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Dr. McConnell
Welfare Division
Industrial Health Section

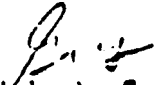
Re: 43-G-2 - Johnson's Co.,
Thetford Mines West, Quebec

We issued this policy in 1929, and to date we have premiums of \$33,000 against Death claims of \$28,500 and Disability claims of \$3,000. The experience is very unfavorable in the current year, the premiums amounting to \$6,830 with Death claims of \$11,000 and Disability claims of \$1,000.

An analysis of the claims shows a preponderance of lung disorders. The company is engaged in the quarrying and manufacturing of asbestos, and we feel that there is a decided occupational hazard here. We would like to have you or Mr. Fehnel inspect the plants of this company at your convenience.

Attached is a copy of the claim analysis.

May 27, 1935
GWF/DB


G.W. Fitzhugh, Supervisor
Actuarial Division
Group Life & Health Section

Dr. McConnell,
Welfare Division,
Industrial Health Section

Re: Johnson's Company, Thetford Mines West, Quebec

We cover the employees of the above company for group life insurance, and to date the claims amount to 83% of the premiums. Several years ago the experience was unfavorable, and we referred the group to you because there was a substantial number of claims for lung diseases. There has been an improvement in the experience in recent years and the coverage has shown a profit since 1935.

In 1936 the question of offering this company Accident & Health benefits was considered and we asked you to make an inspection of the properties. You reported that the employees were French Canadians and looked undernourished and that in your opinion the claim experience would not be very good. On the basis of this report, we decided not to offer Accident & Health coverage.

Our representative has again raised the question of Accident & Health coverage and advises us that the company has appropriated a considerable sum of money for mine improvements. Possibly this will improve the group as a risk for group coverage.

We would appreciate a further inspection of this company's properties and a report from you at your convenience. The group is not large enough to justify the expense of a special trip for this inspection, but possibly you will have someone in the vicinity soon and can have him make a report.

In advising us whether you consider this company an acceptable risk for Accident & Health coverage, you will want to take into consideration that for this industry (asbestos mines) we load our standard rates 40%. In other words, if you think the claim rate will be less than 140% of the claim rate in a non-hazardous industry, our normal rate should be adequate. Of course, the plan we will offer will not provide benefits for occupational accidents.

August 22, 1939
DCB/HM

D. C. Bull
Acting Head Division
Group Life & Health Section

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*Discussed with Bull
over phone*

*Told him bad experience
was due to French Canadians
& not to industrial process*

MEMORANDUM

July 3, 1944

DR. ARMSTRONG:

The Actuarial Division has asked us to study the Johnson's Mine Company on which we have Group Life coverage, because in the last three years we have paid 28 claims of which 13 deaths were due to tuberculosis. The Group is increasing the premium on the company as of July 1, 1944.

Johnson's Mine Company quarries and manufactures asbestos and is located in Thetford Mines. Several industrial hygiene surveys have been made at Johnson's Mines in past years--the first was in June 1930 in connection with the study of an asbestos industry in Canada. Another study was made in March 1931. As you will probably recall the conclusion reached in the asbestos study was that asbestosis did not predispose to tuberculosis. Very high dust counts were found at Johnson's Mines with 99.85% of the particles of less than 10 microns. Workers were very careless about expectorating on the floors; drinking water was supplied in buckets and common drinking cups were in use. A number of recommendations were made to improve general operating conditions of this mine. No subsequent study has been made. I have suggested, inasmuch as Mr. Fehnel is planning to visit Canada on other business, that he include Johnson's Mine in his trip with a view to a recheck survey of the Johnson's Company properties and a survey, if possible, of the living conditions of employees. If you think it feasible, I might be able to arrange to go along on this trip also. It seems to me regardless of whether asbestosis contributes to tuberculosis, there is a tuberculosis problem, not only in Johnson's Mines but in Thetford Mines. The latest mortality figures that I could secure show that Thetford Mines in 1941 had a tuberculosis mortality of 259 per 100,000; in Quebec 80 per 100,000; and in Canada 51 per 100,000. I have written to Dr. Gardner in Saranac to ask his advice about the present status of asbestosis in relation to tuberculosis and also for any suggestions as to the approach to this problem in Canada. I discussed the matter briefly with Dr. Burnette when he was last here and he suggested getting in touch with Dr. Turgeon, Director of the Division of Industrial Hygiene in Quebec City. I plan to write to Dr. Turgeon for more up-to-date figures on tuberculosis mortality and a breakdown by male age groups. If I went to Canada I could discuss the problem more freely than I could by mail. Before plunging into this, however, I should like to have your advice as to the proper lines of procedure so as to avoid crossing any administrative lines or stirring up trouble without leading to any constructive result. I might add that the Actuarial Division has asked Dr. McConnell about the health conditions in Johnson's Mine from time to time. Dr. McConnell's opinion was that the employees were French-Canadians and looked undernourished and that, in his opinion, the claim experience would not be very good. It has been for this reason that A&H has not been sold.

PRODUCED S/C/MMS

George W. Wheatley, M.D.

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METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

J. R. LYNCH
SUPERVISOR
J. M. MEEHAN
SERVICE SUPERVISOR
GROUP DIVISION

April 16, 1963

1915 CAREW TOWER
CINCINNATI 2, OHIO
TELEPHONE: 721-0280



Mr. Karl Krieg, Employee Relations Manager
The Philip Carey Manufacturing Company
320 South Wayne Avenue
Cincinnati 15, Ohio

Dear Mr. Krieg:

Supplementing our letter of April 6, attached is a listing received from the Home Office of death claims that were paid between 1957 and 1962 due to respiratory causes.

We hope that this information will be of some use to you.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. R. Lynch".
J. R. LYNCH
Group Supervisor

jrl/ds
enclosure
cc: Mr. E. J. Fasold, Secretary

Death claims during the period 1957 to 1962 inclusive were reviewed in order to assemble data to comply with this policyholder's request. The identifying information is shown below separated by general cause of death.

Malignant neoplasm (cancer) of the respiratory disease:

Name	Age
Haynie, Jos. - <i>Can. lun</i>	44
Miller, Geo. - <i>Can. lun</i>	54 *
Ashbridge, Alfred - <i>Can. lun</i>	66 *
Ellis, Benjamin - <i>Can. lun</i>	73 *
Lessard, Wm.	77
Martin, Edward - <i>Can. lun</i>	67
Betancourt, Rufino	43
Santel, Harry	65
Stall, Arthur	56
Scott, Young	58
Enizewski, Wincenty	77 *
Whitley, Dorey	58
Woods, Alonzo	56 *
Sarisky, Stephen	47

Diseases of the Respiratory System:

Vance, Howard	76
Jackson, Essie	62 *
Hulette, Clarence	64 *
Gooch, Herbert	63 *
Early, Richard	57
Patterson, Wm.	70
Raymond, Lewis	54 *
McHardie, Chas.	71

This is to certify that this is a true copy of the record which is on file in the Pennsylvania Division of Vital Statistics in accordance with Act 66, P.L. 304, approved by the General Assembly, June 29, 1953

(Fee for this certificate, \$3.00)

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Date

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No.

Charles Hardister
Charles Hardister
State Registrar

11VS-20143-323M-9-33		CORRECTED CERTIFICATE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS CERTIFICATE OF DEATH		File No. 15630	
Primary Dist. No. 462-430		Registered No. 58			
1. PLACE OF DEATH a. County <u>Montgomery</u> b. City, Borough or Township <u>Norristown</u> c. FULL NAME (if NOT in hospital give street address) of HOSPITAL or INSTITUTION <u>Sacred Heart Hospital</u> d. Is Place of Death inside Municipality Limits? <u>Yes</u> ☒ No ☐		2. USUAL RESIDENCE (where deceased lived, if institution, reason for admission) a. State <u>Pa.</u> b. County <u></u> c. City, Borough or Township <u>Norristown</u> d. Street Address or Location <u>Main & Barbadoes</u> e. Is Residence inside Municipality Limits? <u>Yes</u> ☒ No ☐ f. Is Residence on a <u></u>			
3. NAME OF DECEASED (Type or print) a. (First) <u>Raymond</u> b. (Middle) <u></u> c. (Last) <u>Lewis</u> 4. DATE (Month) (Day) (Year) OF DEATH <u>1</u> <u>23</u>		5. SEX <u>Male</u> 6. COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u> 7. MARRIED ☐ NEVER MARRIED ☒ WIDOWED ☐ DIVORCED ☐			
10. FULL NAME OF SPOUSE <u></u>		8. DATE OF BIRTH <u>July 11, 1903</u> 9. AGE (in years) (last birthday) <u>52</u> if under 1 year: Months <u></u> Days <u></u> Hours <u></u>			
13. FATHER'S NAME <u>George Lewis</u>		11. BIRTHPLACE (Also give state or foreign country) <u>Honeybrook Twp., Pa.</u> 12. CITIZEN OF COUNTRY <u>USA</u>			
15. USUAL OCCUPATION (even if retired) <u>Shipping clerk</u>		14. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME <u>Edith Brooks</u>			
16. Social Security No. <u></u>		17. INFORMANT <u>Mary Thompson</u> <u>134 Washington Ave. Downingtown, Pa.</u>			
18. CAUSE OF DEATH (Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b) & (c)) PART I. Death was caused by: IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a) <u>asbestosis, generalized, pulmonary</u> Conditions, if any, which gave rise to above cause (a) causing the underlying cause last. DUE TO (b) <u>Cor Pulmonale</u> DUE TO (c) <u>Duodenal Ulcer with Hemorrhage</u>		INTERVAL SET: ONSET AND CL <u>54</u>			
PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS (contributing to death but not related to the terminal disease given in Part I (a))		19. WAS AUTOPSY PERFORMED? <u>Yes</u> ☒ No ☐			
20a. ACCIDENT SUICIDE HOMICIDE ☐ ☐ ☐		20b. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED. <u></u>		20c. Time of Injury <u></u> Hour <u></u> Month <u></u> Day <u></u> E.S.T.	
20d. INJURY OCCURRED <u>While at work</u> ☒ Not while at work ☐		20e. PLACE OF INJURY (e.g., home, farm, factory, street, etc.) <u></u>		20f. CITY, BOROUGH, TOWNSHIP <u></u> COUNTY <u></u> STATE <u></u>	
21. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from <u>1/23/57</u> to <u>1/23/57</u> that I last saw the deceased alive on <u>1/23/57</u> and that death occurred at <u>5:50 P.M.</u> from the causes and on the date stated above					
22a. SIGNATURE <u>Joseph J. [Signature]</u> M.D. or D.O.		22b. ADDRESS <u>1039 DeKalb St. Norristown, Penna.</u>		22c. DATE SIGN <u>1/29/57</u>	
23a. BURIAL/CREMATION ☐ REMOVAL ☐		23b. DATE <u>Jan. 26, 1957</u>		23c. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY <u>Honeybrook Methodist, Honeybrook, Chester County</u>	
24. DATE REC'D BY REG <u>1-25-57</u>		25. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE <u>Julia M. Kennedy</u>		26. SIGNATURE OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR <u>D. Rae Boyd, Norristown, Pa.</u>	

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS CERTIFICATE OF DEATH		State File No. 056522
1. PLACE OF DEATH a. COUNTY Cincinnati b. CITY, VILLAGE, OR LOCATION CINCINNATI		2. USUAL RESIDENCE a. STATE Ohio b. CITY, VILLAGE, OR LOCATION Cincinnati c. COUNTY Cincinnati
3. USUAL RESIDENCE a. IS PLACE OF DEATH INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES b. IS RESIDENCE INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES c. IS RESIDENCE ON 3425 BEVIS AVENUE		4. DATE OF DEATH 2/3/1961
5. NAME OF DECEASED (TYPE OR PRINT) Eddie Jackson		6. DATE OF BIRTH 10/2/96
7. SEX Male		8. AGE 64
9. COLOR OR RACE Colored		10. MARRIED ☒ NEVER MARRIED ☐ WIDOWED ☐ DIVORCED ☐
11. USUAL OCCUPATION (Type and of work done during most of working life, even if retired) LABORER		12. BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY Rolling Car Co.
13. FATHER'S NAME Ortus Jackson		14. MOTHER'S & MAIDEN NAME Amanda ?
15. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U. S. ARMED FORCES? NO		16. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. 470.05.1440
17. CAUSE OF DEATH (List only one cause per item 1a, 1b, and 1c.) PART I. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY: IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a) Cor Pulmonale DUE TO (b) ASBESTOSIS, OCCUPATIONAL. DUE TO (c) ASBESTOSIS, OCCUPATIONAL.		18. INTERVAL BE ONSET AND
PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO THE IMMEDIATE CAUSE OF DEATH (List only one condition per item 1a, 1b, and 1c.)		19. TO WAS AN
20. ACCIDENT ☐ SUICIDE ☐ HOMICIDE ☐		21. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED (Type and of work done during most of working life, even if retired)
22. TIME OF INJURY 4:30 P. M.		23. PLACE OF INJURY (Type and of work done during most of working life, even if retired)
24. INJURY OCCURRED WHILE AT ☐ NOT WHILE AT WORK ☐		25. CITY, VILLAGE, OR LOCATION Cincinnati
26. I attended the deceased from 8:12:61		27. DATE
28. SIGNATURE P. L. H. D. CORONER, HAMILTON CO. OHIO		29. ADDRESS
30. BURIAL, CREMATION, OR OTHER DISPOSITION Buried		31. DATE
32. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY Colored Cemetery		33. LOCATION
34. NAME OF EMPLOYEE E. P. Stegall		35. ADDRESS
36. FUNERAL FIRM AND ADDRESS Pierce & People's Funeral Home 1504 John St Cincinnati, Ohio		37. DATE
38. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE Elizabeth H. Stegall		39. SUB-REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE

Reg. Div. No. <u>3101</u>		OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS		State File No. <u>050502</u>	
Primary Reg. Div. No.		CERTIFICATE OF DEATH		Registrar's No.	
1. PLACE OF DEATH a. COUNTY <u>Hamilton</u>			2. USUAL RESIDENCE a. STATE <u>Ohio</u> b. COUNTY <u>Hamilton</u>		
b. CITY, VILLAGE, OR LOCATION <u>Cincinnati</u>		c. LENGTH OF STAY IN IS <u>2 days</u>		d. CITY, VILLAGE, OR LOCATION <u>Lockland</u>	
e. NAME OF HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION <u>Jewish Hospital</u>			f. STREET ADDRESS <u>500 Wooning Avenue</u>		
g. IS PLACE OF DEATH INSIDE CITY LIMITS? <u>YES</u>			h. IS RESIDENCE INSIDE CITY LIMITS? <u>YES</u>		i. IS RESIDENCE ON A F. <u>NO</u>
3. NAME OF DECEASED (TYPE OR PRINT) <u>Clarence</u> First Middle Last <u>Wullette</u>			4. DATE OF DEATH <u>July 8 1960</u>		5. AGE (in years if Under 1 Year; if Under last birthday, Months, Days, Hours) <u>64</u>
6. SEX <u>Male</u>		7. MARRIED ☒ NEVER MARRIED ☐ WIDOWED ☐ DIVORCED ☐		8. DATE OF BIRTH <u>7-7-1896</u>	
9. COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>		10. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done) <u>Laborer</u>		11. BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY <u>(Roofing & Insulation)</u>	
12. CITIZENSHIP <u>USA</u>		13. FATHER'S NAME <u>Isaac Wullette</u>		14. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME <u>Luella Lamb</u>	
15. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U. S. ARMED FORCES? <u>NO</u>		16. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. <u>270-05-6880</u>		17. INFORMANT'S SIGNATURE <u>Lloyd Wullette</u> Address <u>9515 Crestbrook</u>	
18. CAUSE OF DEATH (Enter only one cause per line for 1a, 1b, and 1c.) PART I. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY: IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a) <u>Severe emphysema & pneumonia</u> DUE TO (b) <u>Pulmonary fibrosis</u> DUE TO (c) <u>Arteriosclerosis</u> PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT DISEASES CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO THE IMMEDIATE DISEASE CONDITION GIVEN IN PART I (a) <u>Pulmonary</u> 19. WAS AUTOPSY PERFORMED? <u>YES</u>					
20. ACCIDENT SUICIDE HOMICIDE <u>ACCIDENT</u> 20b. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED <u>While working on roof</u>					
21. TIME OF INJURY <u>11:00 a.m.</u>					
22. INJURY OCCURRED <u>WHILE AT WORK</u>					
23. PLACE OF INJURY (e.g., in or about home, farm, factory, street, after blade, etc.) <u>On roof</u>					
24. CITY, VILLAGE, OR LOCATION <u>Lockland</u>					
25. COUNTY <u>Hamilton</u>					
26. STATE <u>Ohio</u>					
27. I attended the deceased from <u>6-12-59</u> to <u>7-8-60</u> Death occurred at <u>11:00 a.m.</u> on the date stated in 4; and to the best of my knowledge, from the date stated in 4.					
28. SIGNATURE <u>Dr. R. L. B. ...</u>		29. ADDRESS <u>...</u>		30. DATE SIG <u>7/11/60</u>	
31. MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE NO. <u>...</u>		32. DATE <u>July 12, 1960</u>		33. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATOR <u>Oak Hill Cemetery</u>	
34. LOCATION <u>Glendale</u>		35. COUNTY <u>Ohio</u>		36. STATE <u>Ohio</u>	
37. NAME OF INSURANCE <u>Thomas P. Watson</u>		38. FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE <u>...</u>		39. LIC. NO. <u>...</u>	
40. FUNERAL FIRM AND ADDRESS <u>Vorhis Funeral Homes, Inc.</u>		41. STREET NO. <u>310 Dunn St.</u>		42. CITY <u>Lockland</u>	
43. STATE <u>Ohio</u>		44. ZIP CODE <u>45125</u>		45. SUB-REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE <u>...</u>	
46. DATE OF REGISTRATION <u>July 12, 1960</u>					

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS CERTIFICATE OF DEATH			
Primary Reg. Dist. No. 3101		State File No. 057585	
PLACE OF DEATH COUNTY Hamilton		USUAL RESIDENCE STATE Ohio COUNTY Hamilton	
CITY, VILLAGE, OR LOCATION Cincinnati		CITY, VILLAGE, OR LOCATION Wyoming	
NAME OF HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION Christ Hospital		STREET ADDRESS 624 Vine Street	
IS PLACE OF DEATH INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES ☒ NO ☐		IS RESIDENCE INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES ☐ NO ☒	
NAME OF DECEASED (TYPE OR PRINT) Herbert Lewis Gooch		DATE OF DEATH Aug, 15 1960	
SEX Male		AGE 63	
COLOR OF SKIN Colored		DATE OF BIRTH 2/28/1897	
USUAL OCCUPATION (Name and if a and doing 12b. Laborer		CITIZENSHIP Turnersville Ky.	
FATHER'S NAME Alex Gooch		MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME Susie Gooch Lee	
WAS DECEASED EVER IN U. S. ARMED FORCES? Yes		SOCIAL SECURITY NO. 270-05-1023	
CAUSE OF DEATH (Chief only) PART I. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY: IMMEDIATE CAUSE FOR Heart failure		INTERVAL & ONSET AND PERIOD	
CONDITION, if any, which gave rise to above cause (a) due to			
CAUSE OF DEATH (b) due to			
PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT COMMENTS, CONTRIBUTION TO DEATH NOT NOW RELATING TO THE IMMEDIATE CAUSE OF DEATH			
20a. ACCIDENT SUICIDE HOMICIDE		20b. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED	
20c. TIME OF INJURY		20d. PLACE OF INJURY	
20e. IMPACT OCCURRED		20f. CITY, VILLAGE, OR LOCATION	
21. I attended the deceased from 7 to 8 hours		22a. SIGNATURE (Doctor or nurse)	
22b. ADDRESS		22c. DATE	
23a. BURIAL, CREMATION		23b. DATE	
23c. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY		23d. LOCATION	
24. NAME OF UNDERTAKER		25. MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE	
26. FUNERAL FIRM AND ADDRESS		27. DATE REC'D BY	
28. REGISTERS SIGNATURE		29. SUB-REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE	

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Eagle Picher Lead Co. (Also Mining AND Smelting Co.)
Fibreboard Products, Inc. (SF CA)
General Asbestos & Rubber Co. (Charleston, S)
Thermoid Rubber Co. (Trenton NJ)
S Bell Asbestos Mines

1944 Armstrong Cork Asbestos Mfg. Co. (Trenton)

ETERNIT INC. (St. Louis) Bath Corp. No. Brookfield, Mass

Harbeson-Walker Asbestos Textile Co. (Huntington Ind.)

Refractories Philip Carey Mfg. Co. + Celotex Corp.

Johnson's Co. Johns-Manville Products Corp.

Ruberoid Co. U.S. Asbestos Div. of Raybestos-Mantec

Vermont Asb. Corp. Gen. Asb. & Rubber Div. "

FLINTKOTE COMPANY G.A.F. Certain-Teed Products Corp.

Group Inc. National Gypsum Co. General Motors Corp.

incl. 17 ash. mining & mfg. firms ? Kimberly-Clark - Bell Mine Div.

R.P. Green Fire Brick Co

Thermoid Textile (Trenton)

High 1941 TB rates in Telford, controversy from one local doc with cases.

1939 Am. Mpt. (Lab. I.H.) for 1939 - criticizes impinger for not trapping fibers and says ESP is 25-50% better at the

Lanza was put in charge of the visiting (?) nurses in Quebec for Met Life by 1937. Nursing promise was in 193. a basis of their insurance sales and marketing policy. We have to deliver the goods, one guy says.

Met I.H. service did survey at I.M. and