

Livestock Sanitary Commissioner's Office, correspondence, 1926-1929

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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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State of Kansas

OFFICE OF
LIVE STOCK SANITARY COMMISSIONER
TOPEKA

April 14th.,1927

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

Dear Mr. Mercer;

In connection with our rabies investigations in Johnson County, I have to report the following;

The pelview chool house, is situated in the Kenneth district, about twelle miles north of Plathe on the hard surfaced road, from Kansas City. This place is home for a large number of ownerless dogs, which the people of the neighborhood say, are brought out from Kansas City and abandoned there. Many people believe that this is the source of the rabies trouble in the vicinity. On about the two weeks before the rabies case mentioned by Mr Peterson in his letter of the 5th to you, alarge dogs was seen acting in a strange manner, about the school house. Mr. Flanner, a member of the school board, called on the shriff and asked him to have some one go out and kill this dog. This request was refused and Mr Fhanner called his son, and told him to kill the dog. This was dome by farmers in the neighborhood that day. The head was not examined.

According to Walter paker, a farmer of the venneth district, a dog ewend by a neighbor Chas. Gray, came to the Baker farm and attacked several hogs on or about the 6th of March. The dog was chased away after tearing several hogs. The hogs were all treated for rabies since the attack by a Kansas City meterinarian. Since the attack five hogs have died, and one is now confined and being watched. I saw this ow on April 14th. She is in a highly nervous state and savage to all who go near the pen, she refuses water but eats a small amount of corn. I noticed a frothy discharge from her mouth. The dog in question went from the Baker farm to the pader farm anearby, where he attacked some of the hogs, and since then these has been treated and four have died the last one, on Sunday April, 10th. These hogs are described as being sick at first and then acting in the same manner as the one described on the paker farm. The dogs was then chased to the Hanson farm where he was discovered in the sheep barn. He had torn and mangled about the head, several sheep. Since the attack seven have been lost and one is on the farm and seems to be recovering. The dog was chased back to the Pader farm and killed. The dead dog was taken by Mr. Baker, and Mr. Gray the owner, to the State Labratory at wansas City. The head showed positive rabies.

The farmers of the neighborhood have been active in killing dogs running at large, and many of them have had their own dogs treated. Few dogs are running at large except the number about the Belview school house.



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Dick Cassart, a Belgian farmer of the Kenneth neighborhood, had two dogs which engaged in a fight with the dog killed on the pader farm. One of these was killed and Sheriff carrel stated that he would immediate by require Mr. Cassart to kill or to confine the other dog, for at least thirty days.

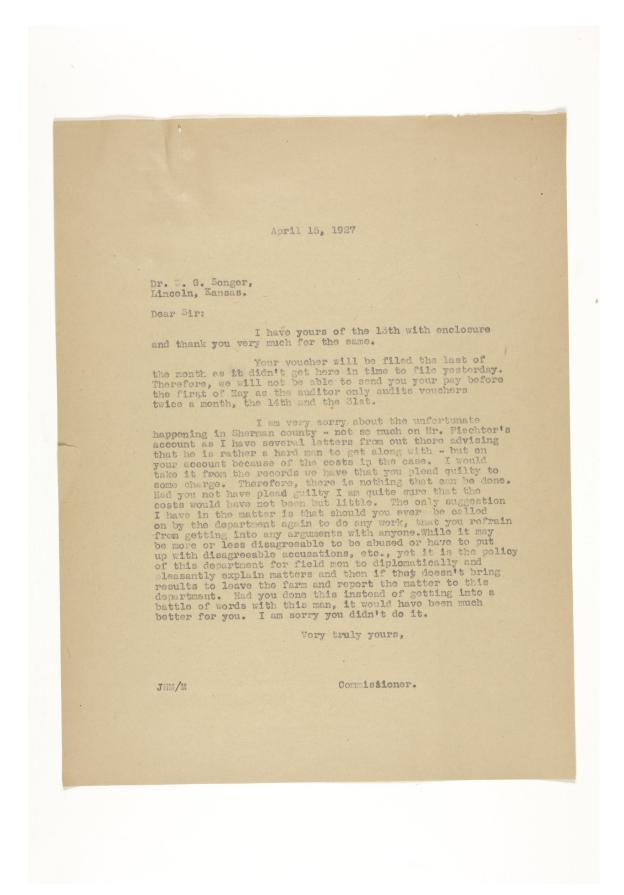
Another case occured on the Hobbs farm, west of Olathe. This was reported to me, by Dr. Stwart, Veterinarian, Dr. Hatfield, County? Physician, and Dr. R.W. Robb who treated the case. This dog had been acting in a strange manner, and siezed a boys hand. The dog did not bit the boy, but on account of an even would on the boy's hand the dog was killed and the boy treated by Dr. Robb. The head was sent to Roasedale Hospital and showed positive rabies. This is the only case reported to the County wealth Department. Dr. Stewart said he had heard about one other but had no information, nor was I able to find any. This report may be in corract.

The people, physicians, and County officers express no great concern about the situation, but helieve that if the Belview school house condition could be remedied that the source would be abolished. They do not request a quarantine, nor seemed at all alarmed about the situation. The farmers have killed many dogs running at large.

In view of the above facts, in my judgement a quarantine is not at present necessary.

David Dray





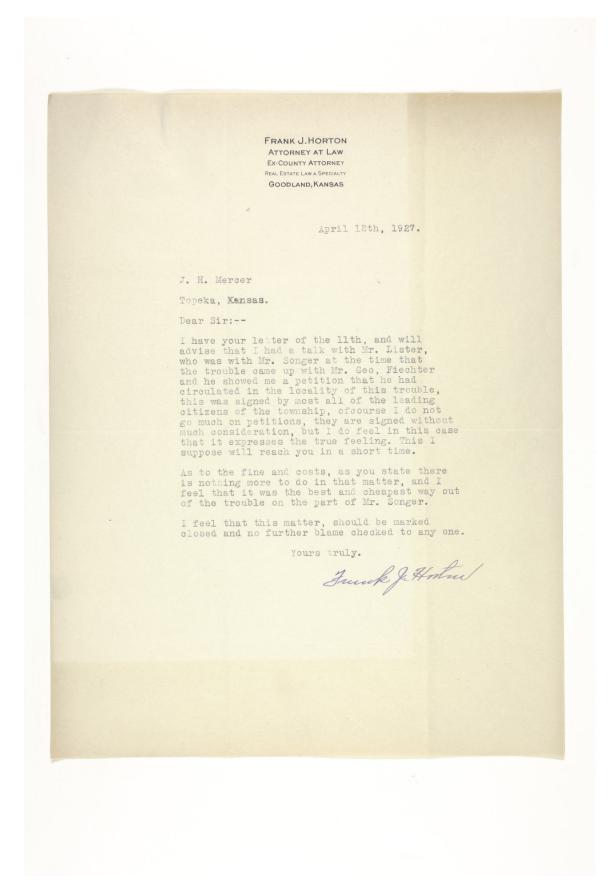


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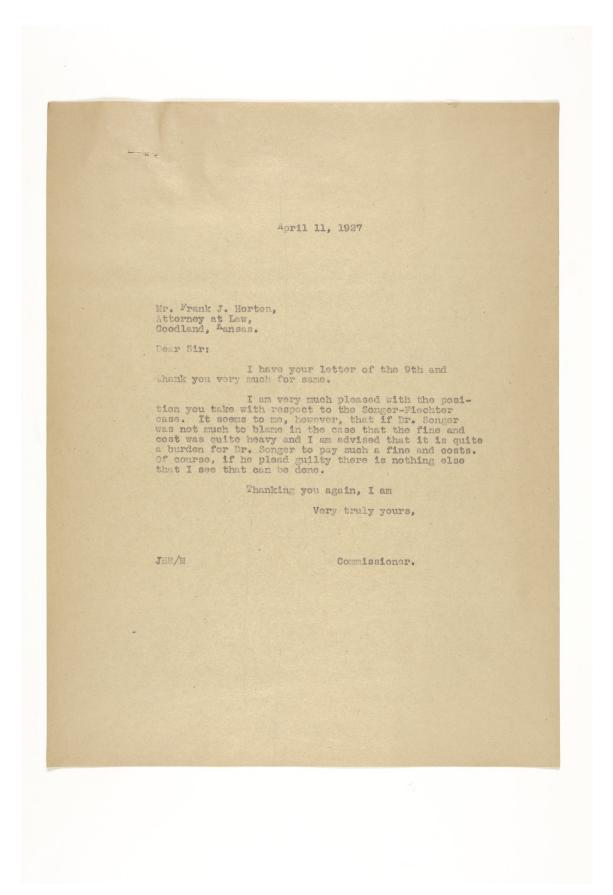


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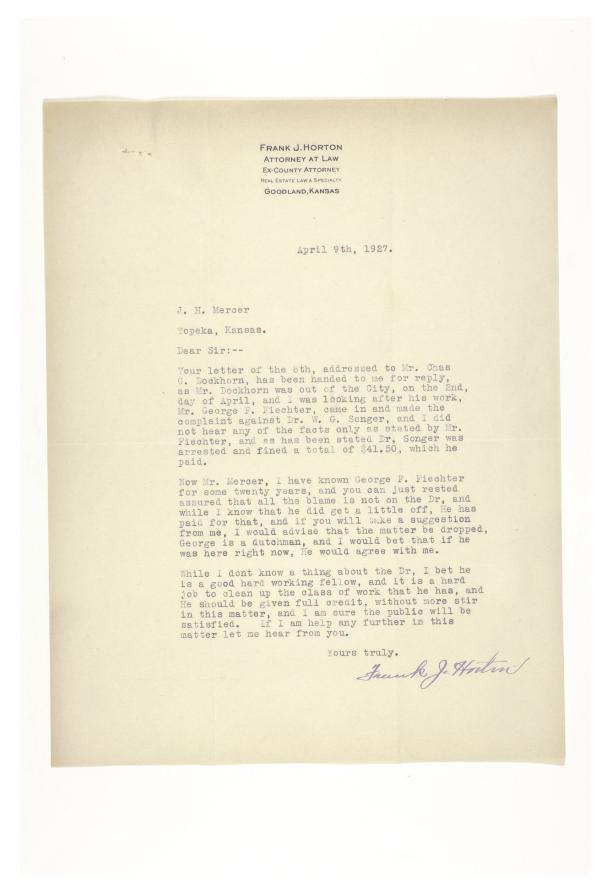














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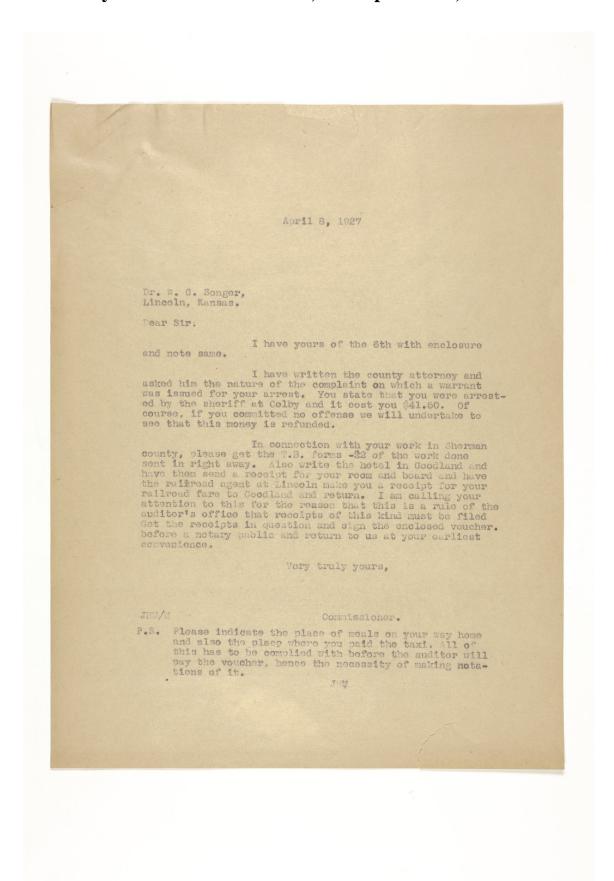


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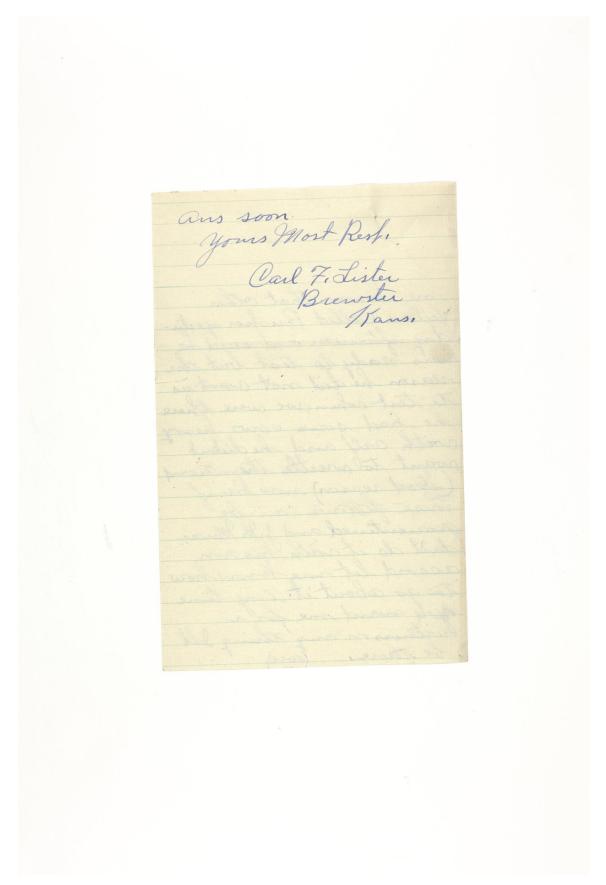
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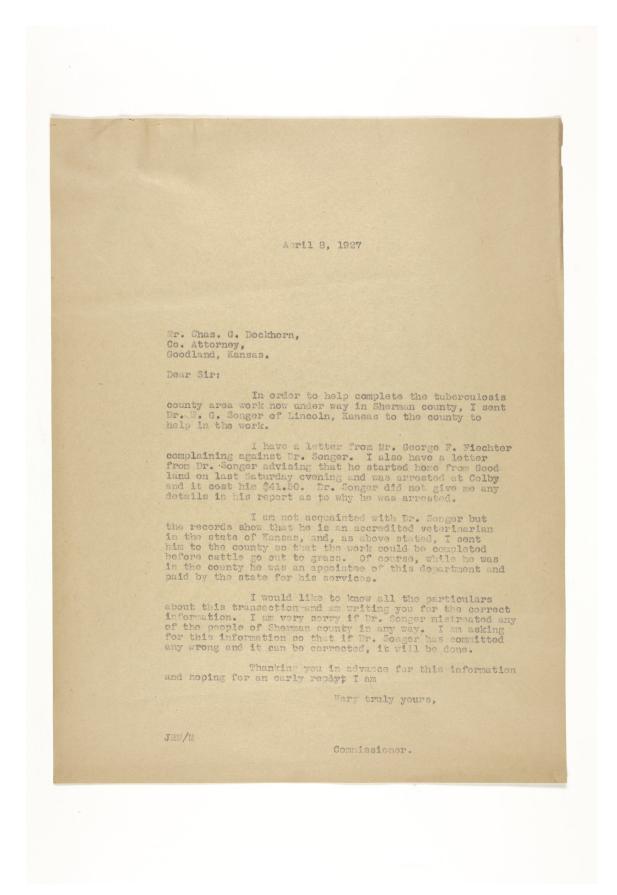


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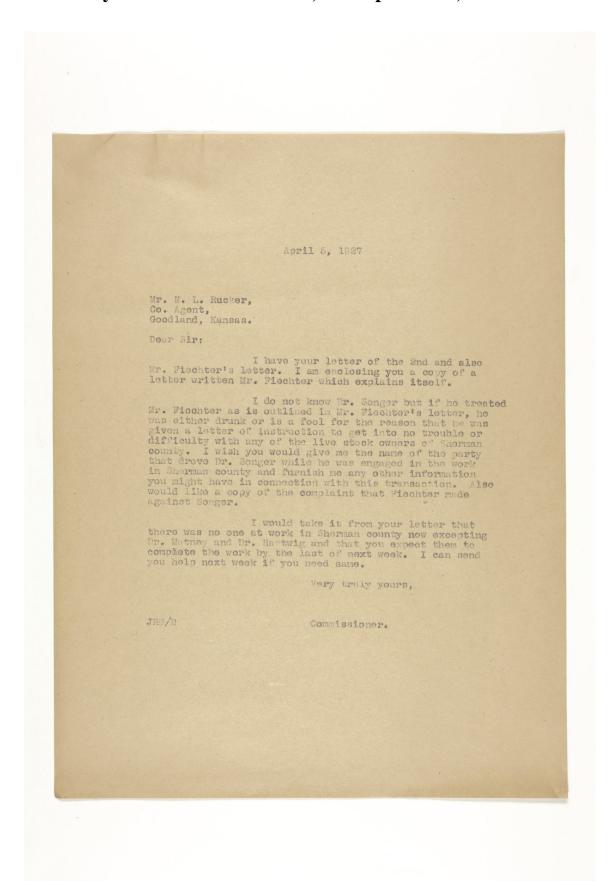
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T. E. Form 22 (Revised)	
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY	
RESULT OF TUBERCULIN TEST	
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April 5, 1927 r. George F. Fiechter, Goodland, Kansas. I have your letter of the 2nd and note carefully contents of same. I am at a loss to understand why Dr. W. G. Songer would treat you in the manner you say he did. Dr. Songer lives at Lincoln, Kansas, and is not regularly employed by this department. He was sent to your county in order to help complete the testing of the cattle in the county before cattle had to go out to grass. He was instructed, as are all other veterinarians of the department, to not get into any controversy with owners of live stock, and if any difficulty arose in any manner to make a report of the transaction to this office. Songer left Sherman county Saturday evening and, of course, is no longer in the service of this department. I will take this matter up with him and find out why he mistreated you in the manner in which your letter indicates. In this connection there will be a retest of the infected herds and a few herds that have been passed in Sherman county later on and at that time your herd of cattle can I regret exceedingly Dr. Songer's actions but, as stated above, he is not in the employ of this department and there is nothing that I can do, 66 course, but to chastise him for his action. I might add that if he were in the employ of this department he would lose his job by reason of his conduct in this case. Very truly yours, JHW/M Commissioner.







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GOODLAND, KANSAS

April 2, 1927

Mr. J. H. Mercer Topeka, Kansas

Dear Sir:

I want to register a complaint against the inspector, Dr. Songer, sent to my place to test cattle for T.B. I have a herd of around thirty-five head of grown cattle that are registered Hereford stock cattle. I received a notice by phone the night before the inspector was to be there. The next morning we worked about two hours trying to get these cattle penned ready for the inspector and had them all but about seven or eight penned when the inspector arrived.

In trying to handle these cattle seven or eight head broke through with the others that we were unable to test. These were not marked and we can not identify these cattle. Dr. Songer suggested that we let these go and if those that were injected did not re-act we would let the entire bunch go, and if there were re-actors found the herd would have to be run over again.

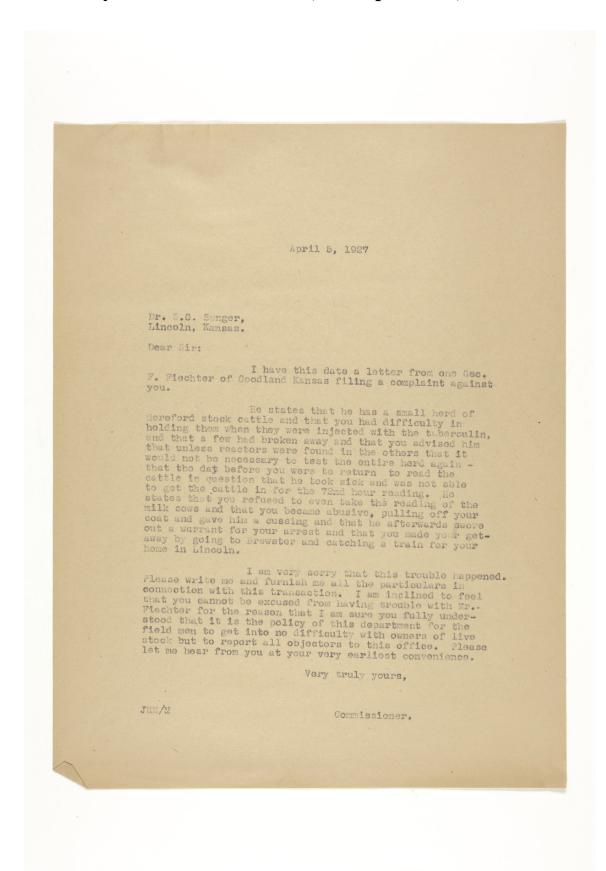
Yesterday afternoon I was taken sick and was not able to get the cattle in this morning. However, we had our milk cows in and Dr. Songer refused to look at them and pulled off his coat and gave me a cussing, because I didn't have them in, in the presence of my family. I could see no reason for putting in the stock cattle when he knew there was a bunch in there that had not been injected until the inspection had been made on the milk cows. These cows were in very poor condition, and I oppose to handling them any more than necessary. I want you to understand I am not opposing the tuberculin test, as I am one of the original signers of the petition in our township, but I do oppose to being treated in this manner by a State inspector. This inspector was not careful and I am ready to go on the witness stand that at least one of these cows that he pretended to inject he missed entirely.

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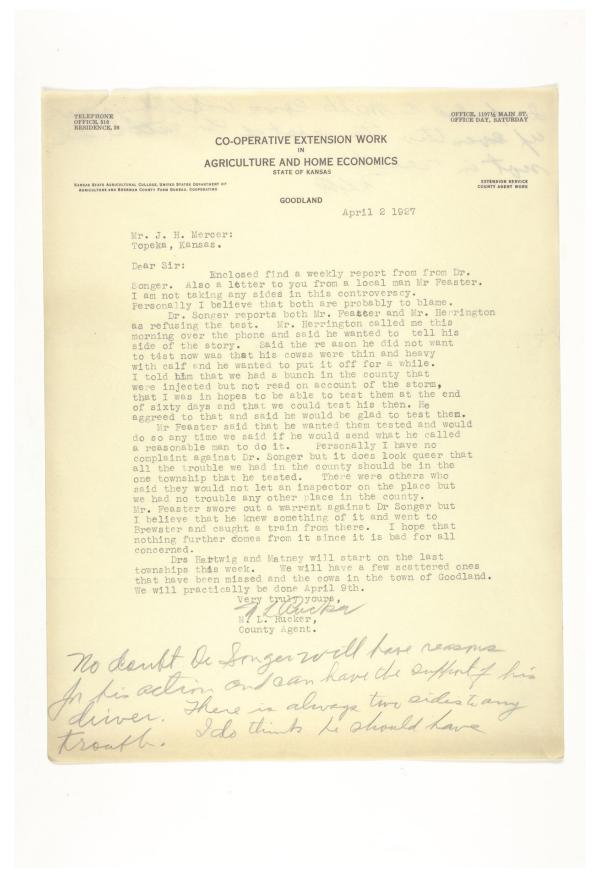
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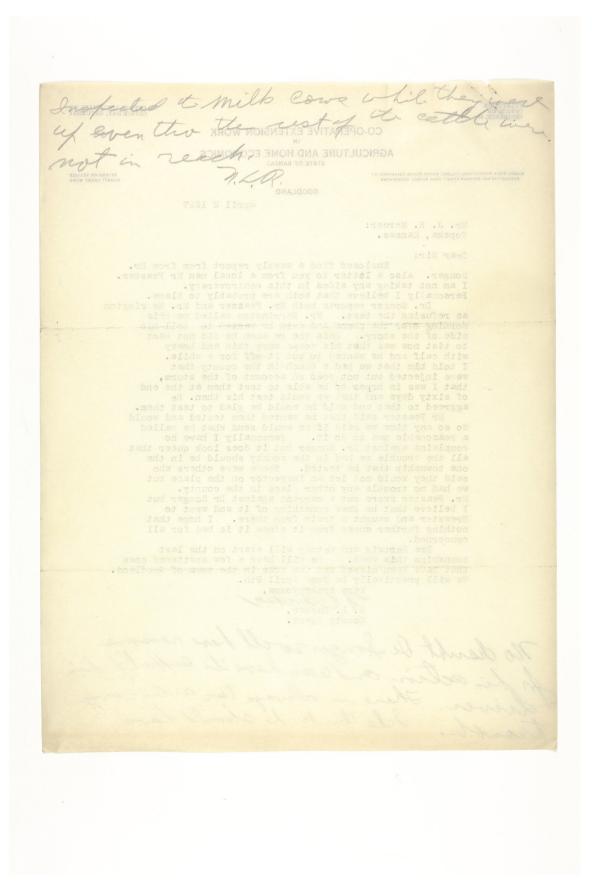














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GOODLAND

April 6, 1927

Mr. J. H. Mercer Topeka, Kansas

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of April 5th enclosing a copy of letter you wrote to Mr. Fiechter. Mr. Fiechter's address if you have occasion to write to him again is Brewster. I had the letter forwarded him from Goodland. The man who drove Dr. Songer is Carl Lister, his address is also Brewster.

I have talked to Mr. Lister and he seemed to take Dr. Songer's part. I have been wondering if there is not some hard feeling between these two men from other causes. I mean between Lister and Fiechter. Their account does not exactly agree, although Mr. Lister does not deny that Mr. Fiechter's charge was correct but seemed to think that it was justified. Dr. Hartwig told me about what your instructions were to your men, so I felt confident that regardless of the provocation that Dr. Songer should have acted in a different manner. The fact that all the trouble that we had was in that township, and that he left from Brewster and did not come to Goodland seemed to indicate that he was expecting brouble. You have probably heard from Dr. Songer and possibly know that he was arrested at Colby and fined \$20.00 and costs, which amounted to \$21.00, making the total cost to him of \$41.00. I am very sorry that this happed and have done what I could to keep the local newspaper account of it as inconspicuously as possible.

In regard to testing, we have Drs. Hartwig and Dr. Matney working on the last three townships in the county. I can not say that they will complete this week or not. I believe they will, all expect lowa township, which is rather large. We still have the town of Goodland and a few scattered herds to pick up. Some were missed unavoidably. Neither Dr. Songer or Dr. Merideth returned to me their branding irons nor any tuberculin. I do not know that they had any tuberculin left. Would have liked to have both of those branding irons as neither one of the Hartwigs have one. They have some bent rods, homemade, they have been using. This necessitates heating two rods for each animal branded. If you wish a statement from the shop that made the

branding iron that I furnished Dr. Meridith I can secure one.

Yours truly, M. L. Rucker, Co. Agt.