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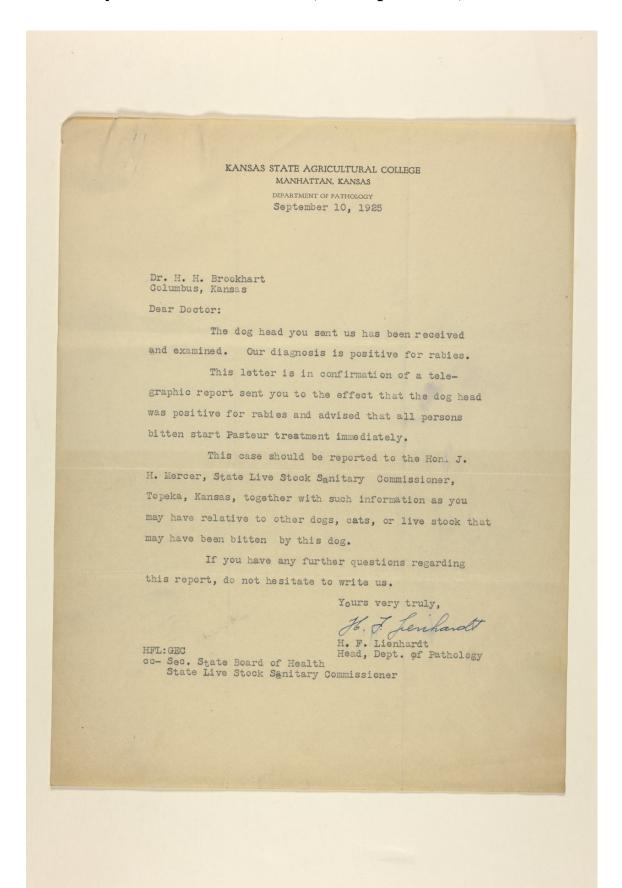
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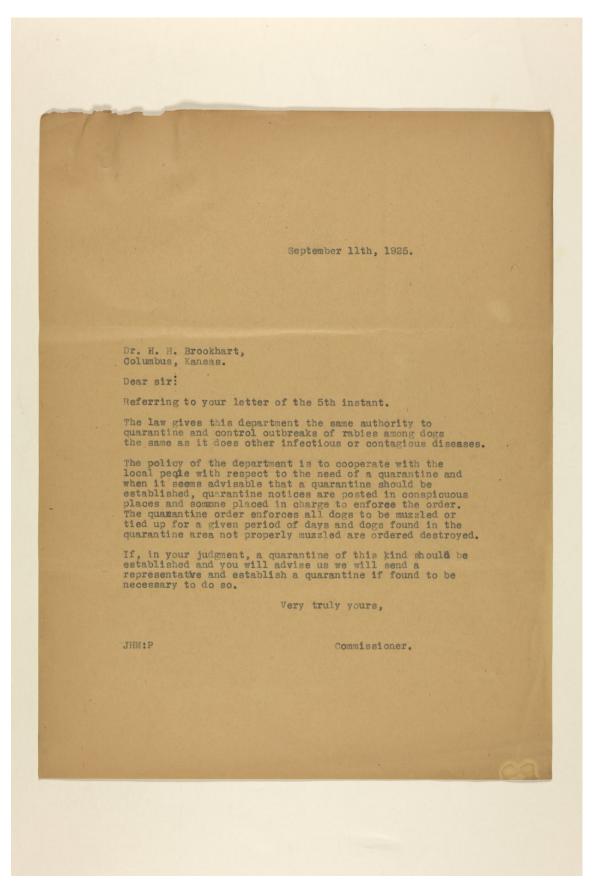
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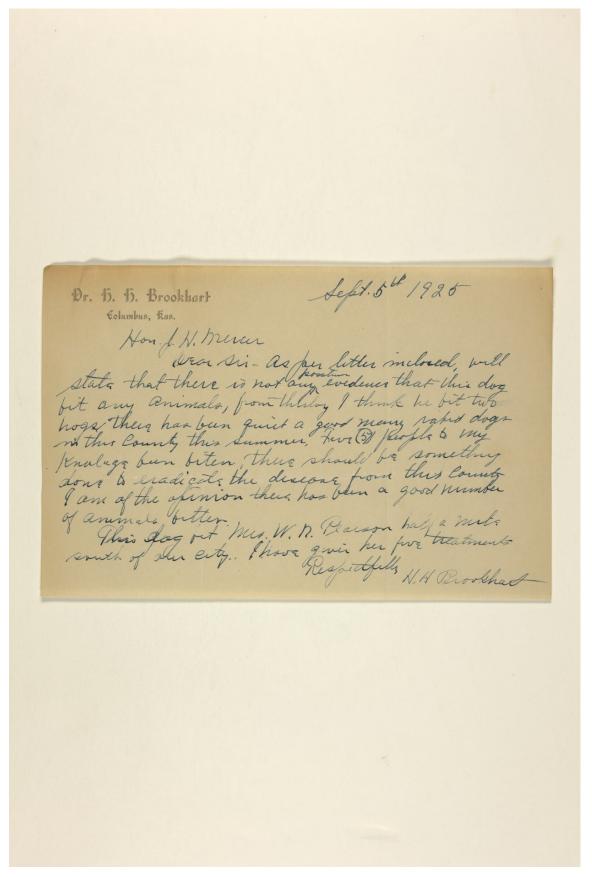




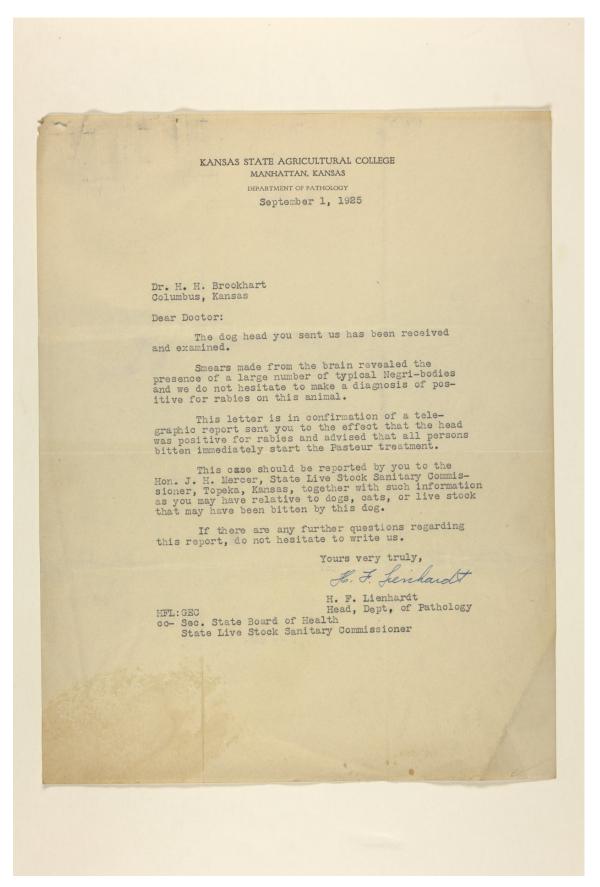




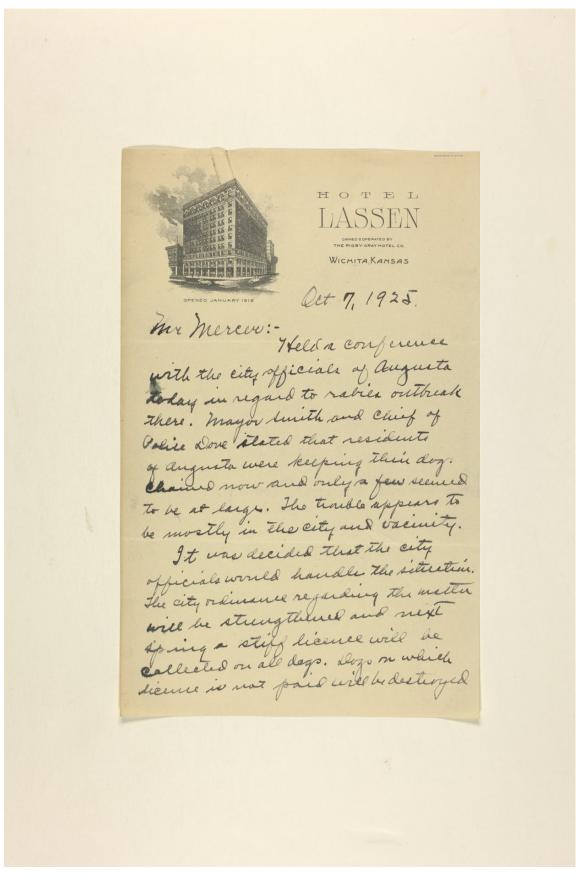




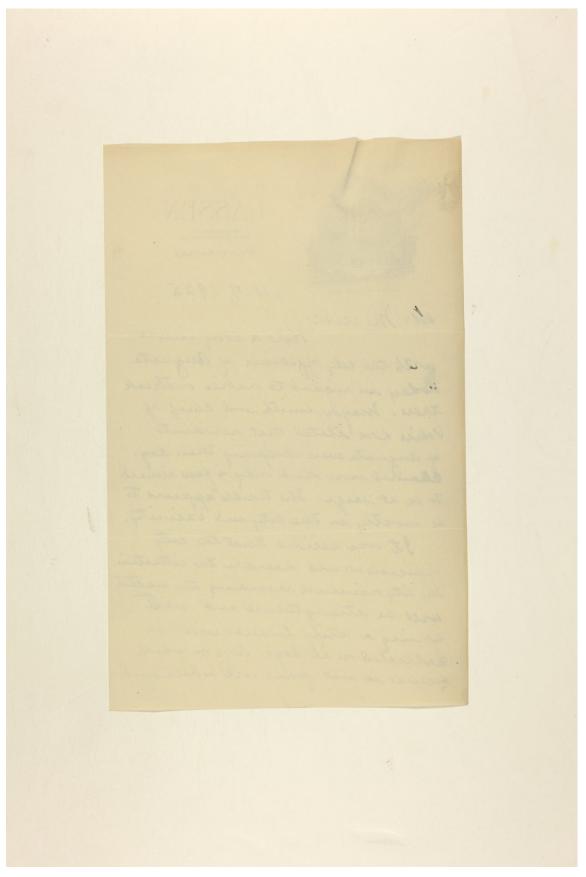




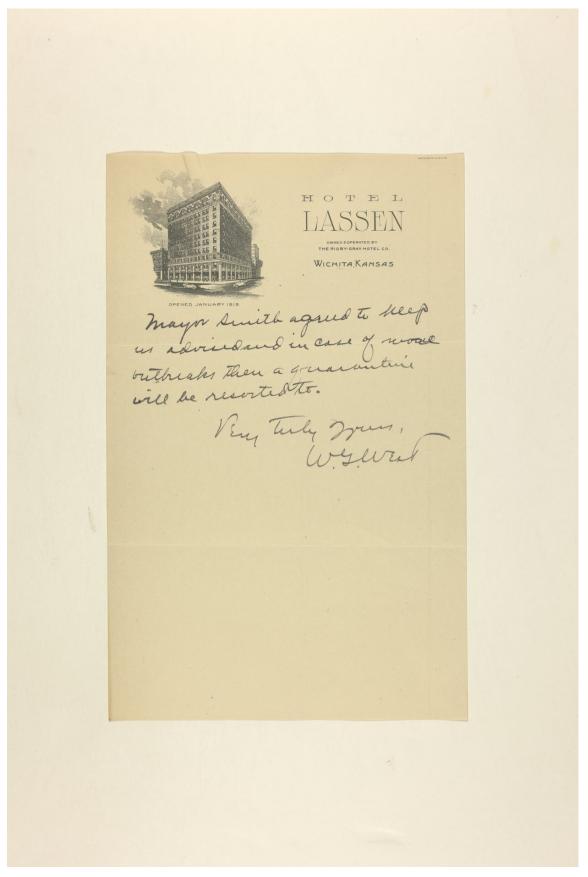














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Columbus, Kansas, October 5, 1925

Mr. J. H. Mercer, Topeka, Kansas Dear Mr. Mercer:

Re: Rabies in Cherokee County

Arrived in Columbus Monday morning, October 5, in response to Dr. Brookhart's request that the State make an investigation of the rabies situation in Cherokee County.

Conferred with three County Commissioners, I. T. Hocker,
Baxter Springs, Will Earl, Columbus, and Dwight Eakin, Weir,
together with Dr. Brookhart and it was decided that I should
drive over the County, investigate and then make recommendations
off what action should be taken. The Commissioners stood ready to
assist where conditions warranted.

A. L. Remaley, County Poor Commissioner, was delegated to accompany me on the trip over the east half of the County. Mr. Remaley is well acquainted over the County so we made rapid progress in interviewing the various officials.

T. O. Moeller, Cashier of Galena Bank was seen in Columbus and he told of a supposedly rabid dog which was killed last week under Albert Cutright's porch in Galena.

W. Largen, City Clerk of Treece, referred me to W. A. Box, Marshall of Treece. We did not locate Mr. Box, but his wife reported that the marshall killed a stray dog which was having fits on the evening of October 4. Aside from this case nothing resembling rabies had developed since last spring when three dogs were killed in the vicinity of Treece, which were suspected of having rabies. Mr. Largen also stated Oklahoma had enforced a rabies quarantine at Picher for three months, last spring. Picher is just over the line South of Treece.



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Mrs. Churchill, wife of Treece Merchant and owner of seventytwo houses in Treece and herself an ordained Minister, stated no rabies trouble had occured recently in the Treece territory. She assured us that if any such trouble had occured she would have knowledge of same.

Mr. Stevenson, city clerk of Baxter Springs, reported no recent outbreaks of rabies in Baxter Springs.

W. P. Apple, banker in Baxter Springs, reported rabies trouble there last spring but no recent outbreaks.

Dr. Lewellyn, Baxter Springs, reported trouble last spring but no rabies outbreak recently. He said his colleague Dr. Boswell, who is now attending convention at Kansas City, recently treated a family with pasteur remedy, not because he thought it necessary but because his patients wanted the treatment. Dr. Lewellyn said he had in the past 15 years delivered at least one dozen dogs heads to Lincoln and Manhattan laboratories and in every case positive diagnosts was made. He was doubtful of the accurateness of such reports and felt the laboratory men felt safer in returning positive reports, rather than return actual facts in the case. Dr. Lewellyn felt danger had passed and no quarantine was necessary at this time.

Ed Schloeman, Baxter Springs former County Commissioner, knew of no recent rabies trouble in Baxter Springs vicinity.

Dr. Lewellyn, treated person the first of July, serium cost \$30.00, usual cost to patient \$100.00. He reported 150 or 200 dogs treated with anti-rabies serium by a veterinarian from Joplin. The work was done in an apparantly careless way.

F. A. Osborne, merchant and postmaster at Riverton, reported no trouble for past year. At that time many dogs destroyed.



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Jess McClure, merchant at Riverton, had no knowledge of rabies outbreak recently. He wacinnated his dog one year ago at a cost of \$2.50.

Mr. Derfelt, city clerk at Galena, reported 200 dogs killed since early last spring in Galena. The city has bounty of thirty-five cents each for all dogs killed and buried. During month of September, the City Marshall had been paid for nine dogs killed. Mr. Derfelt had no knowledge of recent outbreak.

Max Y. Sawyer, Mayor of Galena, reported dog killed under Albert Cutright's porch but said it was not established that the dog was rabid. A wholesale slaughter of ownerless dogs had taken place in Galena during past six months. Mr. Sawyer and I went to the newspaper office and talked to Mr. McNay. It was arranged to have a notice appear in the next issue of the paper advising dog owners to be watchful of their dogs and if they acted sick or unnatural to segregate at once and notify veterinarian.

Mr. MoNay agreed to keep our state office as well as the County officials advised if rabies developed in Galena District.

Harry Sears, merchant at Crestline advised of suppessed rabid dog that bit boy at Badger on September 28th. Boy is taking treatment at Galena of Dr. Jones or Dr. Brown. Mother of boy advised Sears that one Galena doctor refused to administer treatment because he doubted rabies in dog but mad-stone clung to wound which proved in their minds rabies infection.

Will retorn to Badger Tuesday.

October 6, 1925

Mrs. Riley, Badger, saw dog killed nine days ago. Carcass was thrown in old mine shaft. This dog bit Gene McKay of Badger who is taking the Pasteur treatment administered by Doctor Brown of Galena. Gene McKay's father doesn't believe dog was rabid,



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and others are of same opinion. It appears doubtful if the dog was rabid at least there is no certainty one way or the other.

Mr. Church, merchant at Lawton, reported no rabies recently in Lawton vininity. Ten months ago there was an outbreak at which time many dogs were killed so that the dog population at Lawton is much reduced from normal.

Lee Mobley, postmaster at Weir, had no knowledge of recent outbreak of rabies in Weir locality.

Dr. Goss, veterinarian at Weir, reported rabies in Walter Batten's dog at Scammon. Battens dog was taken to Goss's place and its head was sent to Manhattan laboratories on September 24 or 25. Positive case was reported by Dr. Leinhardt of the College.

 $\underline{\text{Mr. Judd}}$, trustee of Weir township reported no rabies in his locality of recent date.

Mr. Batten, baker at Scammon, reported numerous dogs in Scammon and rabies in Walter Jenkins dogs also recent rabies outbreak in his nephew's dogs.

Mrs. Walter Batten, reported three dogs died on their place during past three months. She called two first dogs died with black tongue and last dog was examined and pronounced rabies. The Battens have several English Setters left but they have them chained and fenced so that there is not much danger of spreading rabies even though other of their dogs should develope rabies. CONCLUSIONS:

After convassing quite thoroughly the eastern half of Cherokee County, I feel that there is possible rabies infection in localities of Columbus, Galena, and Scammon. The usual period of incubation has nearly elapsed since the last definite rabies outbreak at Columbus, and Galena and the residents of Scammon are alert to the situation there. I would recommend that no



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state quarantine be established in Cherokee County at this time but that the State Live Stock Commission be advised if further developments indicating other outbreaks occur.

I would suggest that the County Commissioners of Cherokee County carry in the County publications for the next two weeks, notices advising the residents of the County to watch their dogs carefully and destroy all tramp or stray dogs. It would also be

all dogs in the County when assessors convass the County next spring.

The City officials of Galena and Baxter Springs have taken steps to eradicate their surplus population of dogs. It would be well for the City authorities of Columbus and Weir City to do likewise. A war should be made upon the stray and ownerless dogs over the County. The sheriff's office can help in this

well for the Commissioners to emphasize the importance of listing

work.

In case other rabies outbreaks occur in the eastern part of Cherokee County, I would recommend that the County Commissioners promptly advise our office and a state and county quarantine be established.

Very truly yours,

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