

Miscellany

Location	Box	Contents
131.J.19.10F	[1]	Commissioner's Correspondence, 1942. 1 folder. Dairy Situation, 1938. 1 folder. Typed carbon copy (no author noted) of a report on the 1938 Agricultural Adjustment Act. License Division Correspondence, 1950. 2 folders.

Commissioner's Licensure and Miscellaneous Files

These files were removed, during a reappraisal project, from an otherwise routine set of facilitative correspondence regarding licenses for food producers and marketers. They appear all to be files of R. A. Trovatten, commissioner of the Dept. of Agriculture Dairy & Food.

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107.J.10.7B	[2]	Food Inspection Chronological Files: G. A. Vacha: Copies of Letters, 1937. 3 folders. G. A. Vacha: Copies of Letters, 1938. 4 folders. Carbon copies of outgoing letters of Vacha, chief bacteriologist of the Department of Agriculture Dairy & Food, largely regarding the results of laboratory tests of food products. Most tests were of dairy products, although fruit juices and other beverages, and some canned goods, candy, and well water were also tested. As well as reporting bacteriological and sanitation test results, the letters discuss proper management of equipment and facilities to correct or prevent sanitation problems, and illegal or misleading labelling and branding of foods. Ben M. Zakariasen: Copies of Letters, 1937. 1 folder. Ben M. Zakariasen: Copies of Letters, 1938. 3 folders.@LS1.5 ⁻ Zakariasen was the department's chief chemist. His letters largely concern appropriate branding and labeling of food products to accurately reflect their character or composition. The file also includes mimeographed Chemical Laboratory Monthly Bulletins, which list products tested with a summary note on the nature of findings for each product (June, Oct.-Dec. 1937).

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107.J.10.7B	[2]	<p>Bacteriological, 1934-1935. 1 folder. A few miscellaneous carbons of Vacha letters and circulars to beverage producers; his biennial report of the Bacteriological and Canning Division for 1932-1934 (3 versions or segments); a few letters from him to Trovatten; a report of a hearing on a Windsor Beverage Company complaint regarding the issuance of a beverage license; and a list of amendments to food rules and regulations.</p> <p>Circulars to All Inspectors, 1933, 1935-1936. 1 folder.</p> <p>Commissioner of Indian Affairs, 1929-1934. 1 folder. Correspondence with the U.S. Commissioner of Indian Affairs regarding the status of various individuals as Indian wards of the government, apparently in connection with decisions as to whether they could sell tobacco on the reservations without a license.</p> <p>Creamery Organizations, 1934-1935. 1 folder. Trovatten's correspondence with officers of various creamery associations, largely regarding inspection, appointments of inspectors, grading, his attendance at various meetings, and cream quality improvement issues.</p> <p>Educational Butter Scoring Contest, 1936. 1 folder. Lists of winners. A State Fair contest.</p> <p>Livestock Sanitary Board, 1934-1935. 1 folder. Reports (statistics) on ante-mortem inspections; correspondence regarding procedures for control of communicable diseases of livestock and poultry and regarding a case of poisoning from flax screenings.</p> <p>Drought Relief Correspondence, March 1935. 1 folder. Correspondence regarding acquisition, prices, shipment, and quality of emergency supplies of livestock feed, mainly hay.</p> <p>Drought Relief Reports, 1934-1935. 1 folder. "A Grazing Adventure in Northern Minnesota," final report, Minnesota SERA Emergency Pasturage Project, 1934, by M. J. Thompson; 2 USDA reports on the drought situation (Aug. 1934, April 1935); "Relief Data on the Minnesota Emergency Relief Administration," for the 49th Minnesota Legislature, Jan. 15, 1935.</p>

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107.J.10.7B	[2]	Relief: Barberry, Drought, Grasshopper Control, 1933. 1 folder. A few letters, addresses, and miscellany of Trovatten. University Farm: General, 1937. 1 folder. Correspondence of S. L. Hauge, deputy commissioner. Report on Examination of Dept. of Agriculture Dairy & Food, June 30, 1935. By the state comptroller. Typed carbon copy.

Selected Licensure Correspondence, 1933-1938

Licensure correspondence of the commissioner's (Trovatten's) office with producers, dealers, and purveyors of food and related products; selected from a routine set of facilitative correspondence. Basis for selection was the nature of the incoming letters, which contain illustrated letterheads and/or names of corporate officers of Minnesota food products companies.

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107.J.10.7B	[2]	Creameries and Farms. 1 folder. (Creameries, dairies, farms, and produce companies) Produce and Other Dealers. 1 folder. (Produce dealers, wholesalers, packers, notions dealers) Grocers, Mercantile, Pharmacies. 1 folder. Hotels, Resorts, Restaurants, Taverns. 1 folder. Miscellaneous Services and Organizations. 1 folder. (Various mercantile facilities and vendors) Licenses. 1 folder. (Correspondence illustrative of licensure procedure and policies; samples of various types of licenses)□