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About

Government Relations with Native Americans, Native American settlements, Office of Indian Affairs

Identified Persons

A.C. Smith; Good Boy; Major Edmond Mallet

Identified Places

Ponca, Pawnee, Otoe, and Oakland Agency

Recipient

Secretary of the Interior

(Duplicate.)

UNITED STATES INDIAN INSPECTION SERVICE,

Ponca, Indian Territory,
August 22, 1889.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Interior,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

Referring to Department Letter dated August 16th, 1889, "N. E. C.", instructing me to investigate the matter of the death of a horse, on July 10, 1889, belonging to the Ponca, Pawnee, Otoe and Oakland Agency, Indian Territory, I have the honor to report that another horse having been drowned during my sojourn here I have deemed it my duty to investigate that matter also, and I now submit my report on the case.

The details of the circumstances under which the horse was drowned are fully set forth in the Depositions of Mr. A. C. Smith, General Mechanic in charge of Indian affairs on the Oakland reservation, and Good Boy, an Indian, herewith inclosed and marked, respectively, Inclosures "A" and "B."

The accident by which Mr. Smith lost the animal occurred during my stay here and I rode out with the agent and the farmer to the crossing where the horse was lost. Nothing was seen at that place, but when returning an Indian boy directed us to the place where the horse and cart was found by the Indian. There we found Good Boy who explained to us how he had saved the cart and unharnessed the dead horse to allow it to float down the creek. The cart was then on the shore, but we did not find the horse.

I think there can be no doubt about the horse being a Government animal and its being drowned as stated in Mr. Smith's deposition. I am also of the opinion that the loss of the horse was accidental and not the result of any neglect on the part of Mr. Smith or the agent.

I am,

Sir,

Very respectfully yours,

Edmond M.ullet
Indian Inspector.

(Duplicate)

Ponca, Pawnee, Otoe & Osage

Special Report on
Breach of Dam,
August 11, 1889.