

Livestock Sanitary Commissioner's Office, correspondence, 1929-1939

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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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Mr. G. E. Maxwell,
Quinter, Kansas.

Then secure a supply of boric acid at your druggist's and mix with water in the proportion of 2 ounces of the boric acid to a pint of water. Spray this solution into the sore eyes using a small rubber syringe, or if you have no syringe you may use a soft cloth and squeeze it into the eyes but do not rub them any. However, a syringe is handier to use. After treating the infected cattle keep them away from the others until they have fully recovered; otherwise, this infection might go through your entire herd. Several treatments may be necessary for the severe cases.

There is no way in which you can receive any indemnity for your losses in the purchase of these calves unless you have a guarantee from Bidwell & Johnston insuring you against a certain percentage of loss. I know of no treatment that you could give the calves that would be helpful other than what you have already administered. Certainly the feed you are giving them is of the best. However, if they do not improve, let us know and we will send someone to help you in every way possible.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner.

JHM.A

Dear Sir:

Respectfully,
Mr. G. E. Maxwell

October 30, 1930

Winterset, Kans.
Oct 15 1930.

Mr J. H. Mercer Comm.
Dear Sir.

On Sept 15 I bought two
cows of calves from the
Farmers Union Live Stock Com.
at Kansas City. The Bidwell
& Johnston Lumber Company
insisted I have them vaccinated
then guarantee me 100% in
effect & efficiency so I gave
them the work not giving the
calves a close examination
I left it to those fellows.
They vaccinated for both shipping
fever & blackleg. When the calves
arrived at my station, we
discovered twelve or fifteen

cases of pink eye. after the
third day a large number of
the calves began thingum up
coughing running at the nose
then go down. and for the
entire thirty days they have
been over once coming on
we had our home veterinary. he
said they are dying with shipping
fever and two have died of
black leg. and more are
coming down with it. I
have written the Bidwell &
Johnston Serum Co but no
answer. I have had the
entire herd vaccinated for pink eye
but have about fifty sick
calves. then we are doing every

thing we saw to save and need
 help for them but the Company
 doesn't seem to be interested
 any more. This Company was
 recommended to me as reliable.
 Now according to the State
 Live Stock Sanitary Dept this
 stock should have been inspected
 before they left the yards. They
 shouldn't come out here thousands
 of miles & coughing when they
 landed. and continue to take it
 for thirty days. if they are
 immuned. Conditions & feed
 have been ideal for the calves.
 they have access to wheat pasture
 plenty of good past. roughage.
 and one found of past. per calf.

now what I want to know
is do I have to stand all the
loss when they send a diseased
bunch of stock? and should they
keep taking shipping fees when
they were vaccinated for it there
at the yard?

I bought one hundred seventy five
calves. I can yet pick out
one hundred calves that are doing
well the rest are sick calves.
He did ten have died and more
soon. The Bidwell & Johnston Co.
quantum a loss of over ten
percent.

Please write and tell me what
steps to take in this case.
Very truly yours L. E. Maxwell.

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October 29, 1930.

Mr. Walter Arnold,
Route 2,
Iola, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 24th instant.

As stated in my former letter, we have done everything that we can do in connection with your case. You state you have counselled with a lawyer. If your lawyer can find any way that this department can help you out we will be glad to have him advise us and I would suggest that you go ahead and have your lawyer attend to your case.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner.

JHM.A

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Dola, Kans
Oct - 24, 1930.

Mr. Merces,
Topeka, Kans.

Dear Sir, I've just recieved
your letter in reply to the one I written
Governor Reed. But Sorry, to say
that this last letter does not respond
with the others ones I've recieved from
you. Do you mean to tell
me, that there's no law that I can force
pay for my horse.

I left this matter up to you, to
settle. After I could not get anything
out of The Allen County Board of Commissioners.
You took this in your hands to settle
for me, I've got your letter; he for
proof. What Did Mr Gray come down
here for? He didn't talk to my wife
or me like your letter stated.

He said, Personal that he had come
down here to see what amount we
wanted for the horse, And said, he was
going on to Dola, to see the Board of
Commissioners to have a settlement with

them - And if they wouldn't pay it
would be up to the State to get this out
of the Allen Co. Board of Commissioners.
What have you done, Allen Co.
Commissioners Bluff you - There has
been several cases of swamp fever
here in this County, That never was
turned in - Why? Because Allen County
did not want to pay for them.

One man not over 4 miles from me had
4 horses & 2 cows to die, His horses was pronounced
swamp fever by the local Veterinary - But he
took good care not to tell this poor farmer
that the County was to pay for them.

This horse, that died of mine has raised
quite an excitement here. Farmers here
did not know they were allowed $\frac{1}{2}$ value of
their horses. - I've showed these
letters of yours to a lawyer, to several
farmers, And I'll just give you till Nov 1st
for a settlement. Or I'll turn this over to
one who knows and will have a settlement.

Just picked up a paper and shows of some
horses being condemned, So I'll close Hoping
to get a square deal from you soon, Walter Arnold
R-2- Lola Kane



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October 17, 1930.

Mr. Walter Arnold,
Route 2,
Toila, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of recent date addressed to Governor Reed has been forwarded to this department and same has been carefully noted.

I have gone over the records in your case very carefully and I know of nothing that can be done that has not already been done. You state in your letter that Mr. Gray of this department appraised your horse but his report to me does not show that he did. The report does show that he discussed with you the proposition as to whether or not the county commissioners would consider an appraisal and in discussing the matter with you that you stated you would be satisfied with an appraisal of \$70.00.

It is not necessary to rehearse the records in this case. There is no law authorizing this department to make an appraisal on a dead animal and according to the records no one in this department, or even your county commissioners, saw the horse in question after Dr. Jackson declared it to be infected with swamp fever, which report came to this office through Mr. McKinley, a commissioner of your county, on May 12, 1930, and on the same date we received a letter from Dr. Jackson enclosing his report covering inspection of the horse in question. Our records show that we wrote the Board of County Commissioners of Allen County on May 12th, the same day Dr. Jackson's report came to the office, and also in confirmation of Mr. McKinley's telephone conversation with the department, advising them that if they would view the horse and make an appraisal we would approve their action. In the few counties in the state where swamp fever has been found it has been customary to handle appraisements in this way.

The records show that the horse in question died on May 18th and, of course, was not appraised and as above stated, there

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There was of course no law authorizing the department to make
any order upon the owner of the horse in question.

Very truly yours,

Mr. Walter Arnold,
Toila, Kansas.

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There is no law under which we could order an appraisal to be made.
Therefore, there is no law under which we could issue an order
on your Board of County Commissioners for any indemnity on the
horse in question.

Mr. Gray advises me that he fully explained the whole
situation to you when he was at your place.

I might add further that there is no law authorizing the
county commissioners of your county to pay indemnity on live-
stock of any kind excepting on orders issued by this department.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner.

JHM.A

I have been able to locate the horse since last year.

Very truly yours,

There has been no order made by this department and none has been made
since the horse of recent date was addressed to the owner.

Very truly yours,

Very truly yours,
Commissioner.

October 11, 1929

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Topeka, Kans.

Oct. 3, 1930.

Governor Reed,
Topeka Kans.

Dear Governor.

I am going to write to you again, As I wrote Mr. Mercer sometime ago. But didn't get any answer.

May 18th day I lost a horse with swamp fever. The Topeka Board of Commissioners did not, or would not, come and appraise this animal after they had been notified by Veterinary Jackson, left him here to contribute the disease to the rest of my stock and

die. - Mr Jackson was here
and pronounce the horse
had swamp fever the 8 day
of May, and the Jola Board
of Commissioners never showed
up from that time on. So
I wrote Mr Mercer and in
July 23rd a State Representative
was here and appraise the
horse for \$70. dollars.

It appear to me that they
had plenty of time to give
me a fair settlement, As I
need the money to replace
another horse to go ahead
with my farming.

I hope that you'll see
that I get a settlement

without me half to suing
the State.

If I half to sue the
State I'll sure ask damage.
I've waited nearly 6 months
for this settlement, but I
am not going to wait much
longer.

Hoping to get a Settlement
in the next few days.

I Remain Respectly

Yours

Walter Arnold

Tola, Ks

RFD no 2.

Allen Co.

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CLYDE M. REED
GOVERNOR

STATE OF KANSAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
TOPEKA


October 8, 1930

Mr. J. H. Mercer
State Livestock Sanitary Commissioner
B U I L D I N G

Dear Mr. Mercer:

Governor Reed is in receipt of the inclosed communication from Walter Arnold of Iola, Kansas, which relates to a settlement for a horse which was condemned and appraised because it was affected by swamp fever. Governor Reed has advised Mr. Arnold that this matter was under your direction and that he was, therefore, referring his letter to you for attention.

Very truly yours,


Secretary to the Governor



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I met Allen County board on Sep 23rd. They have definitely decided to take no action in the Arnold case. Correspondence in the matter I returned to our office by mail. In view of the status of the Allen County case, I have taken no action when I found the animals dead, but think copies of our regulations regarding the cleanup should be sent these owners for their own protection.

9-27-30

Respectfully yours

David Gray,

Mr. Mercer says file

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Lola Kans.
Aug 15, 1930.

Mr J. H. Mercer.

Dear Mr Mercer. I
have found it possible to
write to you again. What
will I half to do now to
obtain my money for my
Swamp fever horse?

Mr Gray (I Believe that's
what he said his name
was) was here and apprais
my horse. - I have not
heard anything futher.

I would like to get
this settled as soon as
possible - Yours Resptly.
Walter Arnold ~~over~~
R-2-
Lola Kans.

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Sofia Aug 18-30

Mr. Mercer.

I did not appraise
the horse. Animal had
been dead for months.
I obtained the owner's
signature to an apprais-
ment of \$70.00, explaining
to him that I was not
appraising his horse, but
only getting a definite
understanding as to
what he was willing
to do for settlement.
Allen Co. Commissioners
have this paper and
other correspondence
which Mr. McKinley
requested I leave for
the board's consideration.

Respectfully
David Gray

Sep 23-30
Memo to Mr. Mercer
Allen County
Commissioners today
officially refused
further consideration
of the care of the
Arnold home - as
per attached correspondence

Respectfully
David Gray

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CERTIFICATE OF APPRAISEMENT

This is to certify that we, the undersigned, have this day appraised at.....

dollars.....horses.....cattle, the property of.....

.....of.....

.....County, Kansas, said animals being affected with the contagious

disease....., as diagnosed by.....

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

Done at....., this.....day of.....193.....

Tag Nos.	Valuation.	(Signed).....Owner.
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Chairman County Commissioners.

Live Stock Commissioner.

By.....Deputy.

13-8112



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CERTIFICATE OF APPRAISEMENT

This is to certify that we, the undersigned, have this day appraised at 70⁰⁰ dollars unaffected horses R2 color cattle, the property of Swampthorn County, Kansas, said animals being affected with the contagious disease Jackson, as diagnosed by Jackson.

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

Done at June, this _____ day of _____ 193_____

Tag Nos.	Valuation.	(Signed) <u>Walter Arnold</u> Owner.
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Chairman County Commissioners.
Live Stock Commissioner.

By _____ Deputy.

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May 10, 1930

J. H. Mercer,
Topeka, Kas..

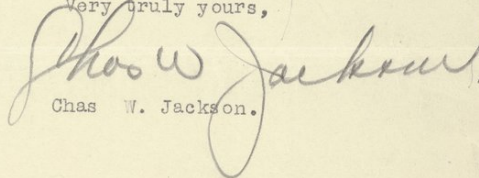
Dear Mr Mercer;
Inclosed find, health certificate on an
animal suffering with Swamp Fever.

This horse is in bad shape and as the owner
has a barn full of good ones, he is very anxious to
have this animal out of the way.

Called the County Commissioners and it seems
that they think they have nothing to do with animals
so affected. I told them to call you and get the dope
first handed.

It is raining like thunder, but feel that it
will not be sufficient to wash the Republicans out of
power in our state, however, it may make things slick
to the extent that we will have another republican
acting in the capicity of Gov., eh.

Very truly yours,



Chas W. Jackson.

CWJ*2

h. v. Gola



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TUBERCULIN TEST RECORD																											
PREDOMINATING BREED.....			SUBCUTANEOUS										INTRADERMIC		OPHTHALMIC												
Registration or Identification Tag Number	NAME OR DESCRIPTION	Sex	Age	Amount Tuberculin Injected C. C.	Preinjection Temperatures					Postinjection Temperatures					Date	M.	Date	M.	Observations after Injection	Hr.	Hr.	Observations	Hr.	Hr.	Decision	Reactor or Suspect Tag Number	
					Date	M.	Date	M.	Date	M.	Date	M.	Date	M.													
					192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192													
<p>This is to certify that I have found one 9 year old (gelding) horse belonging to Mr W. Arnold, Jola, Allen County, Kas. affected with Peruvian American (round fiver)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">J. H. W. Jackson</p>																											

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OFFICIAL TUBERCULIN TEST RECORD				TUBERCULIN TEST RECORD																									
<p style="text-align: center;">STATE OF KANSAS AND U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY CO-OPERATING</p>				REMARKS																									
				<p>Location of farm <u>276-2 E</u></p> <p>Telephone No. <u>no phone</u></p> <p>Most accessible route to reach farm _____</p>																									
<p>Owner <u>W Arnold</u></p> <p>Address <u>Sala P.O.</u></p> <p>County <u>Allen</u> State <u>Kan</u></p>				ADDITIONAL REMARKS																									
<p><i>Immunized</i> Test conducted by <u>W. W. Jackson</u></p> <p>Title <u>Asst. Dir. M.</u></p> <p>Dates: <u>5/10-1930</u></p>				<p><i>This horse is in bad shape & should be appraised at once Allen County Co. Comm's have been notified of this case W. W. Jackson</i></p>																									
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May 12, 1930.

Board of County Commissioners,
Allen County,
Iola, Kansas.

Dear Sirs:

Following up Mr. McKinley's telephone conversation with this office a few minutes ago with respect to the appraisal of a horse belonging to Mr. W. Arnold, Iola, Kansas, which has been condemned by Dr. Chas. W. Jackson as being infected with Swamp Fever, wish to say we have had a number of cases of Swamp Fever reported to us from your section of the state.

The disease Swamp Fever is incurable and it has been thought best to appraise and destroy all horses infected with the disease. We have a report from Dr. Jackson which shows that the Arnold horse is infected with Swamp Fever. I presume that his diagnosis is correct. Therefore, if you feel disposed to make the appraisal without a representative of this department being present, you may go ahead and do so and we will approve whatever appraisal you make. In case you do not wish to make the appraisal without our representative being present, advise us by return mail and we will send a representative of this department to meet with you.

In appraising these horses infected with Swamp Fever we endeavor to appraise them for what they would be worth if they were not infected with the disease. In many instances these horses were practically worthless anyway.

We are enclosing a self-addressed stamped envelope and an appraisal form covering the animal in question. In case you make the appraisal you may use them.

Thanking you for your cooperation, I am

Very truly yours,

Commissioner.

JHM.A

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Lola, Kans
June 16, - 1930.

The Governor's Office.

Dear Governor. I am writing to you in reference to some business.

I do not think this comes in your line of business. — But if it does, Please give me a reply. And if it don't, Please hand this to the right party.

Isn't it a State law for all Counties to pay for swamp fever horses.

I lost a dandy Big black horse May 18th with swamp fever. Mr Jackson (Veterinary) and myself notified the Lola County's Commissioners to come take care of the horse. — But we never got no satisfaction at all. — I went to Lola and put my bill in at \$80. Value of the horse, And ask them just $\frac{1}{2}$ of it. As I am not able to lose this all. And may stand a chance of losing my other 3 good horses.

They told me at Lola, when I filed claim for the amount. — That they had a letter from Topeka that didn't talk favorable of them paying for the horse. —

Why? Does the State allow them to do

this - Allen Co. Isn't no better than
Elk Co. or Chauguata or Anderson Co's
Now if Allen County's is broke I
want the State to pay for this horses.
Suppose I didn't pay my taxes - what
would Allen Co. say. Why I would have
a penalty to pay. - So I going to
ask once more for a fair deal,
And if they don't I'll ask damages.

A Fair Dealer

Yours Respectly.

Walter Arnold.

Tola Kans

Route - 2 -

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CLYDE M. REED
GOVERNOR

STATE OF KANSAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
TOPEKA

June 18, 1930.

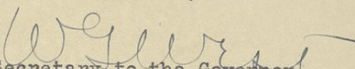
Mr. J. H. Mercer
State Live Stock Commissioner
Building

Dear Mr. Mercer :

Governor Reed is in receipt of the enclosed communication from Mr. Walter Arnold, Iola, Kansas, which relates to a claim for indemnity covering his horse which is reported to have died from swamp fever.

I am enclosing a copy of the letter which was sent to Mr. Arnold over Governor Reed's signature.

Very truly yours,


Secretary to the Governor.



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CLYDE M. REED
GOVERNOR

STATE OF KANSAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
TOPEKA

June 18, 1930.

Mr. Walter Arnold
Route 2
Iola, Kansas

Dear Mr. Arnold :

I have your letter under date of June 16, relative to indemnity for your horse which died with swamp fever. This is a matter to which the State Live Stock Sanitary Commissioner, Mr. J. H. Mercer, should give attention.

The customary procedure, by which indemnity is given to owners of live stock, is to have the animals appraised before they die by a board, consisting of the owner, chairman of the Board of County Commissioners and a representative of the State Live Stock Sanitary Commissioner's department.

Your veterinarian should have advised the State Live Stock Sanitary Commission as soon as he had knowledge of the fact that your horse had swamp fever. The Live Stock Commissioner would then have issued an order to have the animal appraised and destroyed. Under the circumstances, since the animal is dead, I doubt if there is any way to secure indemnity, unless the Board of County Commissioners voluntarily pay you something. At any rate, the State Live Stock Sanitary Commissioner will advise you in regard to the matter.

Very truly yours,

Secretary to the Governor.



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Tola, Kans.
June 20, 1930.

Mr J. H. Mercer,
Topeka, Kans.

Dear Sir, I am writing
you in regards of my horse that died May 18
with swamp fever. My Veterinarian Mrs
Jackson of Colony Mo. notified the Tola
County Commissioner Saturday May 10th that
my horse had swamp fever. And we never
did get no satisfaction out of them. They
had from the 10 day of May untill 18 day
to come and praise this animal, But
they never did nothing. So my horse died.
And I went down and file claim for \$80
for my horse and ask just $\frac{1}{2}$ of it. As
I am not able to lose this horse, As I
need him or another one. — And they
told me they got a letter from Topeka,
that didnt talk favorable of paying me
for my horse. — Why is that?
Anderson, — Elk, and Chautauqua County
Pay for theirs — What the matter with Allen
County. It no better than any other County.
Now if Allen County broke. I want the
State to pay me for my horse. —
Allen County has first let this run

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and won't do anything at all for
me. So I want you to see what
you can do And if they can't pay
I am going to ask the State to
pay for him. And I want a settle-
ment with in the next 15 days.

Or I am going to ask damages
for letting this horse live here and
suffer and die like it did.

And expose my other horses to
such a disease.

I Remain Resptly Yours,

Walter Arnold

Tola Ks.

Route 2 -