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Biographical/Historical Note

The Arkansas Livestock Insurance Company was incorporated in the early 1900s to provide Arkansas farmers with insurance against the loss, minus feed costs, of the market value of dairy and beef cattle, swine, and lamb.

In 1902-1903, the company's officers were: J.W. Hagg, president; Lewis Rhoton, vice-president; D.A. Walker, secretary; and M. Brennen, treasurer. The offices were in the Whipple Building, Little Rock, Arkansas.

The need for livestock insurance among Arkansas farmers stemmed from a late-nineteenth century onslaught of "Texas Fever," a tick infestation from Texas that led to a huge mortality rate among Arkansas dairy and beef cattle. These death rates were twice as high as those in northern and midwestern states, and the value of beef cattle per head in Arkansas was placed at three times below that of cattle in Iowa. A tick eradication quarantine line was created in 1891 to prevent contact between southern and northern cattle, and in 1906 the United States Department of Agriculture began a campaign to chemically eradicate the cattle tick. Despite these precautions, however, Arkansans who owned small, rural farms faced potential economic devastation until the cattle tick was completely eradicated from the United States in the early 1940s.

Scope and Contents

This ledger from the Arkansas Livestock Insurance Company covers the period from November 14, 1901 to August 30, 1902.

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