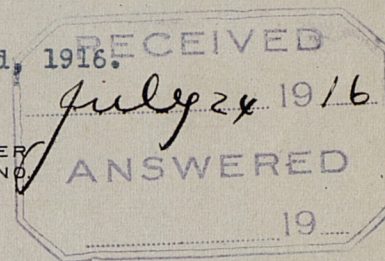


# Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company,

Ravenna, Ky., July, 23rd, 1916.

IN YOUR REPLY REFER  
TO DATE AND FILE NO.



Judge S. M. Wilson,  
Lexington, Ky<sup>4</sup>

Dear Sir:-

Some few days ago Mr. Ira Duff of Chavies, Ky., was plowing near our right of way and his horses became frightened and ran off and one of the horses broke his leg. Mr. Duff was about 90 feet from our right of way and on the inside of his field but he claims that our train whistled and frightened his horses and made them run off and he further makes the statement that after the engineer saw his horses were scared he kept whistling continuously to see them run and he can substantiate this by several witnesses. Of the other hand our engineer Mr. Tandy, who is a very honorable and upright man, says that he did not whistle at all no ways near this place and that as soon as he saw the horses running he immediately ~~shut off steam~~ <sup>shut off steam</sup> ~~and his engine~~. I also talked to Condr. John Greer and he corroborates all that Engineer Tandy says about this.

I am not familiar with the law as to what duty, if any, we owe a man plowing in a field off our right of way and would be glad for you to advise me along this line. You of course understand Mr. Duff will have the evidence although I do not think it is a fact.

This horse, in my opinion, was not worth over \$125.00 but Mr. Duff wants me to pay him \$300.00. It would seem to me that we would not owe Mr. Duff any lookout duty in view of the fact that he was considerable distance from our right of way and certainly would not owe him any ~~lookout~~ duty until after we discovered his peril.

Please favor me with your opinion as to what you think best for me to do.

Yours truly,

Stock Claim Agent.