

Hiram Hill to Edmund Jones

Hiram Hill wrote to Edmund Jones in Lawrence, Kansas Territory, where Jones was completing construction on Hill's new house. Hill was surprised by the amount of Jones' expenses, and he insisted that Jones negotiate payment of Mr. Johnson, the plasterer. Hill planned to visit Lawrence, but was delayed by his oldest brother's illness. Hill relayed the health of Hill family members and others. He had advised Mrs. Hill to go to Kansas to improve her health. The letter ends abruptly, without a signature, and it possibly lacks pages.

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To Edmund Jones Esq

Dear Sir yours
Dated Sept 4 & mail & was received
Last week was glad to hear from you
and Lawrence people you send me
your Bill of expenses in my house, which
exceeds any thing I ever anticipated
or that you anticipated, when we
made some estimate on the expense
of amount of amount of funds that would
be necessary to do what would be necessary
to be done, I am very sorry that there
was any thing done about plastering
it never was talked of or expected by
me or Mrs. Hurd - I think she ought to
bear part of the extra expense of doing
it - it appears that it does not answer
any purpose as it falls off, I must leave
the settling with Mr Johnson to you
for I cannot tell when I shall be there
for circumstances are such it is impossible
for me to tell, My eldest brother is very
sick as long as he remains in his present
state I cannot leave he has been sick
about two months he now is almost

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helpless we have not expected he would
live from day to day for 3 weeks - if I was
there I could not tell what would be
right with Mr. Johnson therefore
I must leave that business to you as you
made the agreement with him I think
he will not expect full pay for his work
if it does not answer the purpose - if I should
take a job of putting up a house and furnish
materials for the same, and in consequence
of the materials being paid it should fall
down I should expect I should have
to make it good or no pay - I have
expected to be on my way to Kansas
about this time I am very sorry it so
that I cannot go this week without doing
violence to my feelings & the feelings of my
friends I think there may be some alterations
before many days I shall start off immediately
if there should be - Brother Otis health
is very poor he is not as well as he was last
winter the rest of his family are well -
Except Melvin whose health is very poor
Lemmy was at your house about
ten days since your family was well as
usual she said your wife expected
you home next month if I should not
get out there before you get home I hope

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you will come and see me as soon as
you can conveniently - My family are
well except Mr Hill she has a bad cold
settled on her lungs - I tell her if
she was out to Kansas she would soon
get well - there is considerable sickness
here - fevers & dysenteries - Please remember
me to Mr Whitney and tell her that her
friends are all well - except her mother
Henry's wife we heard from them last
week she was quite unwell Samuel
received her letter last week we were very
glad to hear from her & family