

## **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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May 17, 1929

Dr. D. M. Dill,  
Winchester, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

I have a report from the government inspector stationed at the St. Joseph, Missouri, stockyards, which shows that you recently shipped some sheep to the market which were found to be infected with scabies.

Please give me a complete history of this shipment. If you have other sheep back on your place that were associated with the sheep shipped, you are directed not to move them from their present location until further notice from this department.

If it is necessary a representative from the department will be sent to your place to make an inspection and advise you as to the treating of your herd. Let me hear from you by return mail.

Very truly yours,

JHM/M

Commissioner.

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47-611. Quarantine. That when the commissioner shall have determined the necessity of a quarantine and other regulations to prevent the spread among domestic animals of any contagious or infectious disease he shall notify the governor thereof, who shall issue his proclamation, announcing the boundary of such quarantine and the orders, rules and regulations prescribed by the commissioner, which proclamation shall be published in the official state paper: *Provided*, The commissioner may, if the area affected by the

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495 of the Session Laws of 1905, from any point south of the south line of the state of Kansas, except that portion not under quarantine by the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States, without first having caused such animal or animals to be inspected and passed under certificate of health by the live stock sanitary commissioner of this state, or some inspector thereof, duly authorized by such commissioner, or by the Bureau of Animal Industry of the Department of Agriculture of the United States government; and any person or persons violating the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misde-



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J. H. MERCER  
COMMISSIONER

### State of Kansas

OFFICE OF  
LIVE STOCK SANITARY COMMISSIONER  
TOPEKA

June 4, 1929

Dr. Jones,  
Milford, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

On June 1st a quarantine was established on certain townships in Geary county because of an outbreak of rabies. This quarantine was placed by the live stock sanitary commissioner in compliance with chapter 47, section 611, general statutes of 1923. Find clipping attached.

I have a report from C. T. Champ, who has been placed in charge of the enforcement of the quarantine order that you had refused to comply with the provisions of the order. I am certain that you do not fully understand the situation or you would not do this. Will you please advise me as to why you refused to obey the quarantine order.

Thanking you in advance for an early reply,

I am

Very truly yours,

*J. H. Mercer*  
Commissioner.

JHM/M

Dear Sir:-  
My bull dog has been vaccinated seven times in the past two years and he never leaves me or my car at any time, That is the reason I told Mr Champ I saw no reason to muzzle him. A muzzle would be detrimental to him as he has a hard time breathing as it is - of course I will chain him if you insist and will have him re-vaccinated.  
*Yours truly*  
*S. F. Foster*



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June 7, 1929

Mr. Logan Graham,  
Sheriff, Seward County,  
Liberal, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

In line with instructions from this office Mr. Wallace Downey, a representative of the department, in co-operation with the county commissioners and county health officer of Seward county have established a 60-day quarantine to control the contagious disease rabies, now existing in your county. He reports that you had been selected to enforce the provisions of the quarantine and had commenced services on June 5th by posting the quarantine notices designating the prescribed quarantine territory.

You are to receive \$200 for your services, one-half of this amount to be paid by this department and one-half by Seward county.

A quarantine is of but little consequence unless properly enforced. Therefore, you are instructed to enforce the provisions of the quarantine rigidly. I might add in this connection in many instances owners of dogs in the quarantine area may not see the quarantine order. Therefore, get in contact with all the owners possible and notify them of the quarantine order and its provisions and also advise them that unless they comply with the provisions - that when you visit their place again and find any dogs not muzzled or tied up that you will destroy them and you are authorized to do so. I do not anticipate you will have any difficulty in enforcing the provisions of this quarantine order. In case, however, you should come in contact with anyone that would refuse to obey the order or permit you to kill their dogs, it is suggested that you not take any chances or get into any serious difficulty but report them at once to this office and complaint will be filed through the attorney-general's office and the county attorney's office and authority given you to arrest under legal procedure.

You are further instructed to make a report to this office of the progress of your work every 10 days. This report should contain a history of the work, the number of dogs destroyed and any other matters in connection with the quarantine order that you might have in mind that would be of consequence. I might add that these instructions given you are in accord with chapter 47-611, general statutes of 1923 and you need not hesitate to carry them out to the letter and you will be protected by the state for any action you take.

Very truly yours,

JHM/M

Commissioner.



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J. H. MERCER  
COMMISSIONER

### State of Kansas

OFFICE OF  
LIVE STOCK SANITARY COMMISSIONER  
TOPEKA

Wichita, Kans., June 7, 1929

Mr J.H.Mercer,

Topeka, Kans.

Dear Mr Mercer:

I wrote you last night on the train after I left Liberal and enclosed a copy of the proceedings of the County Commissioners relative to the rabies situation, also a copy of the hand bills that were struck at the suggestion of the County Attorney and Sheffriff, and one of the quarentine notices which is just like one of 23 that are bing posted in Seward County.

I found the people out there pretty much alarmed about the rabies situation and learned that they had been fighting it since the last of March as they had had one positive case at that time but they were of the opinion that it was getting away from them and that a quarentine would be the only relief. Dr A.L.Knisley has ten patients taking the Pasteur treatment at present. He, himself was bitten by a dog the night before last and is taking the treatment. They seem to be well organized and have lots of good co-operation and no doubt the quarentine will be well enforced.

Logan Graham, the sherriff was put in charge of the enforcement of the order to be assisted by Deputy Sherriff, the police force of Liberal, and the County Commissioners, at a cost of \$200.00 for the sixty days, the county paying half and

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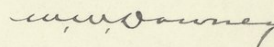
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the state half.

I am leaving this afternoon for Canton, and any mail you have to send the first of the week please send to Canton.

I hope that the handling of the rabies situation in Seward County will meet with your approval, and will be satisfactory to every one.

Very truly,







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June 8, 1929.

Dr. H. R. Ross,  
County Health Officer,  
Junction City, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 7th instant wish to say there is no provision in our quarantine order which regulates the handling of dogs which are being held under observation by anyone. The only suggestion I would have to make is that where Mr. Champ has knowledge of dogs that have been exposed to rabies that he keep close watch on the situation and if anything abnormal arises he should have the dogs killed at once. Of course, it is understood that dogs are to be tied up or muzzled in line with the provisions of the quarantine order and if any of you know of owners of dogs that are violating the provisions, notify us and we will file complaint against them.

If an owner has a dog which is kept in a barn or other out-building it might be all right, but it would be in violation of the quarantine order for any dogs to be allowed to run in stores or other public places.

I have instructed Mr. Champ to kill every dog he finds in the quarantine area whose owner has not complied with the order, especially if he has advised the owner once that his dog must not be allowed to run at large.

If exposed dogs do not develop rabies within the time limit of the quarantine order it is only a speculation as to whether or not they will ever show any infection. The only thing to do is to enforce the quarantine order with regard to all dogs for the time of the quarantine.

Thanking you for your help and cooperation, I am

Very truly yours,

Commissioner.

JHM.A



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H. P. POWERS  
CHAIRMAN

HENRY KAHN

J. E. YOUNK

PHONE 365

### Geary County Health Department

Junction City, Kansas

June 7, 1929

H. R. ROSS  
HEALTH OFFICER

HELENE KRAMER R. N.  
PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

FRANCES CHANEY  
SECRETARY

Hon. J. H. Mercer  
State Live Stock San. Comm.  
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Mr. Mercer:

Mr. Champ was just in the office and we were talking over some of the rabies quarantine problems, and he asked me to write you.

A dog owned by Mr. Haddock at 217 west 16th. St. left home Tuesday afternoon. Because it had never left home he had disregarded the quarantine order. This dog fought with eight or nine dogs that were fastened or penned up, where people had knowledge of the contact, in one case breaking through the fence then disappeared from view. Wednesday morning he was killed by Mr. Ross McNeece on his farm a couple of miles N. E. of town. The head showed rabies by the laboratory. No one knows of the dogs whereabouts or activities Tuesday night.

Most of these dogs, that were known to have active contact with this dog have been killed, but some people are very loath to part with their dog unless absolutely necessary. There are also a few dogs known to have been in contact with other rabid dogs, earlier, that have not been destroyed.

One of these dogs has been taken to Manhattan for observation. Possible others may be taken there.

If a dog is placed under observation, who is to say when it is to be released, and how long should be the period of observation?

Is it proper to have such a dog under observation on the owner's premises?

We learn that there are a few instances where people have an unmuzzled dog loose in their store or other public place. This is certainly in violation of the quarantine order.

You probably noticed by the local paper that a rabid dog, also of the furious type, was killed west of Junction City, last week, near the Dickinson County line.

Mr. Champ reports twenty dogs destroyed to date, nine of them being disposed of yesterday. (Thursday)

If you can give instructions as to the disposition of these dogs, likely to be infected and become a future problem, we will appreciate it.

Very truly yours,

*H. R. Ross, M.D.*  
H. R. Ross, M.D.,  
Health Officer





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June 10, 1929

Dr. T. L. Jones,  
Milford, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Answering your footnotes to my letter of June 4th. I am glad to note your willingness to tie your dog up in compliance with the rabies quarantine prevailing in your township. You, of course, understand that if we permit anyone to disregard the provisions of the quarantine it has a bad effect and makes the quarantine order of no avail. Hence the reason that we insist that you tie your dog up in compliance with the order. This department does not recognize the rabies vaccination of dogs. Hence from the fact that you vaccinated your dog would make no difference.

The quarantine order calls for the muzzling or tying up of dogs so you can tie your dog in your automobile or wherever you wish, only keep him chained.

I am advising Mr. Champ of your willingness to comply with the provisions of the quarantine. Thanking you for your co-operation, I am

Very truly yours,

JHM/m

Commissioner.





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LOGAN GRAHAM, SHERIFF  
RESIDENCE PHONE 887

O. E. DOBSON, DEPUTY SHERIFF  
PHONE 93

OFFICE OF  
SHERIFF OF SEWARD COUNTY  
LIBERAL, KANSAS

June 21s , 1929.

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

IN RE QUARANTINE OF SEWARD COUNTY

Dear Sir;

Relative to the above matter beg to advise that practially every one in the County has been notified of this quarantine. We have distributed hand-bills in the country, leaying one at every residence; have distributed a number here in the city and have posted notices in the city and called attention to the same in the daily paper. So that there is no reason for any one not having notice of the quarantine.

We have killed at least 25 dogs since the quarantine order and at least 100 prior to that time. There are not many left in the county. Most of the citizens co-operate with us, but there are a few that do not think it necessary to comply with the order. These are very few, however, and there are always some that will give trouble in matters of this kind.

Two or three person have been bitten by dogs since the quarantine but all of these are taking the treatment. One young man who was bitten about ten days ago by a dog has developed a case of rabies, but is getting along fine and is evidently out of danger.

On a whole I feel that the situation is well in hand.

Yours Very Truly,  
*Logan Graham*  
Sheriff of Seward County, Kansas.

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June 21, 1929.

Board of County Commissioners,  
Crawford County,  
Girard, Kansas.

Dear Sirs:

When Mr. David Gray, a representative of this department, returned from Crawford County last week he advised that it was the understanding of your Board that the county did not receive checks covering net proceeds from the sale of reactors found in Crawford County.

For your information wish to say that the law provides that this department shall send checks covering net proceeds from the sale of reactor cattle which have been appraised by the county to the treasurer of the county in which such cattle are found. We are showing in the table below the reactors which have been found in Crawford County since December 23, 1926.

OWNER	ADDRESS	NO. REACTORS	NET SALVAGE	DATE TREAS. RECEIPT
Al L. Nye	Girard	10	\$149.00	Jan. 10, 1927
C. C. Coggins	Farlington	1	3.52	May 6, 1927
Fred Gibheart	Mulberry	1	6.00	Sept. 7, 1928
H. C. Koopman	Pittsburg	1	34.80	Nov. 21, 1928
Jno. Grotheer	Pittsburg	1	28.40	Nov. 21, 1928
Henry Jacobs	Pittsburg	2	74.25	Nov. 23, 1928
W.W. Lawrence	Pittsburg	1	42.40	Nov. 1, 1928
J.E. Slagel	Pittsburg	1	5.00	Nov. 1, 1928

In case you wish to verify the above you may do so by checking the list with your treasurer's records.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner.

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M. D. PEESO,  
SHERIFF

C. T. CHAMP,  
UNDER SHERIFF

OFFICE OF

## Sheriff of Geary County

Junction City, Kansas, June 24 1929

Mr. J. H. Meers,  
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Sir:

Dog killed by John Collins June 19<sup>th</sup> in eastern Springfield township proved positive case of rabies, and one this date owned by Mrs John Coffey, Junction City.

Condition seems to be getting more serious.

Am having considerable trouble with great many people who are putting halters on their dogs and calling them muzzles and they would not prevent a dog from biting. Would suggest that if quarantine is continued or you have have any other district to quarantine that you designate the use of wire muzzles ~~at~~ only. Have killed sixty-one 61 dogs to date. Very truly yours  
C. T. Champ





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*Swamp Fever*

June 25, 1929.

Mr. J. H. Risinger,  
LaFontaine, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

I note that Dr. E. H. Steele recently condemned one of your horses as being infected with Swamp Fever, that an appraisal was made, indemnity allowed you and the animal destroyed.

In order to protect yourself against this trouble in the future it will be necessary for you to thoroughly disinfect your barn or shed where this horse was kept. To do this you should first haul out all manure and loose rubbish. Then take a broom and sweep the walls, mangers, etc. A cheap and good disinfectant is the use of common lye. Put one pound of lye into about fifteen gallons of water. Stir it up well and take a spray or broom and scrub the walls, mangers and feed troughs where the animal was kept. It is very necessary that you do this. Other good disinfectants are carbolic acid or cresol which you can purchase at your drug store. Directions on containers should be followed. However, lye is just as good and is very much cheaper.

Should there be any further trouble among your horses kindly advise us.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner.

JHM.A

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J. H. MERCER  
COMMISSIONER

### State of Kansas

OFFICE OF  
LIVE STOCK SANITARY COMMISSIONER  
TOPEKA

June 22, 1929.

Mr. J. H. Risinger,  
LaFontaine, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

We are enclosing herewith order drawn on the Board of County Commissioners of Wilson County for \$42.50, same being one-half the appraised value of your mare recently condemned on account of being infected with the contagious disease, ~~tuberculosis~~ Swamp Fever.

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

Yours very truly,

Commissioner.

11-2765



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### CERTIFICATE OF APPRAISEMENT

This is to certify that we, the undersigned, have this day appraised at 85<sup>00</sup>  
dollars one gray mare ~~horses~~ ----- cattle, the property of  
J. H. Risinger of LaFontaine  
Wilson County, Kansas, said animals being affected with the contagious  
disease Swamp Fever, as diagnosed by Dr. E. H. Steele

This appraisalment is made under the provisions of sections 47-610 to 47-635, inclusive, R. S. 1923.

Done at the farm, this 15 day of June, 1929.

Tag Nos.

Valuation.

(Signed) J. H. Risinger Owner.

L. B. Baker  
Chairman County Commissioners.

W. H. Mercer  
Live Stock Commissioner.

By \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy.

12-8150





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STATE OF KANSAS  
OFFICE OF LIVE STOCK SANITARY COMMISSIONER

ORDER FOR PAYMENT OF DISEASED LIVE STOCK

TOPEKA, KAN. June 22 1929

WHEREAS, On the 15th day of June 1929, one J. H. Risinger  
of LaFontaine Wilson County, Kansas,  
did deliver to the undersigned J. H. Mercer, State Live Stock Sanitary Commissioner  
of the State of Kansas, one mare, said animal having been condemned on  
the part of the State as being infected with the contagious disease tuberculosis, and appraised and disposed of in  
accordance with the provisions of sections 5, 6, 7 and 8, chapter 312 of the Session Laws of 1911;

WHEREAS, Said animal having been appraised at the sum of Eighty-five Dollars  
(\$85.00):

It is therefore ordered that the said County of Wilson shall pay to the  
said J. H. Risinger one-half the appraised value of said animal destroyed,  
which is Forty-two & 50/100 Dollars (\$42.50).

Live Stock Sanitary Commissioner.

STATE OF KANSAS, )  
County of WILSON ) ss.  
J. H. Risinger, of lawful age, being first duly sworn, upon oath  
says that he has read the above and foregoing order of J. H. Mercer  
State Live Stock Sanitary Commissioner, and that he knows the contents thereof, and that the statements therein  
contained are true.

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1929

Notary Public.

Commission expires \_\_\_\_\_ 1929

11-5018



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Newdisha Kansas 6-13-29

Hon J.H. Inman

Topeka Kansas

Dear Sir. Please find enclosed  
chart of D.H. Fink showing Reactor  
Cov. Also send me some  
charts.

Also on this day have condemned  
one Grey Mare for Pernicious Anemia  
for J.H. Risinger Lefontaine  
Kansas he was going to call  
Comm. Baker and appraise. he  
wishes his barn disinfectant  
Respt E.H. Steele

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June 19, 1929.

Mr. L. C. Baker,  
County Commissioner,  
Fredonia, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

We are advised by Dr. E. H. Steele that he has condemned a grey mare belonging to J. H. Risinger of LaFontaine, Kansas, as being infected with Swamp Fever. He advises also that Mr. Risinger intended to call you and ask you to appraise the mare before she is destroyed.

We are enclosing herewith an appraisement blank covering the Risinger mare and will appreciate it if you will go ahead and make the appraisement, have the form signed and return it to this office.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner.

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J. H. MERCER  
COMMISSIONER

### State of Kansas

OFFICE OF  
LIVE STOCK SANITARY COMMISSIONER  
TOPEKA

Mr J. H. Mercer,  
Live Stock Commissioner,  
Topeka Kansas.  
Dear Sir:

Topeka Kansas  
6-25-29

This morning I made an investigation on the farm of Ernst Wulfskuhle of Leecompton.

It was reported to this office that Mr Wulfskuhle had sick hogs, that many had died and that he was not properly disposing of the dead hogs.

Mr Wulfskuhle advised me that last week some of his hogs were sick, that he called Dr. Waller and he diagnosed the condition as swine "flu" and treated them for same.

Mr Wulfskuhle said two of the hogs died and he burned them. Mr Wulfskuhle has 164 shoats now and they all appear healthy and they are doing fine. I walked down in the pasture and looked at the hogs and it is my opinion that Mr Wulfskuhle's neighbors are responsible for the report.

Mr Wulfskuhle was very agreeable and said that at any time the department wanted to see his hogs it would be satisfactory with him.

very truly  
R. B. Christensen

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J. H. MERCER  
COMMISSIONER

State of Kansas  
OFFICE OF  
LIVE STOCK SANITARY COMMISSIONER  
TOPEKA

Topeka Kansas  
6-21-'29

Mr J. H. Mercer,  
Live Stock Commissioner,  
Topeka Kansas.  
Dear Sir:

To-day I made an investigation on the farm of Joe Zieger of Circleville Kansas.

Mr Zieger asked Mr Toggie the county agent of Jackson county to write this office asking that some one call and make an investigation as he had some lame cows and that Dr Van Dliet did not know what the trouble was.

Mr Zieger has six cows and 7 calves at present, he states that the animals become lame in the right fore leg and that one of the cows "got down" and died.

Two others have been lame but are now it now.

I made a thorough examination and investigation and was unable to distinguish any difference in either legs, in fact was unable to find any thing wrong with the cattle at this time. It is my opinion that the animal that died, died from some other cause than lameness.

Mr Van Dliet gave Mr Zieger some mineral and bone meal to feed the cows, thinking the trouble might be caused from a mineral deficiency.

Very truly,  
R. B. Christenson





J. H. MERCER  
COMMISSIONER

## State of Kansas

OFFICE OF  
LIVE STOCK SANITARY COMMISSIONER  
TOPEKA

Mr J. H. Mercer,  
Live Stock Commissioner,  
Topeka Kansas.  
Dear Sir:

Topeka Kansas  
6-21-'29

I made an investigation on the farm of  
Geo Moore of Longanapic.

On June 4<sup>th</sup> Dr Bisset of Hoveneworth vaccinated  
53 pigs with anti hog cholera serum and virus and  
swine plague bacteria. Mr Moore advised me that one of  
the pigs died the night before the remainder of the pigs  
were vaccinated, this pig was autopsied by Dr Bisset  
and according to Mr Moore, Dr Bisset said the inflammation  
of the intestines indicated that death was due to a  
strangulated intestine.

On June 20<sup>th</sup> another pig died, and I killed and autopsied  
a pig that had a temperature of 105° F was unsteady in its  
gait had a diarrhoea and was breathing very rapid.  
I found lesions of mixed infection and necrotic enteritis.

I advised Mr Moore to withhold some of the feed  
such as lambs, minerals, stock tonics and corn  
for a period of two weeks and give the pigs a liquid  
diet with oats soaked in a lye solution and to  
vaccinate the pigs with Dr Jungermans vaccine.

Dr Wolf of Longanapic will vaccinate the pigs to-day.  
I asked Mr Moore to report to this office in about 10 days  
the condition of his hogs.

very truly  
R. B. Christensen





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*Swamp Fever*

June 27, 1929.

Mr. P. C. Daniels,  
Altoona, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

We are just in receipt of a letter from Dr. E. H. Steele in which he advises that you have a horse which is infected with Swamp Fever and that you wish to have the animal appraised and destroyed.

For your information wish to say that we are today writing your Board of County Commissioners asking that one of the members get in touch with you and arrange to appraise your horse. You will no doubt hear from him within the next few days.

Dr. Steele also advises that you wish to disinfect your barn. To do this you should first haul out all manure and loose rubbish. Then take a broom and sweep the walls, mangers etc. A cheap and good disinfectant is the use of common lye. Put one pound of lye into about fifteen gallons of water. Stir it up well and take a spary or broom and scrub the walls, mangers and feed troughs where your horse has been kept. It is very necessary that you disinfect your barn thoroughly as soon as the horse which is now sick is removed and destroyed. Other good disinfectants are carbolic acid or cresol which you can purchase at your drug store. Directions for use will be found on containers. However, lye is just as good and is very much cheaper.

Should there be any further trouble among your horses kindly advise us.

Very truly yours,

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Commissioner.

Neodesha Kans 6-25-29

Hon J. H. Mercer  
Topeka Kans

Dear Sir,

Visited a horse today  
on the P. G. Dammels farm  
4 miles West of Altona  
affected with swanp  
fever which he would  
like condemned, and  
wished his barn  
disinfected. if you  
would advise the Kinkal  
to appraise it as it is in  
his district. Rupt

E. H. Steele

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June 27, 1929.

Board of County Commissioners,  
Wilson County,  
Fredonia, Kansas.

Dear Sirs:

Dr. E. H. Steele advises that Mr. P. G. Daniels who lives four miles west of Altoona, Kansas, has a horse which is infected with Swamp Fever. He advises that Mr. Daniels wishes to have the horse appraised and destroyed.

We are enclosing herewith appraisement form covering the horse in question and will appreciate it if one of the members of your board will get in touch with Mr. Daniels and arrange to make the appraisement. We are enclosing a self-addressed stamped envelope for your use in returning the appraisement to this office.

Thanking you for your cooperation, I am

Very truly yours,

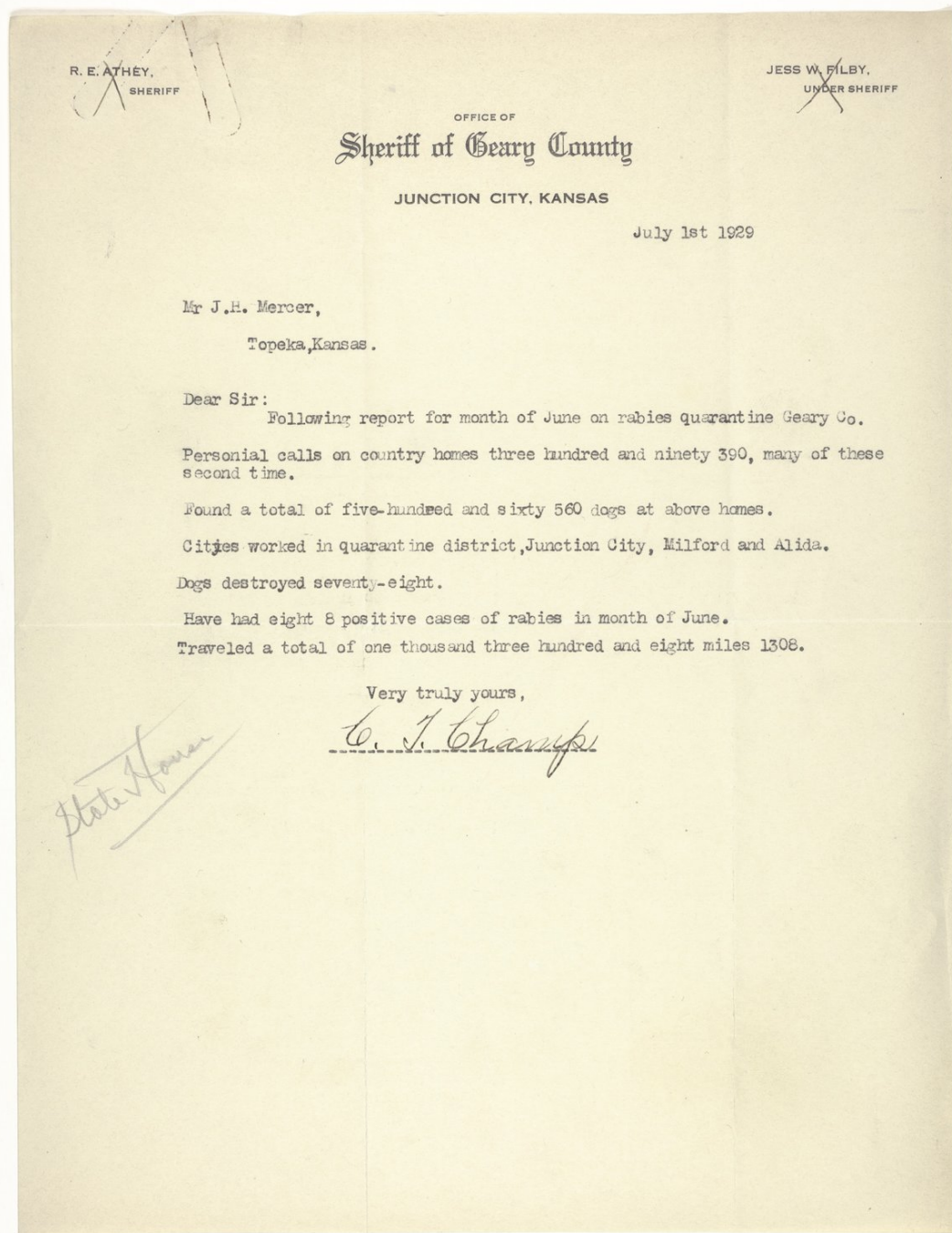
Commissioner.

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July 5, 1929.

Dr. Thos. P. Crispell,  
Parsons, Kansas.

Dear Doctor:

Referring to your correspondence with respect to Swamp  
Fever wish to say that Dr. Chas. A. Pyle is stationed at Sedan  
Kansas, in charge of the laboratory anaplasmosis investigation  
and he will no doubt be able to arrange to confer with you if  
you will call him.

The next time you have a case that you think Dr. Pyle  
might take specimens from I would suggest that you get in touch  
with him at Sedan and I am certain he will arrange to meet  
with you.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner.

JHM:A

*See letter to Pyle in Anaplasmosis file*



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July 9, 1929.

Mr. A. W. McClurkin,  
R. R. 2, Clay Center, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

I have yours of the 16th inst. and note same.

The only thing that can be done now in connection with the outbreak of rabies among your cattle will be for you to keep close observation of your cattle and should there be any more cases develop the best thing for you to do would be to take the infected animals away from the others just as soon as you notice anything wrong. Should any of your cattle develop rabies, you should be very careful in confining them in a secure place so that they cannot come in contact with other livestock. And you should be careful yourself in handling the cattle in order that you may not become infected yourself. You have done all that can be done in preventing any further development.

No doubt, there has been a rabid dog in your community that came in contact with your cattle and bit the one in question. There is quite a lot of rabies in the state at this time and has been for some time but since you have no knowledge of any rabid dog being in the community or any other dogs being exposed, there is nothing this department can do other than as above suggested. Should there be an outbreak of rabies among the dogs of your community, would suggest that you advise us and there will be an investigation made with a view of establishing a quarantine if needed.

I am Trusting that you will have no further trouble,

Very truly yours,

JHM:H

Commissioner.



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Clay Center, Kansas,  
7-6, 1929

Hon. J. H. Mercer,  
Topeka, Kansas.

I am sending you the report from  
the K. S. A. C. on a case rabies which I  
had in my head of cows. I have no way  
of knowing when or how this ~~this~~ cow was  
infected. The cow died July 4<sup>th</sup> and I  
had Dr. Davies treat all the cows, horses,  
hogs and dogs by serum July 5<sup>th</sup>. Nothing  
else has been done in the neighborhood.

Respectfully

A. W. McClurkin

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J. H. MERCER  
COMMISSIONER

### State of Kansas

OFFICE OF  
LIVE STOCK SANITARY COMMISSIONER  
TOPEKA

July 10th., 1929

Mr. J.H. Mercer  
State Livestock Commr.  
Topeka Kansas.

Dear Mr. Mercer;

Pursuant to your instructions, I called  
Mr. Kimball, County Agent, at Smith Center, from Minneapolis.  
Mr. Kimball stated that there had been no rabies devel-  
opements in the past ten days, and that the two cases  
mentioned were confined on two farms, and that all exposed  
animals had been killed, presumably by the owners. I asked  
Mr. Kimball to let us have the names and addresses of  
the people concerned and that we would instruct them.

In Ottawa County, only one case  
has so far been reported. This farm is just across the  
northern boundary in Cloud County. Leo Rauch, Miltonvale,  
had his cattle in a pasture across the road and in Ottawa  
county. On May 10th, a dog was killed in this pasture  
after worrying some cattle. No post mortem was made.  
About June 15th, a hog on the farm on the Cloud County  
side went wild and died. No post mortem. Since then  
three two year old steers have died and one head was  
posted with positive result. The last of these three  
died on July 5th. Symptoms of 1st and third steers were  
identical with those of the positive case. Mr. Rauch  
Cloud County  
moved his cattle back across the/Cloud line and they are  
still there. Dr. Wiseman of Depphos was the veterinarian  
on the above cases.