

## Hiram Hill to Dear Wife

Hiram Hill, a resident of Williamsburgh, Massachusetts wrote to his wife from St. Louis, Missouri, on his way to Lawrence, Kansas Territory, where he owned property. Hill had traveled by railroad and boat and was now a passenger on the steamboat Senora. Ticket prices were high due to the late season. Also on board were Erastus D. Ladd, who was elected to the Topeka free state legislature on March 30th, and Thaddeus L. Whitney, a friend and business associate. Hill also mentioned Mr. Pom[e]roy and Mr. Eldridge. Interestingly, a second letter dated December 20 and perhaps from Hill's wife to her sister-in-law (the wife of Hiram's brother Otis) was written on a blank page.

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St Lewis Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Oct 1855

Dear Wife

I arrived here this morning & started from Deavenport Friday afternoon on an excursion train per Muscatine arrived there in the eve started about 2 o'clock in the morning per Keokuck arrived there Saturday eve took Boat for this place that eve arrived here as above My boat has been some what tedious and expensive on account of the lateness of the season it will cost me from 30 to 40 Dollars more out & back than it would have been two or three weeks ago I am aboard of the Boat Seneca have to pay 20 Dollars up instead of 12 they say this is the last Boat up I find there is two or three persons aboard going up to Kansas City & Lawrence one man by the name of Sacket that I knew there he was chosen a member of the Legislature last Spring by free State Men - there is another man who is acquainted with Mr. J. C. Johnson and all



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Rest of our free State men up there  
he says Mr Eldridge and his party  
went up last week the water is very low  
in the River they say I think it will  
take us about a week to get up but I  
hope we shall get up in five days ~

My health is very good I hope this will  
find you and father and all the rest  
of our friends in joining the same grove  
Blessing Remember me to them all  
I will write you again at Kansas  
City we start from here this eve  
tell father to be a good boy

yours affectionally  
Hiram Hill

P.S. Since writing the above  
came to sit down to dinner

Who should sit down opposite to  
me but Mr Whitney he was very glad  
to see me as I was to see him he started  
from Worcester last Thursday so you  
see that I have good company I hope  
we shall have a pleasant time of it  
But we cannot tell what a day will  
bring forth we must try & be prepared  
to meet what ever awaits us Hiram Hill