.
Since this animal is appraised at a considerable value I think
it would be best for you to confer with the County Commissioners
as to this and if it is satisfactory with them that the animal
be in a car by himself and sent down to Topeka the freight would not
be very much.

The only suggestion I might have to make with
respect to the federal shipping form is that you not ship the bull
with a load of stock cattle but ship him with a load of fat
cattle that are going to market for immediate slaughter. It will
make no difference whether the shipping form was used or
otherwise.

Trusting that I have made this matter plain. If
there is any further information we can give you will be glad to
do so.

Very truly yours,

JHM:P

Commissioner.

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Dr. H. W. BALTHROPE, DENTIST.

WHITING, KANSAS

Feb 22

1924

Mr J. H. Mercer
Topeka Kas
Dear Sir

Since everything connected with
state and Federal laws and rules change
about as often as the moon. I will
have to confess my ignorance relative
to the latest style on interstate forms for
shipping tubercular cattle. I have them
all O.K. but don't know how to dispose of
them. Who is the Chief of Bureau of Animal
Industry? where does he hold forth?

Who is the inspector in charge at destina-
tion and his address? Where does the
copy go, or where is the Field office
and who is in charge?

We have no cattle to ship, wanted to try to
ship with a local shipper, but they all try to
side step, when we want to ship with them.

Please advise me who to ship to

Yours Truly H. W. Balthrop

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February 18, 1924.

Dr. H. W. Balthrope,
Whiting, Kansas.

Dear sir:

Answering your letter of the 16th.

I am enclosing you interstate form for shipping tubercular cattle. The records we have here in the office are that you have a car load of cattle on your own farm and you expect to ship soon and expect to put this bull in with them. The record also show that the animal was tagged with tab No. 140161. If the tag has been lost it will not be necessary to retag the animal for the reason that he is no trouble to identify when you ship him if you call this office and tell us where he is to be shipped. We will have records made as to the post, and so forth.

Very truly yours,

JHM:P

Commissioner.

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Dr. H. W. BALTHROPE, DESTINY.

WHITING, KANSAS

Feb 16

1924

J. H. Mercer
Hopedale Kas
Dear Sir

Will you please mail
us shipping instructions for
D. B. Bull, that Mr. Budick
and his Jackson Co Commission
appraised a few weeks ago.
This Bull has never been
tagged either, if you will send
a tag we will tag and put
it on him.

Yours Truly
Balthrope & Co + Co
H.W.B.

Tag No 140161

Going to ship out with
some steers -

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March 4, 1920.

Mr. Geo. W. McCoy,
County Attorney,
Ellsworth, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

In answer to your letter of March 1, the county is liable for one half of the appraised value of an animal classed as being infected with tuberculosis, regardless of whether the animal is a beef or breeding animal. In answer to your inquiry regarding the animal located in Shawnee County, it would depend altogether under what conditions the animal is in Shawnee County. If she were sold to someone living in this county and was tested here in the county and classed as diseased, she would have to be appraised in this county, and Shawnee County would be required to pay one-half of the appraised value and also would receive whatever salvage there might be from the disposition of the animal. If the owner lives in Ellsworth County and ships her for sale and did not sell her, it would be up to this department to direct the plan of the disposition of the animal, and we would in all probabilities direct that the cow be shipped back to Ellsworth County and disposed of there in accordance to law governing the matter.

We have had several cases of this kind and the matter was submitted to the Attorney General a year or so ago, and his opinion was that the animal would have to be appraised in the county where she was located, if the owner lived in that county.

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Trusting I have answered your inquiry satisfactorily and
that you will call upon me for any further information I can
give, I am,

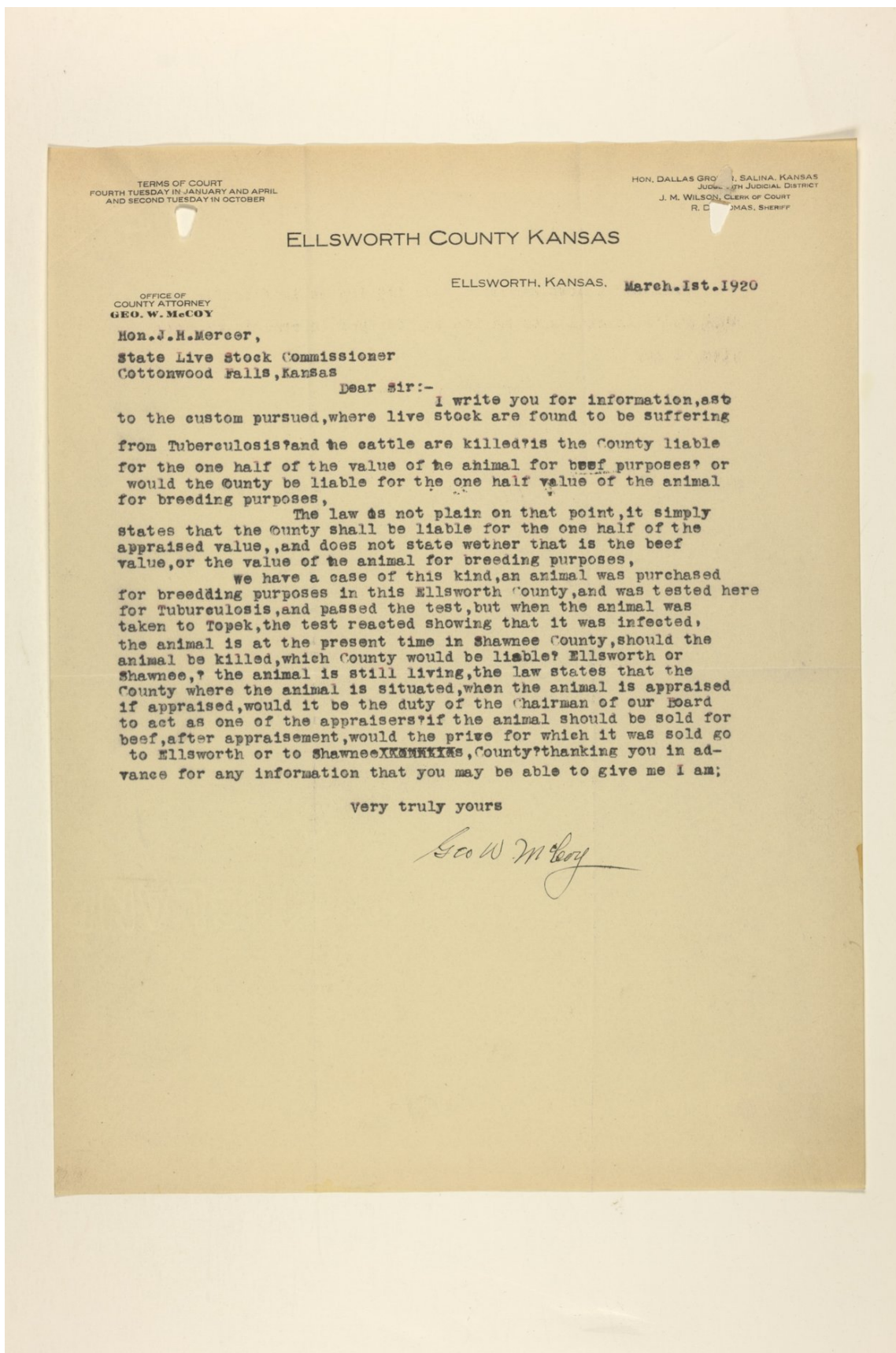
Very truly yours,

M-S

Commissioner.



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State of Kansas.

OFFICE OF

LIVE STOCK SANITARY COMMISSIONER

TOPEKA

March 5, 1920.

J. H. MERCER
COMMISSIONER

Mr. W. G. West	Mr. I. E. Smith	Mr. J. A. Burnett
Mr. A. P. Burdick	Mr. W. M. Henderson	Mr. Jack McFall
Mr. H. L. Daughters	Dr. E. W. Little	Mr. Geo. Porteous
Miss Julia White	Dr. H. F. Dotson	Mr. Anton Ptacek
Miss Mary Atchison	Dr. R. D. Parrish	Mr. W. W. Downey
		Mr. W. P. Lamberton

Dear Sir:

I am directing this communication to each of the above, not with the intention of criticizing but for the purpose of suggesting and urging that greater efficiency if possible may result.

Since The Kansas Live Stock Association and the Live Stock Sanitary Commissioner's department have been merged, our duties have increased to such an extent that I feel our work must be thoroughly systematized if we are to accomplish the best results. Therefore, I am specifying the line of work in a general way that each must follow in order that there may be less duplication. It will be necessary for each to follow his or her line of work and interfere as little as possible with the duties of any other person in the department.

Mr. West will be in charge of the Association office and under my direction will be expected to handle the business affairs of the Association. As Business Manager of the Kansas Stockman he will have charge of all correspondence in connection therewith.

Mr. Burdick will have charge of the tuberculosis work under my direction and in my absence will be in charge of the Live Stock Sanitary Commissioner's office.



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Mr. Daughters will devote his entire time and energies to editing the Kansas Stockman. He will give his sole attention to writing editorials, news, and arranging the contents of the paper.

Miss White will have charge of the Association and Kansas Stockman books, and will, as far as possible, assist with the other work of the office including correspondence.

Miss Atchison is chief clerk in the Live Stock Sanitary Commissioner's office and will have charge of all of the business records of the Live Stock Sanitary Commissioner's office. She will assist with the office correspondence and other work in the office as far as possible.

Mr. Smith will assist with the mailing list of the Kansas Stockman, and in my absence will assist Mr. West with the correspondence and other work of the Live Stock Association's office.

Mr. Henderson will be in charge of the Live Stock Sanitary Commissioner's office at the Kansas City Stock Yards, and will be required to direct the sanitary matters connected with that office as far as Kansas is concerned.

Dr. Little will cooperate with Mr. Henderson and be the Kansas representative in administering the various tests and treatments which are required by the different states for the movement of cattle and horses when called upon to do such work, and will make the regular detailed monthly reports to the Topeka office as has been the custom. He will also be expected at all times to be in readiness to assist the Live Stock Commissioner's department with his professional advice and services.

Dr. Dotson will be in charge of all live stock sanitary work at the Wichita yards. He will make a regular monthly detailed report to the Topeka office as heretofore instructed.



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Dr. Parrish will be the regular veterinarian of the department and devote most of his time to the testing of cattle under the accredited herd plan in cooperation with the Bureau of Animal Industry, U. S. Department of Agriculture; but he will be under my direction and responsible to me for his acts.

Mr. Burnett and Mr. Sanders will be the live stock brand inspectors and will compile transcripts of the live stock brand records in the various counties, in line with instructions heretofore given. They will advise the Topeka office of the live stock conditions in the localities in which they go. They will also solicit new members for the Association as they pursue their duties as inspectors, and furnish news items for the Kansas Stockman relating to live stock and farm conditions in the sections of the state where they operate.

Mr. McFall will be the live stock inspector in charge of the mange eradication work under our direction, devoting most of his time in the western section of the state. He will keep the office fully advised of his work and conditions of the live stock in various localities to which he is called, as has been his custom heretofore.

Mr. Porteous and Mr. Ptacek will devote their entire time in the field soliciting advertising and securing new members for the Association. They will also be expected to keep in touch with the live stock sanitary conditions in the different sections of the state. They will confer with Mr. West and myself whenever they wish advice or information pertaining to the paper.

Mr. Downey will do general live stock field inspection work and will devote part of his time to appraising and disposing of tuberculosis condemned cattle. He will also assist in securing new members for the Association whenever his time will permit.

Mr. Lambertson will represent the Kansas Live Stock Association



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at the Kansas City stock yards. He will devote his time to the study of marketing of live stock with a view of correcting evils or inefficient practices and service, and will give any assistance possible to shippers of live stock and especially members of the Kansas Live Stock Association, and file a report each month or oftener, of the work done.

I will expect each one in the department to take the same interest and have the same consideration for their work as if they were working for themselves. Therefore, I am going to ask that each be prompt about reporting for duty at his or her respective post. The office hours in the forenoon will be from 8:00 to 8:30 until 12:00 o'clock. One and one half hour will be allowed for noon intermission. The afternoon hours will be from 1:30 until 5:00 to 5:30 PM.

Since the records and correspondence of the departments are quite complicated and tedious, and the time of the office forces doing this work is all taken up, it will be expected that everyone connected with the department will be as considerate and helpful to those engaged in this work as possible, and it is suggested that no requests be made for personal work during business hours.

Our office quarters are not entirely satisfactory, therefore let each of us digress as little as possible from the line of our duties and reduce our conversation to the minimum. A strict observance of this request will avoid much confusion and be of great benefit.

All of our work is closely scrutinized by the public and the good results accomplished are always reflected upon the department. As Live Stock Sanitary Commissioner and Secretary of the Kansas Live Stock Association, I am under bond and held responsible for my own acts, and the conduct and acts of my assistants. Therefore, I want



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everyone associated with me to feel free to make suggestions as to our work at any and all times as in most all cases it is helpful and shows an interest.

All official papers and correspondence of the Live Stock Association and the Live Stock Sanitary Commissioner's office which leaves either of our offices must do so over my signature, and Mr. West, Burdick, Smith, Miss Atchison and Miss White are authorized to sign my name.

It is suggested that no interviews, political or otherwise connected with the Live Stock Sanitary Commissioner's department or the Kansas Live Stock Association, be given out without first submitting same to me for consideration.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner,
Secretary,
Kans. Live Stock Ass'n.

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March 31, 1920.

Mr. W. R. Browning,
908 Laramie St.,
Manhattan, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 26th and note same. I have had much to do with cases just like yours. As I stated to you in Manhattan, it is a difficult proposition to secure pay from a serum company for losses of hogs on which their serum might have been used. In a great many instances, however, serum companies have been fairly liberal and have stood part of losses occasioned on account of breaks where their serum was used.

In your case, I would suggest the best procedure would be that the first time you are in Kansas City to have Page & Woodford call in the representatives of the Eagle Serum Company and go over this entire situation with them and see just what they might be willing to do. They might, of course agree to stand some of the loss. I think, where you made the mistake in the first place was that you did not call them and have them revaccinate the hogs themselves, as it is usually the custom of a serum company to furnish serum free to revaccinate a herd that does not do well.

As stated above, I do not think you have any chance to collect, in a case of this kind, since the government supervised the making of the serum and also supervised the vaccination, therefore you would have to prove that the serum company, through negligence had not handled the serum right after it was tested by government supervision. After you have talked the matter over as above suggested, if you cannot come to any settlement in any manner, you might let me know all of the particulars that are brought out at your conference and if there is anything to do, I will be glad to assist in the matter.

Very truly yours,

M-S

Commissioner.

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W. R. BROWNING
GRAIN AND COAL
PADONIA, KANSAS
RESIDENCE
908 LARAMIE ST.
MANHATTAN, KANSAS

March twenty sixth,
Nineteen twenty.

Mr. J. H. Mercer State Live Stock Commissioner.

Topeka Kansas.

Dear Sir:

In answer to your request for written details of my experience in purchasing stock hogs on the Kansas City Market I am writing you this letter.

During November of last year I purchased through Page and Woodford commission merchants at Kansas City one car load of stock hogs. These hogs averaged 99 pounds in weight and were treated for cholera and pneumonia as you know the government demands such treatment for cholera before hogs can be shipped from the yards.

On arrival at the farm these hogs began to sicken and die, a veterinary was called and said the hogs showed traces of cholera and pneumonia, about twenty five of the hogs died, On Jan 7th 1920 I purchased at the College at Manhattan sufficient serum and viris to revaccinate the remaining hogs and from the time these hogs were revaccinated none died except one or two that were sick at the time the second vaccination was done.

The Eagle serum was used by the government in doing the work at the stock yards at Kansas City.

It seems to me that the fact that the Eagle serum produced disease in this herd and that the college vaccine cured it at once goes to show that the Eagle serum and viris is not potent and that furnished by the college is. It seems to me that this shows that the eagle people are responsible in this matter, will you please advise in this matter.

Very truly yours.

W. R. Browning

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April 2, 1920.

Mr. W. C. Spencer,
Circleville, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

In re reactors -- Tag Nos. 299-284-285

We are enclosing herewith order drawn on the Board of County Commissioners of Jackson County, Kansas, for \$150.00, same being one-half the appraised value of your three head of cattle recently condemned on account of being infected with the contagious disease tuberculosis.

You will go before a notary public and qualify to this order and then present same, together with the attached copy of appraisement, to your Board of County Commissioners and they will issue you warrant on your County Treasurer covering same.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner.

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April 5, 1920.

Mr. J. H. McAdams,
County Agent,
Burlington, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 31st and note same. I am not certain that there has been a sanitary officer appointed for your county. I wish you would let me know what the records of the organization show as to who was selected for the place. Of course, there has been but little need for county sanitary hog cholera control work during the past year and we are very glad this is true for the reason that on account of the Texas fever outbreak in the state last summer it took a large amount of our fund which we usually use in the county sanitary work and we will not be able to do but little county sanitary work until after the first of July; however we aim to have the county sanitarian clean up any infected farms where hog cholera has existed. Therefore, I wish you would advise me as to who was selected for Coffey County and I will then look up the records and find out what has been done and advise you further.

Very truly yours,

M-S

Commissioner.

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THE COFFEY COUNTY FARM BUREAU
co-operating with
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AGRICULTURE AND HOME ECONOMICS
STATE OF KANSAS
BURLINGTON

March 31, 1920

Mr. J. H. Mercer,
Livestock Sanitary Commissioner,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Mercer:

The officers of the Coffey County Hog Cholera Control Organization have asked me to find out if there has been some hitch in connection with the appointment of a sanitary official to serve as your deputy in this county.

A cholera control organization, as you doubtless remember was brought about in this county last fall. During January of this year we had work for this official to do. Fortunately the outbreak of cholera in Coffey county this winter did not spread--it took all the hogs from three farms however. No one can so much as guess when we may have another outbreak of cholera or of some other livestock trouble that will require the services of a local sanitary official. At the time of the previous trouble from cholera our cholera control organization came in for criticism because it was not in position to act. Should such conditions arise again any hope of dependence or faith in a cholera control organization would be shattered.

In case, as often happens, it has been found impossible at this time to appoint a man to act as local sanitarian because of lack of funds we would appreciate a statement to that effect. If for some reason the candidate suggested for the place of sanitarian is not acceptable to you kindly advise us that further suggestions may be offered.

These men who have formed themselves together for their mutual protection against hog cholera believe they are entitled to help in accordance with the spirit of the law. We will appreciate an answer on this addressed either to myself, to Wm. Cronin, president of the organization, Burlington, or to Homer Baker, Secretary, LeRoy.

Yours very truly,

J. H. McDaniel
County Agent.