

**HAMDEN SPECIAL WAS HELD UP**  
**PHYSICIANS VACCINATED FORTY NINE NEGROES ON ACCOUNT OF**  
**SMALL POX SCARE AT HAMDEN**

Neither Physican Could Diagnose Case as Small Pox But Negroes Were Moved Out  
of Town

Hugo Husonian, February 13, 1913    *transcribed by Ron Henson*

County Health Superintendent H.L. Wright, Dr. Rutherford and County Attorney R.K. Warren, accompanied by the members of the board of Jeter township, left Hugo Friday afternoon for Hamden, where 50 negroes who were working on an extra gang for the Frisco were being held, one of them having been reported as sick with small pox. The special reached Hamden shortly after 5 o'clock Friday afternoon, and 49 negroes took the vaccination route. Many of the blacks had been previously vaccinated and thirteen of them had also had small pox, but they made no murmur against further vaccination.

The negro who is sick is broken out but neither Drs. Wright or Rutherford would declare the disease small pox. The Frisco railroad moved the car containing the sick black a quarter of a mile north of Hamden, secured the services of negroes who have had the disease for guards and nurses, and the case remains there until small pox develops or he recovers.

Excitement was high at Hamden over the case, and the authorities were besieged for relief. On the incoming special, the city authorities held it up to see that no negros were coming into the city, and the expedition was not without excitement from its start until the end of the journey, Friday night.