

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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June 6, 1927

Mr. F. W. Harris,
Lyons, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing you copy of a letter received this date from Washington that explains itself.

In line with the suggestion in the letter I have prepared an outline of a letter to the Comptroller General. You had best transcribe this letter on your own stationery in long hand and send same to the Comptroller General of the Accounting Office, Claims Division, Washington, D.C.

Should you not then receive favorable reply, advise me, as I propose to see to it now that you are paid this \$14.50 if it takes even five years to do it.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner.

JHM/m



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J. R. McCarl,
Comptroller General,
General Accounting Office, Claims Division,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the suggestion of
W. S. Dewhirst, Asst. Chief, Claims Division, made
in a letter to J. H. Mercer, Live Stock Sanitary
Commissioner, Topeka, Kansas, under date of June 1,
1927, file 0161641-HC, I herewith respectfully request
that you reconsider my claim of indemnity on one
tubercular cow appraised by the United States Department
of Agriculture and slaughtered May 20, 1926. Claim #0161641.

I feel sure that if you will re-open this
case and review the records that you will conclude that
I should have the federal indemnity of \$14.50, as indicated
in the records.

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

Very truly yours,

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GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE

WASHINGTON

CLAIMS DIVISION

~~MILITARY DIVISION~~

IN REPLY QUOTE INITIALS

June 1, 1927.

Pre-0161641-HC

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

Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of May 19, 1927, requesting a reconsideration by this office of the disallowance of the claim of F. W. Harris, Lyons, Kansas, for \$14.50, as payment of additional United States tuberculosis indemnity on one pure bred cow appraised by the United States Department of Agriculture and slaughtered May 20, 1926.

In reply you are advised that before further consideration can be given to the matter, it will be necessary for Mr. Harris to submit by letter to this office over his own signature and address a request for the reconsideration of the above settlement.

For the Comptroller General of the United States.

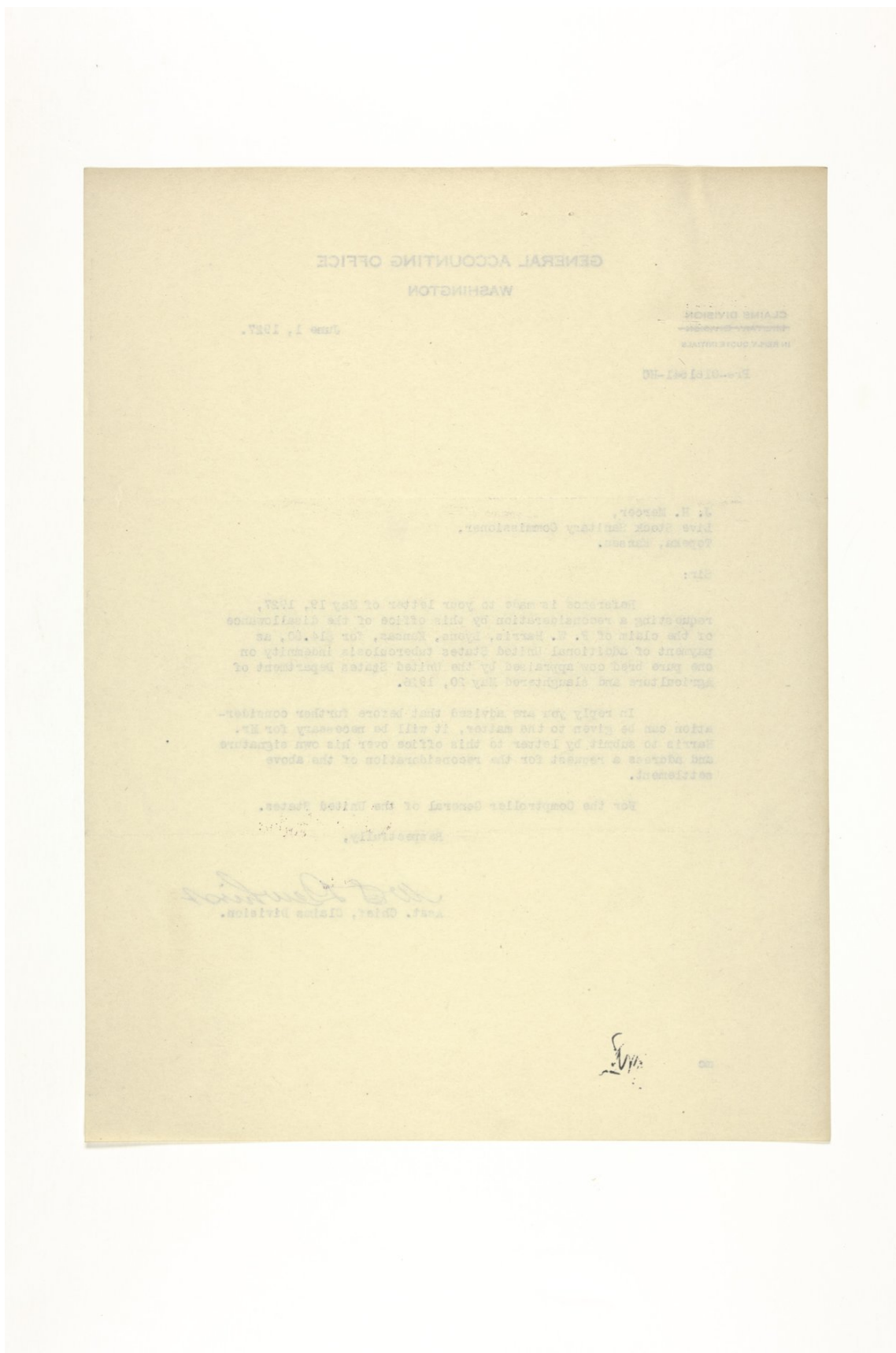
Respectfully,

W. S. Dewhirst
Asst. Chief, Claims Division.

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May 19, 1927

Mr. F. W. Harris,
Lyons, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Answering yours of the 14th.

I am very much surprised at the position the Comptroller General has taken in connection with your claim of \$14.50. I have written the comptroller a letter and am enclosing you a copy of same. Should you not hear from this within the next 10 days or two weeks, advise me and I will turn the records in this case over to Senator Curtis, as indicated in my letter.

Very truly yours,

JHM/M

Commissioner.

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Mr J H Murer
Topeka
Kans

Dear Sir

I am enclosing a letter from
Washington D.C. General acct office
in regards to my claim of \$14.00 due
me for claim of one year ago.
You can see by his letter it has been
disallowed I wish you would take this
up. I did not ask for increase or appraisal of
animal. I wish you would go after
this rough shod.

Yours Respt
T. W. Harris

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May 19, 1927

J. R. McCarl,
Comptroller General,
General Accounting Office, Claims Division,
Washington, D.C.

Attention Orlando F. Sykes!

Gentlemen:

Your notice of disallowance of claim #0161641 F. W. Harris, Lyons, Kansas, amount of claim \$14.50, has been referred to this department. There is a large record in connection with this claim on file in this office. The records in connection with this claim were made with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and are referred to as D.O. Claim No. 1068.

We regret exceedingly the position you have taken with respect to this claim. Evidently the parties examining this claim gave it but little consideration or they would not set out that the claim was disallowed and give as the reason the following:

"There is no authority to increase the appraisal value of animals slaughtered in the eradication of disease among animals, after final settlement and acceptance of the appraisal value by the owner."

If the records in this case had been examined as they should have been, it would have been noted that there was no request for an increase of the appraised value of the tubercular cow in question. That the records and the affidavits all show that the county, the state and the government made an error in not recording the registration record showing that the animal was a purebred registered animal. Had this case been examined or studied by anyone of ordinary intelligence no such a declaration would have been made in disallowing the claim. Is it possible that the government of the United States does not want to correct its own mistakes and by reason of not doing so injures a citizen of our country?

For fear that the records have not all been handed you from the U.S. Department of Agriculture in this case, I am attaching hereto a copy of a letter that explains itself.

In this connection this is the last effort we will make to have Mr. Harris indemnified by his government for the tremendous amount of \$14.50. If we do not get proper consideration by the Comptroller Accountant in due time, we will turn the records in this case over to Senator Charles Curtis with a request that he



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interest himself to the extent of seeing that one of his Kansas constituents receives the proper consideration by his government. There are no technicalities in this case and it is a case that could be reviewed and passed on in twenty minutes' time and it has been in the hands of the government now for almost a year. There can be no excuse for any such a delay in handling a case of this kind and I am sure that Senator Curtis will find out who is at fault, if it has to go into his hands.

There is no necessity for any two weeks or months delay in receiving an answer to this letter, either by writing Mr. Harris the claimant at Lyons, Kansas, or the writer.

Very truly yours,

JHM/M

Commissioner.



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GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE
Form 43

NOTICE OF DISALLOWANCE OF CLAIM

In reply refer to
Certificate No.

Civil

GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE

Agriculture Settlements and
Claims

Claims Division

Claim No. 0161641 Washington, D. C., May 3, 1927

F. W. Harris,
Lyons,
Kansas.

Your claim(s) for \$14.50 additional United States Tuberculosis indemnity on one pure bred cow appraised by the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture and slaughtered May 20, 1926, D. O. Claim No. 1068,

has (have) been examined and disallowed, per the above certificate number, for the following reasons:

There is no authority to increase the appraisal value of animals slaughtered in the eradication of disease among animals, after final settlement and acceptance of the appraisal value by the owner.

brb

J. R. McCARL,
Comptroller General,

By *[Signature]*

If a claimant desires a review of this settlement, or any item thereof, he should file his application, with a statement of the reasons therefor, within one year from the date hereof, in the Division of the General Accounting Office issuing the settlement certificate, and same will be transmitted to the Law Division, Office of Comptroller General, for review.

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April 12, 1927

Mr. F. W. Harris,
Lyons, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing you a copy of a letter from the Washington office with respect to the unpaid indemnity on your reactor cow. It would appear from this letter that you would likely receive your check in a short time. If you do not hear from the Washington office within the next twenty days, advise me.

Very truly yours,

JHM/M

Commissioner.



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

ADDRESS REPLY TO
"CHIEF OF BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY,"
AND REFER TO
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April 6, 1927.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of March 31 relative to the supplemental indemnity claim of Mr. F. W. Harris, Lyons, Kansas.

As you were informed in Bureau letter of January 6, last, the claim of Mr. Harris was transmitted to the General Accounting Office for direct settlement on October 9, 1926. This is the usual procedure with claims of this character. For your information, it may be stated that the General Accounting Office is directly under the Comptroller General of the United States, and this Bureau has no control of its operations. However, upon receipt of your letter above referred to, a representative of the Bureau visited the General Accounting Office and was informed that the claim of Mr. Harris would be settled within ten days or two weeks. If Mr. Harris receives no word from his claim within two weeks it is suggested that the matter be taken up directly with the Comptroller General.

Very truly yours,

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Administrative Assistant.

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March 31, 1927

Mr. F. W. Harris,
Lyons, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Answering yours of the 24th, I have written the Washington office with respect to your claim and am enclosing you a copy of the letter.

About the only thing I can suggest is if you do not hear from this in due course of time again to let me know and I will do everything I can for you as this claim should be paid. I am returning a copy of the letter you sent me.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner.

JHM/M

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C O P Y sent Mr. Harris
March 31, 1927

Mr. J.H.Cochran,
Chief of Bureau of Animal Industry,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Mr. F. W. Harris of Lyons, Kansas, has advised me that he has never received any adjustment of his claim - voucher 1068 - tuberculosis indemnity claim, \$14.50, from the federal government. This claim was filed by Dr. N. L. Townsend, Inspector in Charge, B.A.I., located at Topeka, Kansas, sometime in August 1926. I refer you to your letter of January 6, 1927, file TW--.

I am calling your attention to this matter with the hope that someone connected with the department of Agriculture that handles matters of this kind will take it upon themselves to render a service by having this claim properly handled and the money that Mr. Harris is entitled to, under the records, sent to him. Just such delays as this is what causes the general public to condemn and criticize federal officials. There is no reason for any such delay in handling a case of this kind. I do not wish to be discourteous in the matter but unless this case is adjusted in some way or other within a reasonable period of time - say 30 days - I propose to take the matter to the Secretary of Agriculture through our congressmen or senators.

I trust that I will not be forced to take this action. Let me hear from you at your very earliest convenience as to what will be done.

Very truly yours,

JHM/M

Commissioner.



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March 24 - 27

Mr J.H. Mercer

Topeka Kans

Dear Sir.

After 70 days. have not heard from the
acting Administrative assistant. at
Washington D.C. will write you again
in regards to the claim of 14⁰⁰ Dollars on
Cow Claim. of which you are familiar.
Will enclose copy. of Claim. Please return
this copy to me. I wish you would take this
matter up at once.

Yours Resp^{ly}

X. W. Harris

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January 11, 1927

F. W. Harris,
Lyons, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing you copy of letter received from the Bureau office at Washington with respect to your claim that explains itself. We believe that in time you will get the indemnity you are entitled to on this claim; just how long it will take the Washington office to get around to adjust the matter I do not know. I would suggest that if you do not hear anything about it within the next 30 or 60 days that you write me again.

Very truly,

Commissioner.

JHM:CHZ

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

ADDRESS REPLY TO
"CHIEF OF BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY,"
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January 6, 1927.

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

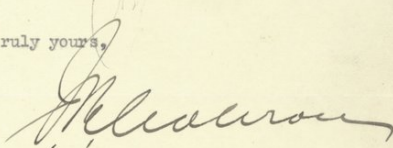
Dear Sir:

Receipt of your letter of the 29th ultimo regarding the payment of a supplemental tuberculosis indemnity claim of Mr. F. W. Harris, Lyons, Kansas is acknowledged.

Mr. Harris' claim, together with all substantiating papers, was forwarded to the General Accounting Office for direct settlement on October 9, 1926. When the claim has been acted on by that office, he will be notified direct and will probably know the outcome before the returns reach the Bureau.

The Bureau regrets that it was necessary to delay the payment of the above mentioned claim, but was without authority to pay the same.

Very truly yours,


Acting Administrative Assistant.

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December 29, 1926

Reference: Voucher No. 1068

General Accounting Office,
U. S. Department of Agriculture,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to supplemental tuberculosis indemnity claim, F. W. Harris, Lyons, Kansas, voucher No. 1068. I am writing for information with the respect to this claim. Mr. Harris has had this matter up many times with this department and we are unable to give him any definite information or do anything further with respect to the claim, other than what has already been done.

The records will show that this claim is based on an error that was made at the time of appraisement of two head of reactor cattle of Mr. Harris, one a pure-bred and the other a grade. The tuberculosis tag number of the pure-bred animal was recorded as the tag number of the grade animal. It would appear that all necessary legal evidence has been furnished to substantiate this claim.

Will you please advise us as to whether or not the Government will indemnify Mr. Harris in the amount of \$14.50 since he has established that he is entitled to that amount. We would like this information so that we can advise Mr. Harris accordingly.

Thanking you in advance, I am

Very truly,

Commissioner.

JHM:CHZ

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY
LOCAL OFFICE

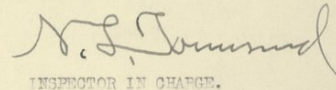
25 Federal Bldg.,
Topeka, Kansas.
December 27, 1926.

Mr. J. H. Mercer,
State House,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Mercer:

Enclosed herewith correspondence just received from the
Bureau in regard to the supplemental tuberculosis indemnity claim of
Mr. F. W. Harris, Lyons, Kansas.

Respectfully,


INSPECTOR IN CHARGE.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

ADDRESS REPLY TO
"CHIEF OF BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY,"
AND REFER TO

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December 23, 1926.

Dr. N. L. Townsend,
25 Federal Building,
Topeka, Kans.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of December 18 regarding the supplemental tuberculosis indemnity claim of Mr. F. W. Harris, Lyons, Kansas, amount \$14.50. You are informed that the voucher was transmitted to the General Accounting Office for direct settlement bearing Department Disbursing Office number 1068. This office is not yet in receipt of information regarding settlement of the claim.

Mr. Harris will be notified direct of any action taken by the General Accounting Office on his claim.

Respectfully,

Lele Carroll
Administrative Assistant.



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December 18, 1926.

Mr. F. W. Harris,
Lyons, Kans.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of recent date, I just talked with the federal government office here in Topeka, and they advise me that they have not had any information from the Washington office since September 24th. Copy of that letter was sent you under date of September 27th.

In this connection, everything has been done by this office and also by the government office here in the state with respect to this matter. Affidavits and other records in connection with the case were filed with the government office in Washington. Dr. Townsend advises me that he will write the government office today and ask them for a final decision in the matter, and as soon as he receives a reply a copy of the letter and all information will be forwarded to you.

I would suggest that if you do not get a favorable reply, then it might be advisable for you to take the matter up with your Congressman, but I would not do this until the Washington office makes its final report.

Very truly yours,

JHM:MH

Commissioner.

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Mr J.H. Mercer
Topeka Kans
Dear Sir
Received your letter Sep 30.
Have waited 60 days, hoping
the government would make
a settlement. But have heard
nothing. I wish you would
take this claim of \$14⁵⁰ up
with Secretary of Agriculture
or our attorney General and
see if they will take heed
This is only a small thing. But
if you owed the Government 1¢ -
they would compell you to pay

This indemnity - in - see in
appraisement of my reactor cattle
was made by the State man.
So I feel it up to the State
to have this adjusted.
Let me hear from you soon
or I will submit facts to our
Congressman from this District
and see if he can get some
action.

Yours Respt-

O. W. Harris



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Sept. 30, 1926.

Mr. F. W. Harris,
Lyons, Kans.

Dear Sir:

I received a copy of a letter from the Washington office on the 27th inst, which has to do with the indemnity-in-error in appraisement of your reactor cattle and the item of \$14.50 set out in your indemnity claim.

I note the letter states that there is little likelihood of the claim being allowed. This is rather strange, for the reason that it is established by affidavit that an error was made, and that you were entitled to an indemnity on your pure bred cattle.

Of course, it will be quite a while before this can make the rounds at Washington, but if you do not hear favorably from the Washington office within the next 30 to 60 days, advise me and I will take the matter up thru the Secretary of Agriculture and see if a correction can not be made.

Very truly yours,

JHM:MH

Commissioner.



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY
LOCAL OFFICE

25 Federal Bldg.,
Topeka, Kansas.
September 27, 1926.

Mr. J. H. Mercer,
State House,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Mercer:

Enclosed herewith copy of letter just received from the
Bureau, which is self-explanatory.

Respectfully,

INSPECTOR IN CHARGE
Tuberculosis Eradication

M.

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Washington, D. C. TL-
September 24, 1926.

Dr. N. L. Townsend,
25 Federal Bldg.,
Topeka, Kansas.

Sir: .

Referring to the supplemental tuberculosis indemnity claim, amount \$14.50, submitted by Mr. F. W. Harris, Lyons, Kansas, you are informed that the voucher has been submitted to the General Accounting Office for direct settlement.

In view of recent action on similar claims, however, there seems little likelihood of the claim being allowed.

Respectfully,

C. C. Carroll

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Administrative Assistant.

Copy sent Harris.

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August 2nd, 1926.

Dr. W. L. Townsend,
25 Federal Building,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear sir:

I am calling your attention to the attached records.

An error was made by the appraising board of the F. W. Harris cows of Lyons, Kansas. You will note the records disclose that two animals were appraised, one a grade and one a purebred registered animal, and that the grade animal was appraised at \$150 and the purebred animal at \$100. A mistake was made in recording the grade animal at \$150 and the purebred at \$100. The purebred should have been recorded as being appraised at \$150 and the grade at \$100. By reason of the error Mr. Harris only received federal indemnity for \$25 on the purebred animal in accordance with the federal law. Had the record been correct under the law he would have received the full allowance on a purebred animal which would have amounted to \$14.50 in addition to the indemnity paid by the government.

You will note the affidavits of the appraising board bearing out the statement in connection with the error in the records. Would be pleased to have you submit this to the Washington office with a view of having same corrected.

Very truly yours,

JHM:P

Commissioner.

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July 2nd, 1926.

Mr. W. W. Downey,
Canton, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Downey:

I am enclosing you state and federal appraisement records on two cows belonging to F. W. Harris of Lyons, Kansas. The state appraisement does not indicate that either one of the cows in question was a purebred animal as you will note. The federal appraisement shows that the grade was appraised at \$150 and the purebred at \$100. The purebred animal was condemned and only net \$5.21.

Therefore, because of the grade animal being appraised at \$150, the government only is permitted to pay \$25 on grades, which makes a difference to Mr. Harris of \$14.50. There is nothing irregular in the records unless the cow that was appraised at \$150 was the purebred instead of the grade.

I am sending you these papers so you will be able to refresh your memory with respect to the matter. Please advise me by return mail what you remember about this transaction. Also return the appraisement blanks.

Very truly yours,

JHM:P

Commissioner.

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July 2nd, 1926.

Mr. A. I. Gilkison,
County Agent,
Lyons, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Gilkison:

Answering yours of the 30th ultimo.

We have looked up the records in connection with the appraisalment and sale of the F.W. Harris reactor cattle. We find the appraisalment shows the grade animal was appraised at \$150 and the purebred animal at \$100 and since the government can only pay \$25 on grades and \$50 on purebreds and the carcass of the grade animal condemned the government could only pay the \$25 as applying to the grade animal which would make the difference of the \$14.50 as salvage paid by the government.

I have written Mr. Downey with respect to the appraisalment and also you might speak to Mr. Harris and if there was an error in the appraisalment and the grade animal was appraised at \$100 and the purebred at \$150 we might be able to get the correction made.

Very truly yours,

JHM:P

Commissioner.



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OFFICE--COURT HOUSE

OFFICE PHONE 146
RESIDENCE PHONE 146

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

KANSAS STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE:
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND
RICE COUNTY FARM BUREAU CO-OPERATING

EXTENSION SERVICE
COUNTY AGENT WORK

LYONS, KANSAS

June 30, 1926.

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

Dear Mr. Mercer: -

I am writing you for F. W. Harris, Lyons, Kansas. Mr. Harris is not satisfied with the settlement allowed him on two reactors, one a registered Holstein #4394 - condemned, and a grade Holstein #4395, passed. They salvaged out a total of \$43.80 less freight, etc., \$5.21 leaving a net salvage of \$38.59, which amount he received. He also received an order from you on the County Commissioners for \$70.47 which seems to be correct. Which they paid.

Just a day or so ago he received a check from Washington D.C. United States Treasury #1009133, Agriculture Vo. 240115 for the sum of \$55.97.

Mr. Harris was in to see me about this U. S. check, stating it is short \$14.50, or it should be for \$70.47 instead of \$55.97, the same as the order on the county. He refuses to accept this as final settlement and has turned the entire material back to me and I am keeping it in the vault for safe keeping for further disposal. He feels - so do I, that he is entitled to \$14.50 additional.

Trusting you will take this matter up immediately with the Department of Agriculture and issue another order on same in favor of Mr. Harris for the above amount, I am

Very truly yours,

A. I. Gilkison
A. I. Gilkison, County Agent.

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J. H. MERCER
COMMISSIONER

State of Kansas

OFFICE OF
LIVE STOCK SANITARY COMMISSIONER
TOPEKA

June 8, 1926.

Mr. F. W. Harris,
Lyons, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

We are inclosing herewith order drawn on the Board of County Commissioners of Rice County for \$ 70.47

We are also inclosing account sales with check attached in the amount of \$ 38.59, sent to this office by G.A. Stuart L.S. Com. Co., same being net proceeds from the sale of your two cows, tag No. 4894-95, which were 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.

The inclosed order for \$ 70.47, check in the amount of \$ 38.59, together with \$5.91 ~~\$70.47~~ which will be sent you by the Federal Government, cover payment for your reactors as provided in section 47-615, Revised Statutes of 1923. This plan for paying indemnity has been agreed upon between the State and Federal Government and applies to all indemnities paid on cattle which are condemned as being tuberculous under tests made because of the modified clean area campaign which is being carried on in your county.

Very truly yours,

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Commissioner.