

THE
HOCKING VALLEY
RAILWAY CO.

Section Foreman's
REPORT OF DAMAGE BY FIRE.

To the Engineer M. of W., Columbus, Ohio:

Meredith Ohio, 11/4 1908

The following property, belonging to the person named, and on or along my section, was destroyed by fire, viz.:

- 1. Name and residence of Owner Mrs. Edward Jones, Radnor, O.
- 2. If rented, give Tenant's name John Price, Jr.
- 3. Date Nov. 3 1908 Time 1:30 P.M.
- 4. Place: Give name of and distance to nearest station 2 1/2 miles south of Meredith
- 5. No. of nearest telegraph pole 28/9
- 6. Kind and quantity of property destroyed or damaged 50 rods old rail fence

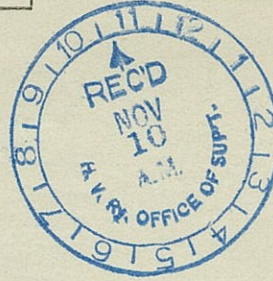
- 7. Value: \$ 12.50 Amount claimed: \$ 12.50
- 8. Which way, and at what stage, was the wind blowing? high wind from west
- 9. Did the fire start on the company's right-of-way? No
- 10. How far from center of main track? About 3-5 ft Which side? East
- 11. What was condition of right-of-way as to weeds and grass? Good
- 12. When last mowed? Sept 1908 When last burned over Sept. 1908
- 13. Who discovered the fire? John Price, Jr.
- 14. How soon after train passed? Not known
- 15. Who put the fire out? John Price, Jr., Benj. Thomas
- 16. What engines set the fire? Not known No. of Train Not known
- 17. Names and addresses of all persons, employees, etc., who know about the fire John Price, Jr.
Benjamin Thomas, Radnor & Co. O.

18. REMARKS:

Correct: E. Schouffer Supervisor. J. Hines Foreman Section No. 19

THE HOCKING VALLEY
RAILWAY CO.M. A. KINNEY,
MASTER MECHANIC.IN REPLY
REFER TO No.

COLUMBUS, O. Nov. 9th, 1908



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Mr. H. E. Speaks,
Superintendent.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to yours of the 7th in regard to damage by fire to the property of E. Jones, tenant John Price, Jr. 2-1/2 miles south of Meredith, Nov. 3rd. The following is inspection record of engines mentioned as to the condition of spark arresters and ash pan before and after date of accident.

Engine	75	Nov. 1st	F. Quinn	Ash pan defective. Put new bolts in key way in back of back pan. O K on departure.	
	"	4th	J. Montgomery	Ash pan defective - Repaired key so it would work in slide. F. Quinn.	
276	Oct. 29th		H. C. Micheal		O K
	Nov. 5th		Chas. Ditty		"
14	" 2nd		H. C. Micheal		"
	" 4th		F. Quinn		"
15	" 1st		" "		"
	" 4th		"		"
263	" 2nd		"		"
	" 4th		"		"
205	" 2nd		"		"
	" 4th		"		"
244	" 2nd		"		"
	" 4th		"		"
274	" 2nd		H. C. Micheal		"
	" 5th		Chas. Ditty		"
80	" 2nd		F. Quinn		"
	" 4th		" "		"
13	Oct. 29th		H. C. Micheal		"
	Nov. 5th		A. Sigman		"

Yours truly,

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THE
HOCKING VALLEY
RAILWAY CO.

H. E. SPEAKS,
SUPERINTENDENT

IN REPLY
REFER TO No.

COLUMBUS, O.,

11-7-08.

Mr. C. L. Gardner,
Supt. T & O C Ry.
Bldg;

Dear Sir:-

In connection with damage by fire to property of Edward Jones, tenant John Price, Jr. 2-1/2 miles south of Meredith, Nov. 3rd. will you kindly advise record of inspection ash pan and spark arrester engine 32I last prior to and next following date of fire.

Yours truly

H. E. Speaks
Superintendent.

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J. L. Price advise
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J. T. LUSCOMBE,
MASTER MECHANIC.

IN REPLY
REFER TO No.
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Mr. C. L. Gardner,
Supt.,
Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your notation on attached letter from Mr. Speaks, under date of November 7th, asking for condition of engine #321 before and after November 3rd, my record shows this engine O. K. on October 31st and November 3rd.

Yours truly,

[Handwritten signature: J. T. Luscombe]

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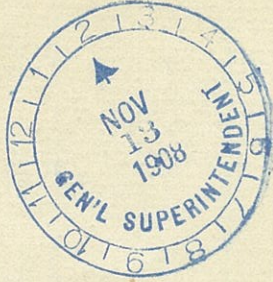
R. S. QUIGLEY,
SUPERINTENDENT

H. E. SPEAKS,
Asst.

IN REPLY
REFER TO No.

COLUMBUS, O.,

11-13-08.



Mr. M. S. Connors,

Gen'l Superintendent.

Dear Sir:-

Herewith report of damage by fire to property
of Mrs. Edward Jones, tenant John Price, Jr. 2-1/2 miles
south of Meredith, November 3rd.

Yours truly,

H. E. Speaks
Superintendent.

MEMO.

11-7-08.

Mr. M. S. Connors:-

Preliminary report of damage by fire to property
of Mrs. Edward Jones, tenant John Price, Jr. 2-1/2 miles south
of Meredith, Nov. 3rd.

50 rails old rail fence.

Regular report to follow.

Cy R Inglis

H.E. Speaks.

M E M O.

11-13-08.

Mr. M. S. Connors:-

Preliminary report of fire on property
of Mrs. Edward Jones, 2-1/2 miles south of Meredith.

Damage 12.50; Origin unknown. Started at 1:30 P.M.

November 3rd.

Regular report to follow.

H.E.Speaks.

Cy R Inglis

O P I N I O N

L. D. No. 6319

December 3rd, 1908.

On November 3rd, 1908, 1.30 P.M., $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles south of Meredith, Ohio, pole 28-9, fire destroyed 50 rods of rail fence, valued at \$12.50, on the premises of MRS. EDWARD JONES, tenanted by JOHN PRICE, JR.

The fire started about 55 feet east from the center of the main track off of the right of way, which was in good condition, having been last mowed and burned over in September, 1908.

The spark arresters and ash pans of engines passing the place of, at about the time of fire, were, on inspection, found to be in good condition, except Eng. 75, which, on Nov. 1st and 4th, 1908, shown defective as to ash pan.