

March 30, 1959

Mr. E. F. Weaver, Deputy Administrator
Bureau of Workman's Compensation
District Office
610 Walpark Building
Mansfield
Ohio

Claim No: OD 101197
Ray Pennington

Dear Mr. Weaver:

Please accept my apology for my delay in replying to your letter of March 5. Other duties have necessitated some neglect of my correspondence.

In so far as the special problem of ocular impairment is concerned, as a concomitant or sequel of lead poisoning, I know of no ophthalmologist who has specific competence based on experience. The ocular manifestations of lead poisoning are rare, and in my own experience, retinal hemorrhage has been the commonest ocular complication. On the other hand, retro-bulbar neuritis has been reported in association with the disease in other countries and in earlier times, especially in Australia.

I believe therefore that a careful examination at the hands of an ophthalmologist of recognized competence will yield the information which is needed. There are several such men in Cincinnati (where, of course, my acquaintance with physicians is best and most direct). The men who suggest themselves to me in this relationship are Dr. Donald Lyle, who is the head of the Ophthalmologic Department of this Medical College, and Dr. Albert Brown, whom I have known intimately for many years. Either of these men would be glad to consult with me, informally, and I should be pleased to have the opportunity (without cost, of course) to talk with them about their findings, especially for my own information.

The office addresses of these men are given below. I have no doubt that there are highly competent ophthalmologists in Columbus should you prefer to consult them. My good friend Dr. William Ashe in the Medical Department of Preventive Medicine at Ohio State University will know them.

Cordially yours,

Robert A. Kehoe, M. D.

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WHEN REPLYING PLEASE REFER TO

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Employer: Marion Bronze Co.
Marion, Ohio

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The Kettering Laboratory
College of Medicine
Eden and Bethesda Avenues
Cincinnati 19, Ohio

Gentlemen:

Attention: Robert A. Kehoe, M.D.

In February, 1957, you did some quantitative urine and blood analysis for Dr. Daniel M. Murphy, Marion, Ohio, in this blood poisoning claim. The urine showed .02 mg. of lead per liter, and the blood showed .17 (spectrographic) mg. of lead per 100 grams.

This claim was allowed for lead poisoning and claimant subsequently filed an application alleging that he has suffered considerable loss of peripheral vision in both eyes, especially the right due to the lead poisoning. One of the eye specialists to whom we referred this claimant reported to us that the usual manifestation of lead poisoning is a retro-bulbar neuritis, and the claimant has exhibited no ocular evidence of this condition. However, his eye examination seemingly was most unsatisfactory inasmuch as he found central visual acuity efficiency in right eye both corrected and uncorrected to be 91.5 percent, and the central visual acuity efficiency for the left eye both corrected and uncorrected was 95.7%. Yet the entire visual field examination produced a visual efficiency (A.M.A. schedule) of 60.4% for the right eye and 48.8% for the left eye. He was asked to explain this great discrepancy, and he attributed it to malingering on the part of the claimant.

It has occurred to us that since you have had so much experience with lead poisoning that perhaps you could suggest the name of an eye specialist who would have had considerable experience in examining and treating eyes affected by lead poisoning.

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We should like to refer this claimant out for another eye examination. We shall appreciate your giving us the name of an eye specialist who could handle the problem of the kind that we have indicated.

Very truly yours,

James L. Young, Administrator


E. F. Weaver, Deputy Administrator

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