

Lawrence, Douglas Co., Kansas  
 Oct. 30, 1961

In July of this year I purchased certain photographs and personal effects of Lewis L. Dyche at the auction of the household effects of the Dyche home on Massachusetts (16 hundred block). L.L. Dyche was the founder of the Dyche museum on the campus of the University of Kansas. Included in a folder were five letters concerning museum transactions, one photo of the 44th Annual Meeting American Fisheries Society, Washington, D.C. Sept 30-Oct 3, 1914, several photographs of Dyche and 19 cards (3x5) in which was inscribed the following notes:

Blue Jay

1888

While Mrs Dyche and myself were sitting on the porch a young wren was trying to fly from a nest in the corner of the porch flew down and was within a few feet of us when a blue jay darted from a near by tree and picked up the fluttering wren. The jay carried the wren to the top of a fence a few feet away. I went in the house and got a small xL shot gun that was handy by and shot the jay. The wren had just been dropped before the jay was shot. When the jay was picked up it was found that the heart of the wren was in the jays mouth. Examination showed that a small cut had been made in the wrens side under the wing and its head had been picked out. Examination of the jays stomach showed three hearts that were larger in size than the one that was found in his mouth.

Blue Jay

May 1903

Alice Lichfield reported several young chickens killed by blue jays.

Blue Jay

Lawrence, May 1905

Saw blue jays robbing robins [robins] nest that was in a small tree near the porch. It was early in the morning. Heard robins making a fuss. Rushed down stairs from bath room - jay flew to nest tree dropping young robin that had just been pulled out of an egg. The other eggs had been eaten up as parts of the shells were on the side walk near the porch. Jay got away.