

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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J. H. MERCER
COMMISSIONER

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 Belview school house, is situated in the Kenneth district, about twelve miles north of Olathe 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, a large dog was seen acting in a strange manner, about the school house. Mr. Flanner, a member of the school board, called on the sheriff and asked him to have some one go out and kill this dog. This request was refused and Mr Flanner called his son, and told him to kill the dog. This was done by farmers in the neighborhood that day. The head was not examined.

According to Walter Baker, a farmer of the Kenneth district, a dog owned 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 veterinarian. Since the attack five hogs have died, and one is now confined and being watched. I saw this cow 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 Rader farm nearby 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 Baker farm. The dog 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 Rader farm and killed. The dead dog was taken by Mr. Baker, and Mr. Gray the owner, to the State Laboratory at Kansas 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 Garrel stated that he would immediately require Mr. Cassart to kill or to confine the other dog, for at least thirty days.

Another case occurred on the Hobbs farm, west of Olathe. This was reported to me, by Dr. Stewart, Veterinarian, Dr. Hatfield, County Physician, and Dr. R.W. Robb who treated the case. This dog had been acting in a strange manner, and seized a boy's hand. The dog did not bite the boy, but on account of an open wound on the boy's hand the dog was killed and the boy treated by Dr. Robb. The head was sent to Rosedale Hospital and showed positive rabies. This is the only case reported to the County Health 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 correct.

The people, physicians, and County officers express no great concern about the situation, but believe 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.

Respectfully

David Gray

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April 18, 1927

Dr. W. G. Songer,
Lincoln, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

I have yours of the 13th with enclosure
and thank you very much for the same.

Your voucher will be filed the last of
the month as it didn't get here in time to file yesterday.
Therefore, we will not be able to send you your pay before
the first of May as the auditor only audits vouchers
twice a month, the 14th and the 31st.

I am very sorry about the unfortunate
happening in Sherman county - not so much on Mr. Flechter's
account as I have several letters from out there advising
that he is rather a hard man to get along with - but on
your account because of the costs in the case. I would
take it from the records we have that you plead guilty to
some charge. Therefore, there is nothing that can be done.
Had you not have plead guilty I am quite sure that the
costs would have not been but little. The only suggestion
I have in the matter is that should you ever be called
on by the department again to do any work, that you refrain
from getting into any arguments with anyone. While it may
be more or less disagreeable to be abused or have to put
up with disagreeable accusations, etc., yet it is the policy
of this department for field men to diplomatically and
pleasantly explain matters and then if that doesn't bring
results to leave the farm and report the matter to this
department. Had you done this instead of getting into a
battle of words with this man, it would have been much
better for you. I am sorry you didn't do it.

Very truly yours,

JHM/M

Commissioner.

DR. W. G. SONGER
VETERINARIAN

LINCOLN, KANSAS,

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My J. H. Mercer
Topeka Kan.

Dear Sir: am sending
papers you asked for hoping
every thing O. K.

am sorry caused you so
much trouble with myself and
Geo. F. Franklin too bad he wasn't
able to get in his cattle but
in one hour after wards he
was on way to Goodland and
was there till after 10.30 that
night I know for he called the
Colby sheriff him self from there.
He was one of the worst fighters
of testing in Co. and he took that
way to get out of it that is
what several of his neighbors
told me.

DR. W. G. SONGER
VETERINARIAN

LINCOLN, KANSAS. 192

Do you blame me for not reading
his milk cows after telling him
to have all cattle in and him
making no attempt to do so
and thinking that way?

I sent his paper to C. Agent
so if he wanted any body else
to read them was up to them.
If you want to write the circuit
judge of that district he has
met me and also knows the
other fellow.

Hoping every thing will come
out A. K. I remain your truly
W. G. Songer

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FRANK J. HORTON
ATTORNEY AT LAW
EX-COUNTY ATTORNEY
REAL ESTATE LAW A SPECIALTY
GOODLAND, KANSAS

April 12th, 1927.

J. H. Mercer

Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir:--

I have your letter of the 11th, and will advise that I had a talk with Mr. Lister, who was with Mr. Songer at the time that the trouble came up with Mr. Geo. Fiechter and he showed me a petition that he had circulated in the locality of this trouble, this was signed by most all of the leading citizens of the township, ofcourse I do not go much on petitions, they are signed without much consideration, but I do feel in this case that it expresses the true feeling. This I suppose will reach you in a short time.

As to the fine and costs, as you state there is nothing more to do in that matter, and I feel that it was the best and cheapest way out of the trouble on the part of Mr. Songer.

I feel that this matter, should be marked closed and no further blame checked to any one.

Yours truly.



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April 11, 1927

Mr. Frank J. Horton,
Attorney at Law,
Goodland, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 9th and
thank you very much for same.

I am very much pleased with the position you take with respect to the Songer-Flechter case. It seems to me, however, that if Dr. Songer was not much to blame in the case that the fine and cost was quite heavy and I am advised that it is quite a burden for Dr. Songer to pay such a fine and costs. Of course, if he plead guilty there is nothing else that I see that can be done.

Thanking you again, I am

Very truly yours,

JHM/M

Commissioner.



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FRANK J. HORTON
ATTORNEY AT LAW
EX-COUNTY ATTORNEY
REAL ESTATE LAW A SPECIALTY
GOODLAND, KANSAS

April 9th, 1927.

J. H. Mercer
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir:--

Your letter of the 8th, addressed to Mr. Chas G. Dockhorn, has been handed to me for reply, as Mr. Dockhorn was out of the City, on the 2nd, day of April, and I was looking after his work, Mr. George F. Fiechter, came in and made the complaint against Dr. W. G. Songer, and I did not hear any of the facts only as stated by Mr. Fiechter, and as has been stated Dr. Songer was arrested and fined a total of \$41.50, which he paid.

Now Mr. Mercer, I have known George F. Fiechter for some twenty years, and you can just rested assured that all the blame is not on the Dr, and while I know that he did get a little off, He has paid for that, and if you will take a suggestion from me, I would advise that the matter be dropped, George is a dutchman, and I would bet that if he was here right now, He would agree with me.

While I dont know a thing about the Dr, I bet he is a good hard working fellow, and it is a hard job to clean up the class of work that he has, and He should be given full credit, without more stir in this matter, and I am sure the public will be satisfied. If I am help any further in this matter let me hear from you.

Yours truly.

Frank J. Horton

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T. B. Form 22
(Revised)

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY

RESULT OF TUBERCULIN TEST

This form to be made in triplicate; one copy to inspector in charge, one to owner, and one to be retained by field inspector.

Owner Geo. F. Smith
Address Brewster
Sherman (Town) Ks
(County) (State)

A 2 tuberculin test was applied by me to 5 cattle owned by you, with results as shown below:

Date and time of infection 3-30-27
Date and time of reading 4-6-27
Predominating breed PB. Hereford, Shorthorn

Number passed (F. B.) (Grade); reactors (F. B.) (Grade)
Tag numbers healthy cattle Made two stops refused to get cattle in for heading
Tag numbers reactors 8 got away never in net captured
Suspects Tag numbers
Premises to be cleaned and disinfected immediately after removal of reactors (Under sup'n) (By owner)

AVIAN TUBERCULOSIS REPORT

Number of fowls on farm	Estimated number		Number posted	
	Free	Infected	Free	Infected
<u>8 not tested got away</u>				

W. S. Singer
Veterinary Inspector.

NOTE.—A test chart must be made in addition to this report when reactors or suspects are found. If more space is required for tag numbers, use the reverse side of form.

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T. E. Form 1—(Revised)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY

WEEKLY REPORT FOR EMPLOYEES ENGAGED IN COOPERATIVE TUBERCULOSIS ERADICATION WORK.

INSPECTOR *M. E. Enyon* OFFICIAL STATION *Goodland, Kas.* WEEK ENDED *4-2*, 192*7*

Use this side for AREA WORK only

DAY	COUNTY	INJECTED		TESTS COMPLETED												NUMBER OF SUSP.	FIRST CLEAN TEST		HERDS FOUND INFECTED	PREMISES DISINFECTED	MILES TRAVELED*
		LOTS	CATTLE	SUBCUTANEOUS		INTRADERMIC				COMBINATION				LOTS	CATTLE						
				LOTS	CATTLE	REACTORS		LOTS	CATTLE	REACTORS		LOTS	CATTLE	REACTORS							
						P. B.	GR.			P. B.	GR.			P. B.	GR.						
	<i>Sherman</i>																				
Monday			<i>14 212</i>				<i>1</i>														
Tuesday			<i>19 245</i>				<i>4</i>														
Wednesday			<i>19 243</i>				<i>0</i>														
Thursday																					
Friday																					
Saturday																					
TOTAL			<i>52 710</i>				<i>5</i>														

REMARKS: *Wm. Harrington Buister Co. refused to get cattle in saying didn't think had to test 150 or more head. Geo. & Franklin Rd 59 insisted & getting away while getting in refused to get cattle in for reading.*

* Use the column "Miles traveled" only when employee is using personally owned or bureau automobile.
† Under heading of "Remarks" report in detail any unusual or interesting details of the work covered by this report.

INSTRUCTIONS.—This report must be completed and forwarded to the inspector in charge at the close of each week, accompanied by test records of completed tests, as the reports to the Washington office will be compiled from this form.

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WEEKLY REPORT FOR EMPLOYEES ENGAGED IN COOPERATIVE TUBERCULOSIS ERADICATION WORK

INSPECTOR _____ OFFICIAL STATION _____ WEEK ENDED _____, 1926

Use this side for ACCREDITED-HERD WORK only

DAY	COUNTY	INJECTED	TESTS COMPLETED												NUMBER OF SUSP.	FIRST CLEAN TEST	HERDS FOUND INFECTED	PREMISES DISINFECTED	MILES TRAVELED*
			SUBCUTANEOUS				INTRADERMIC				COMBINATION								
			LOTS	CATTLE	REACTORS	GR.	LOTS	CATTLE	REACTORS	GR.	LOTS	CATTLE	REACTORS	GR.					
Monday																			
Tuesday																			
Wednesday																			
Thursday																			
Friday																			
Saturday																			
TOTAL																			

REMARKS† _____

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BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY

WEEKLY REPORT FOR EMPLOYEES ENGAGED IN COOPERATIVE TUBERCULOSIS ERADICATION WORK

INSPECTOR W. G. Long OFFICIAL STATION Lincoln, Kans. WEEK ENDED 4-2 1927

Use this side for ACCREDITED-HERD WORK only

DAY	COUNTY	INJECTED		TESTS COMPLETED												NUMBER OF SUSP.	FIRST CLEAN TEST		HERDS FOUND INFECTED	PREMISES DISINFECTED	MILES TRAVELED*
		LOTS	CATTLE	SUBCUTANEOUS		INTRADERMIC		COMBINATION		REACTORS	REACTORS	REACTORS	REACTORS	REACTORS	REACTORS						
				P. B.	GR.	P. B.	GR.	P. B.	GR.								P. B.	GR.			
Monday	<u>Sherman</u>	<u>3-28-27</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>212</u>																	
Tuesday		<u>3-29-27</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>265</u>																	
Wednesday		<u>3-30-27</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>163</u>																	
Thursday																					
Friday																					
Saturday																					
TOTAL			<u>51</u>	<u>650</u>																	

REMARKS: Wm Herrington PO Brewster refused to get cattle up when notified
Geo. Fletcher Brewster is injected 3-30-27 & getting away
not being injected refused to have cattle so could read on Sat. 4-2-27

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INSPECTOR..... OFFICIAL STATION..... WEEK ENDED....., 192

Use this side for AREA WORK only

DAY	COUNTY	INJECTED		TESTS COMPLETED												NUMBER OF SUSP.	FIRST CLEAN TEST		HERDS FOUND INFECTED	PREMISES DISINFECTED	MILES TRAVELED*
		LOTS	CATTLE	SUBCUTANEOUS				INTRADERMIC				COMBINATION					LOTS	CATTLE			
				REACTORS	REACTORS	REACTORS	REACTORS	REACTORS	REACTORS	REACTORS	REACTORS										
Monday																					
Tuesday																					
Wednesday																					
Thursday																					
Friday																					
Saturday																					
TOTAL																					

REMARKS: 11201-McDaniel
Dillingham 11202-71203
Jensen 11203-Jensen, B.C.
Lester C. 11204

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W. G. Boyer

Llanos Township - March 24, 1927

Name	Address	Cattle	Section
Ackerman, Mary F.	Edson	29	30-6-37
Baird, Frank	Brewster	7	15-6-37
✓Berry, Elby A.	Brewster	2	23-7-37
✓Beckner, J. C.	Brewster	None	27-7-38
✓Binning, John	Brewster	10	23-6-37
✓Bowen, Carl	Brewster	10	31-7-37
Butler, O. E.	Brewster	19	16-6-37
Cary, Loren	Brewster	4	4-6-37
Cooper, F. G.	Brewster	7	17-6-37
✓✓✓A. J. Deane	Brewster	83	24-7-37
✓Dillinger, Clyde	Brewster	15	11-7-37
✓Eicher, O. M.	Brewster	19	11-7-37
✓Fiechter, John	Brewster	19	3-6-37
✓Fiechter, George	Brewster	44	33-6-37
Fiechter, Sarah	Edson	3	19-6-37
Galloup, Ray	Brewster	None	21-7-37
✓Galloup, A. E.	Brewster	6	21-7-37
Hale, Lewis	Brewster	8	20-6-37
Hansen, Dave	Brewster	3	24-7-37
Hartley, Chas.	Brewster	14	6-6-37
Harrington, W. J.	Brewster	189(169)	5-6-37
Hayward, Joe	Brewster	10	29-6-37
Hertzeog L. & Reed P.	Brewster	26	14-6-37
Hoover, Henry	Brewster	9	4-7-37
Hoover, Herman	Brewster	None	4-7-37
Isomhagen, Martin	Brewster	4	12-7-37
✓Leighton, L. I.	Brewster	12	20-7-37
✓Lister, Vertie	Brewster	8	13-6-37
✓Lister, J. A.	Brewster	7	28-7-37
✓Lister, Carl	Brewster	8	9-7-37
✓Marryon, J. E.	Brewster	4	8-6-37
Watson, Chas.	Brewster	None	13-6-37
✓Mayer, Carl W.	Edson	17	7-7-37
Middleton, A. H.	Brewster	None	30-7-37
Miller, Lewis	Brewster	7	26-6-37
Miller, Frank	Brewster	None	26-6-37
Miller, John	Brewster	10	14-7-37
McAdams, C. T.	Brewster	None	5-6-37
McAdams, S. A.	Brewster	4	5-6-37
McAdams, Joe	Brewster	6	5-6-37
✓McDaniel, John	Brewster	31	19-7-37
✓McDaniel, Floyd ✓	Edson	22	19-7-37
✓McDaniel, T. S. ✓	Edson	14	67-7-37
✓McDaniel Ralph	Edson	5	6-7-37
✓O'Neal, J. P.	Brewster	15	10-7-37
✓O'Neal, Mrs. G. A.	Brewster	2	10-7-37
Payson, O. E.	Brewster	None	32-7-37
Powers, R. P.	Goodland	14	27-7-37
✓Raines, Harry B.	Brewster	18	3-7-37
Rasmussen, Albert	Brewster	None	23-6-37
Rivers, E. F.	Goodland	None	23-6-37
✓Robinson, B. E.	Edson	11	19-7-37
✓Robinson, A. E.	Edson	11	9-7-37
✓Robinson, H. K.	Edson	3	19-7-37
✓Roulier, Eugene	Brewster	2	2-7-37
✓Roulier, A.	Brewster	3	2-7-37
Ross, Lewis	Brewster	8	13-6-37
✓Sieck, Will	Edson	12	30-7-37
✓Sussex, Fred	Edson	69	9-7-37
✓Souders, E. K.	Brewster	18	11-6-37
✓Sykes, Ed. San	Brewster	None	11-7-37
Thompson, Fred	Brewster	1	13-7-37
✓Povrea, B. C.	Brewster	11	1-6-37
✓Turner, Weaver	Brewster	6	27-6-37
✓Turner, John E.	Brewster	5	21-6-37
Wagy, O. L.	Brewster	5	22-6-37
Warner, William		None	2-7-37
✓Watkins, G. L.	Brewster	14	27-7-37
✓Weis, Domonic	Edson	4	32-7-37
Williams, Walter		None	24-7-37
✓Wilkins, James	Brewster	9	9-7-37
Wolf, Art	Brewster	5	36-7-37
Dillinger, D. W.	Goodland	None	11-7-37

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April 8, 1927

Dr. W. C. Songer,
Lincoln, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

I have yours of the 6th with enclosure
and note same.

I have written the county attorney and
asked him the nature of the complaint on which a warrant
was issued for your arrest. You state that you were arrest-
ed by the sheriff at Colby and it cost you \$41.50. Of
course, if you committed no offense we will undertake to
see that this money is refunded.

In connection with your work in Sherman
county, please get the T.B. forms -32 of the work done
sent in right away. Also write the hotel in Goodland and
have them send a receipt for your room and board and have
the railroad agent at Lincoln make you a receipt for your
railroad fare to Goodland and return. I am calling your
attention to this for the reason that this is a rule of the
auditor's office that receipts of this kind must be filed.
Get the receipts in question and sign the enclosed voucher.
before a notary public and return to us at your earliest
convenience.

Very truly yours,

JHM/M

Commissioner.

P.S. Please indicate the place of meals on your way home
and also the place where you paid the taxi. All of
this has to be complied with before the auditor will
pay the voucher, hence the necessity of making nota-
tions of it.

JHM

DR. W. G. SONGER
VETERINARIAN

LINCOLN, KANSAS.

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Expense to Goodland & Return

R. R. Fare Round Trip	\$14.84
8 days room with bath @ 2.00	16.00
8 days board @ 2.00	16.00
meals coming home	1.25
Bar fare	1.00
9 days @ \$5.00	45.00
	<u>\$94.09</u>

W. G. Songer

Brewster Kans

April 3-1927

Dear Friend:

Well I heard last night
that our friend was going
to get you and reckon he
did. Well Dr. let the
~~dogs be~~ skins be the
limit on that Bird over
this deal make it as
rough on him as you
possibly can the big
majority of this townshih
is for you and if there
is any thing that I had
to do or can do to help
the good cause along
don't be a fraid to let



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me know, that other
fellow called Rucher yester-
day afternoon and said he
was ready to test but the
reason he did not want us
to test when we were there
he had some cows heavy
with calf and he didn't
want to wrestle them around
(Good reason) now Dr. if
these fellows can be
quarantined and J. H. Mercer
don't do it with his own
accord let me know how
to go about it. Any time
you want me for a
witness on any thing I'll
be there. (over)

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Ans soon.
Yours Most Resp.
Carl F. Lister
Brewster
Kans.

DR. W. G. SONGER
VETERINARIAN

LINCOLN, KANSAS,

4-6

1927

Mr. J. H. Mercer
Topeka Kans

Dear Sir. Recd your letter in
reference to one Mr. Geo. F. Fischer well
say yes I had a few words but
not in way he says.

1st. I shot 39 head of cattle which
were in the barn when got there
my driver Mr. Carl T. Lister and
Mr. J. H. M. Daniel of Edison helping
with all instructions in getting
remainder of head in they got
away. They Mr. & Mrs. Furchler told
all over country. We didnt test
all our cattle I didnt even shoot
all were in the barn and when
went to read the Mr. Geo. F. Fischer
said there isnt a damn bit of
me doing any thing as part of

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DR. W. G. SONGER
VETERINARIAN

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Have got away with out being
shot and you didnt shoot
all was in the barn either
meaning some small calves. while
the two named men held while
I done the work as they will both
say I said Mustin if you or
any body says I didnt shoot
all cattle in here you or any body
else are D - Lovers. Lister told him
the same as the former better
Mr. Fricklin let me get as far as
Colby coming home when had the
shuff there arrest me and goodlands
shuff coming after me costing
me \$41.50
am inclosing a letter from Denver
refer to him if you want to.
Yours Truly W. G. Songer



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April 8, 1927

Mr. Chas. G. Dockhorn,
Co. Attorney,
Goodland, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

In order to help complete the tuberculosis county area work now under way in Sherman county, I sent Dr. W. G. Songer of Lincoln, Kansas to the county to help in the work.

I have a letter from Mr. George F. Fiechter complaining against Dr. Songer. I also have a letter from Dr. Songer advising that he started home from Goodland on last Saturday evening and was arrested at Colby and it cost him \$41.50. Dr. Songer did not give me any details in his report as to why he was arrested.

I am not acquainted with Dr. Songer but the records show that he is an accredited veterinarian in the state of Kansas, and, as above stated, I sent him to the county so that the work could be completed before cattle go out to grass. Of course, while he was in the county he was an appointee of this department and paid by the state for his services.

I would like to know all the particulars about this transaction and am writing you for the correct information. I am very sorry if Dr. Songer mistreated any of the people of Sherman county in any way. I am asking for this information so that if Dr. Songer has committed any wrong and it can be corrected, it will be done.

Thanking you in advance for this information and hoping for an early reply, I am

Very truly yours,

JHM/M

Commissioner.

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T. E. Form 22
(Revised)

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY

RESULT OF TUBERCULIN TEST

This form to be made in triplicate; one copy to inspector in charge, one to owner, and one to be retained by field inspector.

Owner Geo. F. Fisher
Address Quincy (Town) Ko (State)
Shuman (County)

A 2nd tuberculin test was applied by me to 18 cattle owned by you, with results as shown below:

Date and time of injection 3-30-27
Date and time of reading 4-2-27
Predominating breed Ph. G. F. Fisher

Number passed (P. B.) (Grade) ; reactors (P. B.) (Grade)
Tag numbers healthy cattle _____
Tag numbers reactors _____

Suspects _____ Tag numbers _____

Premises to be cleaned and disinfected immediately after removal of reactors _____
(Under sup'n) (By owner)

AVIAN TUBERCULOSIS REPORT

Number of fowls on farm	Estimated number		Number posted	
	Free	Infected	Free	Infected
<u>8 not tested got away</u>				

W. S. Singer
Veterinary Inspector.

NOTE.—A test chart must be made in addition to this report when reactors or suspects are found. If more space is required for tag numbers, use the reverse side of form.

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April 5, 1927

Mr. George F. Flechter,
Goodland, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

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.

According to a report from Mr. Rucker, Dr. 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 be tested.

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, of 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,

JHM/M

Commissioner.

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April 5, 1927

Mr. W. L. Rucker,
Co. Agent,
Goodland, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 2nd and also Mr. Fiechter's letter. I am enclosing you a copy of a letter written Mr. Fiechter which explains itself.

I do not know Dr. Songer but if he treated Mr. Fiechter as is outlined in Mr. Fiechter's letter, he was either drunk or is a fool for the reason that he was given a letter of instruction to get into no trouble or difficulty with any of the live stock owners of Sherman county. I wish you would give me the name of the party that drove Dr. Songer while he was engaged in the work in Sherman county and furnish me any other information you might have in connection with this transaction. Also would like a copy of the complaint that Fiechter made against Songer.

I would take it from your letter that there was no one at work in Sherman county now excepting Dr. Matney and Dr. Hartwig and that you expect them to complete the work by the last of next week. I can send you help next week if you need same.

Very truly yours,

JRM/H

Commissioner.



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GOODLAND, KANSAS

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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 brown 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.

Geo. F. Fichter

W.G.

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April 5, 1927

Dr. W.G. Senger,
Lincoln, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

I have this date a letter from one Geo. F. Flechter of Goodland Kansas filing a complaint against you.

He states that he has a small herd of Hereford stock cattle and that you had difficulty in holding them when they were injected with the tuberculin, and that a few had broken away and that you advised him that unless reactors were found in the others that it would not be necessary to test the entire herd again - that the day before you were to return to read the cattle in question that he took sick and was not able to get the cattle in for the 72nd hour reading. He states that you refused to even take the reading of the milk cows and that you became abusive, pulling off your coat and gave him a cussing and that he afterwards swore out a warrant for your arrest and that you made your getaway by going to Brewster and catching a train for your home in Lincoln.

I am very sorry that this trouble happened. Please write me and furnish me all the particulars in connection with this transaction. I am inclined to feel that you cannot be excused from having trouble with Mr. Flechter for the reason that I am sure you fully understood that it is the policy of this department for the field men to get into no difficulty with owners of live stock but to report all objectors to this office. Please let me hear from you at your very earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

JHM/E

Commissioner.

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TELEPHONE
OFFICE, 510
RESIDENCE, 26

OFFICE, 1197 1/4 MAIN ST.
OFFICE DAY, SATURDAY

CO-OPERATIVE EXTENSION WORK
IN
AGRICULTURE AND HOME ECONOMICS
STATE OF KANSAS

KANSAS STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE AND SHERMAN COUNTY FARM BUREAU, COOPERATING

EXTENSION SERVICE
COUNTY AGENT WORK

GOODLAND

April 2 1927

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

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find a weekly report from Dr. Songer. Also a letter to you from a local man Mr Feaster. I am not taking any sides in this controversy. Personally I believe that both are probably to blame.

Dr. Songer reports both Mr. Feaster and Mr. Herrington as refusing the test. Mr. Herrington called me this morning over the phone and said he wanted to tell his side of the story. Said the reason he did not want to test now was that his cows were thin and heavy with calf and he wanted to put it off for a while. I told him that we had a bunch in the county that were injected but not read on account of the storm, that I was in hopes to be able to test them at the end of sixty days and that we could test his then. He agreed to that and said he would be glad to test them.

Mr Feaster said that he wanted them tested and would do so any time we said if he would send what he called a reasonable man to do it. Personally I have no complaint against Dr. Songer but it does look queer that all the trouble we had in the county should be in the one township that he tested. There were others who said they would not let an inspector on the place but we had no trouble any other place in the county. Mr. Feaster swore out a warrant against Dr Songer but I believe that he knew something of it and went to Brewster and caught a train from there. I hope that nothing further comes from it since it is bad for all concerned.

Drs Hartwig and Matney will start on the last townships this week. We will have a few scattered ones that have been missed and the cows in the town of Goodland. We will practically be done April 9th.

Very truly yours,
N. L. Rucker
N. L. Rucker,
County Agent.

No doubt Dr Songer will have reasons for his action and can have the support of his driver. There is always two sides to any trouble. I do think he should have

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*Inspected the milk cows while they were
up even tho the rest of the cattle were
not in reach.*

J. L. R.

GOODLAND
April 2 1927

Mr. J. L. R. Meyer:
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find a weekly report from local Dr.
Singer. Also a letter to you from a local man Mr. Foster.
I am not taking any sides in this controversy.
Personally I believe that both are probably to blame.
Dr. Singer reports both Mr. Foster and Mr. Hamilton
as refusing the test. Mr. Hamilton called me this
morning and told me that he was not willing to
side of the story. He said that he did not want
to test now as his cows were thin and heavy
with calf and he wanted to put it off for a while.
I told him that we had a camp in the county that
were infected but not dead on account of the storm.
that I was in hopes to be able to test them at the end
of sixty days and that we could test his then. He
agreed to that and said he would be glad to test them.
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do so any time we said it he would send what he called
a reasonable man to do it. Personally I have no
complaint against Dr. Singer but it does look queer that
all the trouble we had in the county should be in the
one township that he tested. There were others who
said they would not let an inspector on the place but
we had no trouble any other place in the county.
Mr. Foster swore out a warrant against Dr. Singer but
I believe that he knew something of it and went to
Brewster and caught a train from there. I hope that
nothing further comes from it since it is bad for all
concerned.

Dr. Hamilton and Meyer will start on the last
township this week. We will have a few scattered ones
that have been missed and the rest in the town of Goodland.
We will practically be done April 25th.

Very truly yours,
J. L. Meyer
County Agent

*No doubt Dr. Singer will find some
of his cattle and some have to be
killed. There is a change for
the better. He is a good man.*



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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 trouble. 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 happened 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 Iowa 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, *N. L. Rucker*
N. L. Rucker, Co. Agt.