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Mr. R. C. Schiedt, Jr.  
Insurance Department  
Armstrong Cork Company  
Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Schiedt:

re: Harry Haake  
Compensation Claim = Conn.  
File No. B 8683974

Supplementing our letter to you of May 18th, 1959, we have now heard from the Travelers who advise that they have worked out a disposition of this case and the share chargeable to the Armstrong Cork Company under your coverage with the Travelers is \$124.45.

We trust this will enable you to close your file on the case, however, if any additional information is needed, please let us know and we will endeavor to secure it for you.

Sincerely

ALEXANDER & ALEXANDER, INC.

*G. H. Smiley*  
GENERAL ADJUSTER

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May 18th, 1959

Mr. R. C. Schiedt, Jr.  
Insurance Department  
Armstrong Cork Company  
Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Schiedt:

re: Harry Haake  
Compensation Claim  
Conn. B 8683974

*under 6-6-57 Conn*

*5/19/59  
WCH*

We have now heard from the Travelers in respect to inquiry contained in your letter of May 4th, and learn that the \$2,000 amount mentioned, is to be apportioned among the several carriers on the basis of the amount of exposure each one had. As the Armstrong Cork Company only had a small period of exposure, the amount under your policy will be relatively small.

The Travelers have promised to advise us as soon as a definite conclusion is reached and we will, of course, pass the information on to you.

Sincerely

ALEXANDER & ALEXANDER, INC.

*G. J. J. J. J.*  
GENERAL ADJUSTER

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May 4, 1959

Mr. G. H. Finlay  
Alexander & Alexander, Inc.  
2225 N. Charles Street  
Baltimore 18, Md.

Dear Mr. Finlay:

Subject: Harry Haske  
Workmen's Compensation Claim  
Connecticut

*Last day worked*  
6/6/57

Your letter of May 1 indicates, "Travelers have reached a point where the attorney is willing to accept the sum of \$2,000 plus medical bills to close out the files."

On October 18, 1957, we sent Chris Hoff two letters in connection with this claim, indicating this man worked for us about eight weeks at the end of 1956 and about five months in the beginning of 1957.

Apparently Travelers was involved with another employer from 1950 to 1955, and we are wondering if the \$2,000 applies only to Armstrong in view of the limited employment as indicated on the enclosed copy of the Notice of Hearing issued July 25, 1957.

If so, seems a bit out of line with Armstrong employing this man less than one year out of a thirty-year period covered by the enclosed notice.

Very truly yours,

ARMSTRONG CORK COMPANY

R. C. Schiedt, Jr.  
Insurance Department

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Enclosure



WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION COMMISSION OF CONNECTICUT

NOTICE OF HEARING

Harry Haake  
33 Sunny Ridge Drive, East Hartford, Conn.  
CLAIMANT

VS.

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*New York Office - in Ctr*  
9-17-56 to 11-9-56 no rec  
12-3-56 to 6-6-57 no rec

You and each of you are hereby notified that the above-entitled matter will be heard with reference to the following questions by the undersigned at his office, Room 608, No. 54 Church St., Hartford, Conn., on the 30th day of September, 1957, at 11:30 A. M.

IN RE: ASBESTOSIS. CONFERENCE.

Notice issued July 25, 1957

LEO J. NOONAN  
Commissioner

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May 1, 1959

Mr. R. C. Schiedt, Jr.  
Insurance Department  
Armstrong Cork Company  
Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Schiedt:

re: Harry Haake, Conn.  
Asbestosis Claim  
Workmen's Compensation

6-6-57 last day worked

A recent inquiry of the Travelers Insurance Company in respect to the status of the above old case reveals the following information:

As yet, the case has not been disposed of, although the Travelers have reached a point where the attorney is willing to accept the sum of \$2,000 plus the medical bills to close out the file.

There are several carriers on this case and the companies are all discussing the disposition. It is possible that the matter will be disposed of within the next few weeks. As soon as this matter is cleared, we will advise you of the disposition.

Sincerely

ALEXANDER & ALEXANDER, INC.

*[Signature]*  
GENERAL ADJUSTER

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July 18th, 1958

Mr. R. C. Schiedt, Jr. Insurance Department  
Armstrong Cork Company  
Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Schiedt:

Workmen's Compensation Claim  
Harry Haake, Connecticut  
Asbestosis Claim 6-6-57

We inquired of the Travelers Insurance Company as to the present status of this claim, and have their reply dated July 10th which reads as follows:

"Kindly be advised that there has been no activity on this case until recently when Attorney E. A. Massey of Hartford appeared in the picture and has now assigned the claim for an informal conference on September 22nd, 1958 at 11:AM. As you know, there are numerous defendants involved in this case and the probabilities are that some reasonable adjustment will be worked out on a pro rata basis."

The above is for your information and file.

Sincerely

ALEXANDER & ALEXANDER, INC.

*Jane Roseman*  
LOSS DEPARTMENT

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October 18, 1957

Mr. Christopher Hoff  
Alexander & Alexander, Inc.  
2225 W. Charles Street  
Baltimore 18, Maryland

Dear Chris:

Subject: Workmen's Compensation Claim  
Harry Haaks, Connecticut  
Asbestosis Claim

*6/6/57  
file last day worked  
for Acto*

We enclose a copy of a Travelers letter dated October 14, 1957, together with a copy of our reply regarding the captioned claim.

Very truly yours,

R. C. Schiedt, Jr.  
Insurance Department

Enclosures



October 18, 1957

Mr. Edward D. O'Brien  
Travelers Insurance Company  
740 Main Street  
Hartford 4, Connecticut

Dear Sir:

Subject: Workmen's Compensation Claim  
Harry Haake, Connecticut  
Asbestosis Claim

In reply to your letter of October 14, our records indicate Mr. Haake was employed as a pipe coverer in Connecticut from September 17 to November 9, 1956 and from December 3, 1956 to June 6, 1957.

In view of the very recent employment with Armstrong Mr. Haake must have worked extensively with other employers so that our liability in the case of an asbestosis claim should be relatively small.

Very truly yours,

ARMSTRONG CORK COMPANY

R. C. Schiedt, Jr.  
Insurance Department

Alexander & Alexander, Inc.



# The Travelers

*The Travelers Insurance Company*  
*The Travelers Indemnity Company*

CLAIM DEPARTMENT  
R. N. LEWIS, Claim Manager

BRANCH OFFICE  
740 Main Street  
HARTFORD 4, CONNECTICUT  
Telephone: JACKSON 4-5941

October 14, 1957

The Armstrong Cork Company  
Lancaster  
Pennsylvania

Re: Harry Haake

Attention: Personnel Department

Gentlemen:

We are in receipt of a claim for asbestosis from one Harry Haake who resides at 33 Sunny Reach Drive, East Hartford, Connecticut. According to the claimant's son-in-law Mr. Haake was employed by the Armstrong Cork Company some time in 1955 and continued until the day of his disability.

Will you please check your records and advise whether or not you have any indication of this employee having been employed by the Armstrong Cork Company. We would particularly like to know where he worked during the period of his employment and what type of work he was doing.

Very truly yours,

*Edward D. O'Brien*

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Edward D. O'Brien  
Assistant Claim Manager

HOME OFFICE: 700 MAIN STREET, HARTFORD 15, CONNECTICUT



N34614

EMMA Y. HAAKE,  
dependent widow of Harry  
Haake, deceased,  
of East Hartford, Conn.

CORAM

CLAIMANT

vs.

LOTZ ASBESTOS COMPANY  
of Hartford, Conn.

Employer

AETNA LIFE INSURANCE CO.  
of Hartford, Conn.

Insurer

CENTURY INDEMNITY CO.  
of Hartford, Conn.

Insurer

UNITED STATES CASUALTY CO.  
of Middletown, Conn.

Insurer

NEW AMSTERDAM CASUALTY CO.  
of Middletown, Conn.

Insurer

STANDARD ACCIDENT INSURANCE CO.  
of Springfield, Mass.

Insurer

INSULATION COMPANY  
of West Hartford, Conn.

Employer

GLENS FALLS INSURANCE CO.  
of Hartford, Conn.

Insurer

NEW AMSTERDAM CASUALTY CO.  
of Middletown, Conn.

Insurer

AETNA CASUALTY & SURETY CO.  
of Hartford, Conn.

Insurer

TRAVELERS INSURANCE CO.  
of Hartford, Conn.

Insurer

ARMSTRONG CORK COMPANY  
of Lancaster, Penna.

Employer

TRAVELERS INSURANCE CO.  
of Hartford, Conn.

Insurer

RESPONDENTS

SEPTEMBER 17, 1959

COMPENSATION COMMISSIONER

FIRST CONGRESSIONAL  
DISTRICT

APPEARANCES: The claimant was represented by E. A. Massey, Esq. and Jay W. Jackson, Esq., 40 Russ Street, Hartford, Conn.; the respondents by their various representatives.

STIPULATION

A contract of employment was in force between Harry Haake, hereinafter referred to as the deceased, and the Armstrong Cork Company on

on or about June 6, 1957, and prior thereto, the deceased had been employed with the Insulation Company and Lotz Asbestos Company.

All of the aforesaid parties were subject to the provisions of the Compensation Act and the employers herein had complied therewith by insuring their compensation liability with the insurers set out in the caption hereof.

Pursuant to due and regular notice, informal hearings were held before the Compensation Commissioner for the First Congressional District on September 30, 1957 and November 27, 1957, when conferences were held between the parties in an attempt to compromise the entire case; thence postponed to July 20, 1959, when a further conference was held for this purpose.

At these conferences, it was the claimant's contention that the deceased had worked for many years with the employers herein, installing asbestos insulating materials; that, as a result thereof, he contracted an occupational disease, to wit: asbestosis; that he became disabled therefrom on or about June 6, 1957 and remained so disabled until his death on October 14, 1957.

Alleging that the deceased's disability and death arose out of and in the course of his employment with the employers herein, the claimant, as dependent widow, sought compensation for the disability and death of the deceased together with payment of all the reasonable medical, surgical and hospital bills that had been incurred, and the burial expense, as allowed by law.

The respondents, however, denied that the deceased had sustained any occupational disease that arose out of and in the course of his employment with the employers herein. The respondents further contended that the entire claim was barred by reason of the statute of limitations. The respondents further contended that the deceased's disability and death was due to an acute coronary occlusion and other causes unconnected with his employment with the employers herein. In any event, the respondents denied that the claimant's lung condition played a material part in his disability and death.

However, in view of the number of technical, legal and medical questions that were involved, and in view of the other doubts in the case, as outlined by the claims of the parties hereto, it is hereby agreed and understood by and between the claimant, the employers and insurers herein, all parties to the controversy, that while their respective claims are made in good faith, the claim is a disputed one and that its results, if fully prosecuted, would be doubtful.

WHEREFORE, it is agreed by and between the parties hereto that the respondents shall pay to the claimant the sum of Three Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-three Dollars and Sixty Cents (\$3363.60), the same to be in full, final and complete settlement, adjustment, accord and satisfaction of all claims which the aforesaid claimant might otherwise have against the respondents, or any of them, and to be made and accepted in lieu of all other compensation payments, in accordance with the language of our act.

It is hereby agreed and understood that said settlement of Three Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-three Dollars and Sixty Cents (\$3363.60) shall be divided and apportioned among the respondents herein as follows, to wit:

|                                 |             |                  |
|---------------------------------|-------------|------------------|
| Lotz Asbestos Company -         |             |                  |
| Aetna Life Insurance Co.        | 18.5%       | \$ 622.27        |
| Century Indemnity Co.           | 11.1%       | \$ 373.37        |
| United States Casualty Co.      | 3.7%        | \$ 124.45        |
| New Amsterdam Casualty Co.      | 7.4%        | \$ 248.90        |
| Standard Accident Insurance Co. | 11.1%       | \$ 373.37        |
| Insulation Company -            |             |                  |
| Glens Falls Insurance Co.       | 3.7%        | \$ 124.45        |
| New Amsterdam Casualty Co.      | 18.5%       | \$ 622.26        |
| Aetna Casualty & Surety Co.     | 3.7%        | \$ 124.45        |
| Travelers Insurance Co.         | 18.6%       | \$ 625.63        |
| Armstrong Cork Company -        |             |                  |
| Travelers Insurance Co.         | 3.7%        | \$ 124.45        |
|                                 | <u>100%</u> | <u>\$3363.60</u> |

It is specifically understood and agreed that said settlement of Three Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-three Dollars and Sixty Cents (3363.60) represents a settlement of \$1500.00 to the claimant, plus payment of the following bills, to wit: St. Francis Hospital - \$983.60, Dr. Hennessy - \$410.00, Dr. Bowen - \$110.00, Dr. Danyliw - \$55.00, and Dr. DeRoche - \$305.00; and that all of the aforesaid bills shall be paid by the claimant out of the proceeds of this total settlement.

The payment of said sum of Three Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-three Dollars and Sixty Cents (\$3363.60) shall be made and accepted as a full and final settlement for all compensation for the disability and death of the deceased and for all claims for medical, surgical, hospital and funeral expenses to the end that the payment of such sum shall constitute a complete satisfaction of all claims due or to become due at any time in favor of anybody on account of the disability and death of the deceased.

It is expressly understood and agreed that the payment of said sum of Three Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-three Dollars and Sixty Cents is in full accord and satisfaction of a disputed claim and is not an admission of any liability by the respondents, or any of them.

It is further stipulated and agreed that, before the claimant signed this stipulation, she read it, or the same was read and interpreted to her in a language that she understands and she knows that it is a full and final settlement and that it is intended to deal with any and all conditions, known or unknown, which exist as of the date hereof, or any changes of conditions which may arise in the future on account of the disability and death of the deceased.

It is further agreed by and between the parties that this stipulation was not induced or entered into by fraud, accident, mistake or duress and that none of the parties hereafter shall have any further claims under the Workmen's Compensation Act of the State of Connecticut.

IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING, We, the undersigned, hereby unite in requesting that the Compensation Commissioner for the First Congressional District approve this stipulation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We have hereunto set our hands and seals this 17th day of September, 1959.

WITNESSES

*Jay W. [Signature]*

*Emma Haake*  
Claimant

Constance Markie

LOTZ ASBESTOS CO., Emp.-respondent  
CENTURY INDEMNITY CO., Ins.-respondent

Jean Higgins

By William S. Hest  
Their representative hereunto duly authorized

Isabel M. McCrone

LOTZ ASBESTOS CO., Emp.-respondent  
STANDARD ACC. INS. CO., Ins.-respondent

Richard Robertson

By *[Signature]*  
Their representative hereunto duly authorize:

Robert M. M. Crane

INSULATION CO., Emp.-respondent  
AETNA CASUALTY & SURETY CO., Ins.-re

Constance Markie

TRAVELERS INS. CO., Ins.-respondent  
By David DOR  
Their representative hereunto duly authorize

ARMSTRONG CORK CO., Emp. - respondent  
TRAVELERS INS. CO., Ins. - respondent

ARMSTRONG CORK CO., Emp. - respondent  
TRAVELERS INS. CO., Ins. - respondent

By [Signature]  
Their representative hereunto duly authorized

The within and foregoing stipulation having been submitted to and examined by the undersigned, the same is found to be a just and reasonable settlement of a disputed claim and is hereby approved this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1959. *October*

IT IS ADJUDGED, DECREED AND ORDERED ACCORDINGLY.

[Signature]  
COMPENSATION COMMISSIONER  
FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT



ARTHUR B. O'KEEFE

DOUGLAS B. JOHNSON  
ARTHUR B. O'KEEFE, JR.  
HUBERT C. O'KEEFE  
JAMES M. DONNELLEY  
ROBERT J. GILLOOLY

O'KEEFE, JOHNSON & O'KEEFE  
ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELORS AT LAW  
125 TEMPLE STREET  
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT  
ZONE 10

TELEPHONE STATE 7-2171  
CABLE ADDRESS "DART"

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July 22, 1958

JUL 23 1958

Commissioner Leo J. Noonan  
54 Church Street  
Hartford, Connecticut

Re: Harry Haake vs. Robert Keasby, et al

Dear Commissioner:

I am in receipt of a notice of hearing in this matter for September 22, 1958. We represent the Employers Liability Assurance Corp. in this matter.

Hubert O'Keefe was formerly handling this matter and from our file it would appear that at the last hearing on November 29, 1957 we were to be let out of this case, as any exposure we had would have been in the State of West Virginia.

Will you kindly advise me whether or not we are to attend this hearing which is now scheduled.

Very truly yours,

O'KEEFE, JOHNSON & O'KEEFE

*DO B Johnson*  
DOUGLAS B. JOHNSON

DBJ:10



July 25, 1958

O'Keefe, Johnson & O'Keefe  
125 Temple Street  
New Haven 10, Connecticut

Gentlemen: In re: Harry Haake vs.  
Robert Keasby, et al

It will not be necessary for you to  
appear at the hearing September 22, 1958 in  
regard to the above-entitled matter.

If it should appear later on that you  
are in for any period of exposure, we will  
notify you.

Very truly yours,

COMPENSATION COMMISSIONER

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WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION COMMISSION OF CONNECTICUT

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IN RE: ASBESTOSIS. CONFERENCE..

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LEO J. NOONAN  
Commissioner



Fred Babin

Liberty Mutual, insurer

Claim began in 1939,  
1939-1972  
apparently ended 1972

Represented by ~~Mr.~~ Edw. O'Brien, esq.  
111 Pearl St.

3/13/78

Barry, I hope this is some use to you.  
The Haake case may not be very helpful  
since part of the stipulation relieves  
the companies of having to face the merits  
of the claim.

Very unfortunately, while one of  
the staffers, a Mrs. Gibbons at Hartford  
Workers' Comp. Cmsn, was willing to be very  
helpful, the Cmsnr. was perturbed that she  
stopped work at a busy time to talk to me  
(see note after Onofrio, written while I was  
waiting that afternoon). When I returned,  
as asked, the Cmsnr was in a hearing so I  
wound up not getting to see the Babin file  
which she suggested might be significant.  
But she did give me the name of Babin's  
lawyer (above). She even thought the Cmsnr  
could tell me a lot if I talked to him. But  
I could only spend one day in Hartford, so  
perhaps you can find someone else to follow up.  
Let me know how it all goes. Shirli (Axelrod)

37 Magnolia Ave.  
Cambridge MA 02138

My address:

No medicals in this file.

Notice of Hearing

Emma Y. Haake

dependent widow of Harry Haake, deceased,  
of East Hartford, Conn.

vs.

Robert A. Keasby, et al.

Aetna Life Insurance Co., 111 Pearl St., Htfd., Conn.

The Century Indemnity Co., 55 Elm St., Htfd, Conn.

United States Casualty Co., 279 Main St., Middletown, Conn.

Standard Accident Insurance Co., 95 State St., Springfield, Mass.

Glens Falls Insurance Co., 141 Washington St., Htfd, Conn.

Employers Liability Assurance Co., 2313 Whitney Ave., Hamden, Conn.

The Travelers Insurance Co., 740 Main St., Htfd, Conn.

New Amsterdam Casualty Co., 279 Main St., Middletown, Conn.

Informal conference, Room 608, No. 54 Church St., Htfd, Conn.

July 20, 1959 at 11 a.m.

Leo J. Noonan, Cmsnr

Notice issued June 2, 1959.

Informal conference apparently scheduled at request of Travelers:  
See notes on their letter of June 1, 1959 to Workers Comp Cmsn.

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June 1, 1959 Travelers Insurance Co.  
Travelers Indemnity Co.

to Ms. Isabelle McCrone, Sec'y

Workers' Comp. Comm

First Congressional District

54 Church St.

Hartford 3, Conn.

Armstrong Cork Co.

Re: Harry Hacke

B-8683974

Lists of insurance policies

Lotz Asbestos Company  
Hartford, Conn.

1-26-23 to 1-26-34  
several policies, several carriers

The Lotz Insulation Company  
Hartford, Conn.

1-24-34 to 1-24-39, several policies  
Amsterdam & Standard Accident Ins

Keasbey & Mattison Co.  
225 Broadway  
New York, New York

10-1-23 to 10-1-31 Aetna Life

Keasby and Mattison Construction Co.

5-1-32 to 4-42

several policies, several carriers

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Handwritten notes on notice of hearing for Sept. 30, 1957

1. "Sunnyreach Dr."

2. "Held informal."

Cl. to be examined by Dr. Bowen.

3. "Emma Y., wife"

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Commissioner's Office Memo

7/12/57 <sup>per:</sup> CJB

Attending physician: Dr. Hennessey, Collins St., Htfd  
Asbestosis

(CAN'T READ next entry)

Length of disability - since June 7th.

Armstrong Cork  
Insulation Co.

(See employment list →)

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1920-1921 Robert A. Keasbey  
working in Htfd.

1921-1938 Lotz Asbestos Co.  
in Hartford

1938-1940 I. L. Collins Co  
Hartford

1940-1942 Insulation Co.  
Hartford

out of state for 3 yrs.

at insulation trade

Johns Manville Co out of Philadelphia

worked in Morgantown W. Va

1945-1955 Insulation Co  
in Htfd

Insulation Co. taken over  
by Armstrong Co.  
Still with Armstrong  
if in Hartford.

(penned notes stapled to  
Commissioner's Office Memo).

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Bill from St. Francis Hospital, Hartford Ct.

Sept 30, 1957

Workers' Comp.

Armstrong Cork Co

Re: ~~Henry~~ Haake

Henry (sic)

Sept 57 Room & Service

26 days @ 24.59

\$ 639.34

(marked in pencil: N34614)

(stamped Oct 1, 1957 & Oct 3, 1957)

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typed note stamped Nov. 27 1957

" \$1500 to widow; companies will pay doctors and hospital. ? about acceptance by widow, many legal questions which bar claim."

Letter from E.A. Massey of Massey & Manion law offices to Cmsnr Noonan requesting that Haake v. Keasby, et al be scheduled for an informal ~~em~~ hearing after Sept 15, 1958. Letter dated July 3, 1958.

Penned notation on letter: Sept 22

11:00 Conf.

Letter from Douglas B. Johnson of O'Keefe, Johnson & O'Keefe Attys., 125 Temple St., New Haven, Conn.

July 22, 1958 to Cmsnr Noonan

re Sept 22, 1958 hrng on Haake v. Keasby, et al.

" We represent the Employers Liability Assurance Corp. in this matter. Hubert O'Keefe was formerly handling this matter and from our file it would appear that at the last hearing on Nov. 29, 1957 we were to be let out of this case, as any exposure we had would have been in the State of West Virginia..."

July 25, 1958 letter from cmsnr to O'Keefe, Johnson, O'Keefe that they need not appear at Sept. 22 hearing.



STATE OF CONNECTICUT }  
COUNTY OF HARTFORD } SS.

OFFICE OF COMPENSATION  
COMMISSIONER  
FIRST DISTRICT

RE: Emma Y Haake, dependent widow of Harry Haake, deceased  
vs. Lotz Asbestos ETALS

This is to certify that the attached are true copies of  
the enclosed on file in this office.

Stipulation  
Letter to O'Keefe, Johnson & O'Keefe  
from the Commissioner.  
Letter to Commissioner from Attorney Johnson  
Notice of Hearing



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A. PAUL BERTE  
Commissioner

9/28/78.

EMMA Y. HAAKE,  
dependent widow of Harry  
Haake, deceased,  
of East Hartford, Conn.

CLAIMANT

vs.

LOTZ ASBESTOS COMPANY  
of Hartford, Conn.

Employer

AETNA LIFE INSURANCE CO.  
of Hartford, Conn.

Insurer

CENTURY INDEMNITY CO.  
of Hartford, Conn.

Insurer

UNITED STATES CASUALTY CO.  
of Middletown, Conn.

Insurer

NEW AMSTERDAM CASUALTY CO.  
of Middletown, Conn.

Insurer

STANDARD ACCIDENT INSURANCE CO.  
of Springfield, Mass.

Insurer

INSULATION COMPANY  
of West Hartford, Conn.

Employer

GLENS FALLS INSURANCE CO.  
of Hartford, Conn.

Insurer

NEW AMSTERDAM CASUALTY CO.  
of Middletown, Conn.

Insurer

AETNA CASUALTY & SURETY CO.  
of Hartford, Conn.

Insurer

TRAVELERS INSURANCE CO.  
of Hartford, Conn.

Insurer

ARMSTRONG CORK COMPANY  
of Lancaster, Penna.

Employer

TRAVELERS INSURANCE CO.  
of Hartford, Conn.

Insurer

RESPONDENTS

CORAM

COMPENSATION COMMISSIONER

FIRST CONGRESSIONAL  
DISTRICT

SEPTEMBER 17, 1959

APPEARANCES: The claimant was represented by E. A. Massey, Esq. and Jay W. Jackson, Esq., 40 Russ Street, Hartford, Conn.; the respondents by their various representatives.

STIPULATION

A contract of employment was in force between Harry Haake, hereinafter referred to as the deceased, and the Armstrong Cork Company on



Anthony J. Onofrio

N - 53218

Homestead Insulation Co, et al

First, Third, & Fourth Districts

Aug 15, 1961

Letters betw. Cmsnrs of 1st & 3rd  
designates 3rd D Cmsnr Grillo to act.

Check New Haven, if possible.

Note: Mrs. Gibbons, Hartford office, mentioned that there were  
a lot of asbestosis cases in New Haven. I don't know  
how old or new they are, though.

9/9/78

Hartford - Workers' Comp. Cmsn

I first called and asked if I would be able to see the files. I was  
told I could by the office person on the phone, who said she would  
pull the file I asked for. When I arrived at the office, I was  
handed the file, after another staff person checked it to see whether  
there was anything in it that should not be public. I wasn't able to  
tell what that might be. The files I saw contained no medicals.

While I was talking to Mrs. Gibbons, who seems fairly know-  
ledgeable and willing to be helpful, someone — apparently the Cmsnr.  
— came up to us and said it was a bad time for me to be there and  
who was I. The staffers suggested I come back in the afternoon,  
which I did. In the interim however, he apparently said something  
to them about letting people in. So when I returned, I was asked  
about what I was doing and to wait to speak to the cmsnr, altho  
the staffer told me that if it were up to her I could just look at  
the folder.

Connecticut

Norwich

889-3821

Phone call March 8, 1978

Workers' Compensation Commission  
110 Broadway

Filed by employee's name only. Can't see medicals.  
No claim for either Haake or Onofrio.  
Records go back to 1913, when Cmsn was established.

Note: Workers Comp. Cmsns. in Connecticut are organized into seven districts, incl. Norwich, Hartford, New Haven.

Hartford

~~522-3758~~

566-4154

ask for  
Gail

called  
3/8/78

99 Pratt Street

rm. 400 (4th fl.)

Files back to 1913.

Under claimants name.

Haake v. Armstrong Cork

Lotz Asbestos Co.

Insulation Co.

Johns-Manville

- asbestosis -

stipulated

rec'd 3,363.60

Petna Life & Casualty

Employers Liability Assurance

approved 10/19/59

New Amsterdam

Travellers

← SEE XEROXED STIPULATION.

~~doesn't mention Armstrong Cork~~

✓ Could look at file ~~not a report, just a stipulation~~  
✓ Go in Thursday.

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Hartford Workers Comp. 99 Pratt Street

Gail

Mrs. Higgins

Fred Babin

1939-1972

~~2:00~~

There are 7 district offices in Connecticut,  
each with its own Cmsnr and files

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