

## H. M. Simpson to Hiram Hill

H. M. Simpson wrote for his brother, Samuel N. Simpson, who was in Quindaro, Kansas Territory, to Hiram Hill. H.M. confirmed that his brother had purchased land for Hill in Quindaro, and that a map of West Lawrence was in production and would be sent to Hill as soon as possible. H. M. also reported that Hill's land investments were up nearly 50% in value, and he anticipated that, without a war, they would rise even higher. He described the development of the city and roads of Quindaro. The city was expected to experience a lot of traffic with the spring emigration.

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Laurens 16<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1857  
Hiram Hill Esq.  
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Yours of the 5<sup>th</sup> inst. is just received. My Brother being at Laurens now, and as we do not have opportunity of sending very readily - I will answer your letter now and will send your letter to him the very first opportunity.

My Brother informs me that he had purchased some land for you near the new city - Laurens - but I am not aware how much - nor what price. The purchase is considered a good one - as parties have offered 50 pr. ct. advance on the whole purchase.

We shall have maps of Laurens as soon as they can be lithographed - and I will see that you have one. I have the drawings now so that I know what your lots are - but I suppose it would be unimportant to send you a list until you could see the map.

The present market value of your half interest in M. Laurens is eighteen hundred & fifty dollars. Your lots in Laurens have advanced within the past six or eight weeks 50 pr. ct. and unless we have a war the probability is that they

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will be still higher in the Spring.

In regard to the new city I understand I will say - the distance from Lawrence is 31 miles by the new surveyed route - the road & bridges are now being constructed on the short route. The road now travels being some 40 mls. from L. and a very fair road.

By a recent survey and also by former ones they have ascertained that the river bed for one mile front of Quindaro is a solid ledge - so that there is no possibility of sand bars ever being formed. Their landing, therefore, could not be surpassed probably, on the river.

All money received now for shares will be expended in the city - for grading and other improvements.

There will be a Hotel ready to open in early Spring.

A share consists of 10 lots - 25 by 125 - and some of them 25 by 150 feet.

The present price is from 500. to 700. \$ thou at \$ 500. purchaser guarantees to make a certain amount of improvement - but if you wish a share I will save one for you at \$ 500. <sup>without improvement</sup> one month.

The Spring Emigration will undoubtedly all come that way - arrangements have been made to run 2 boats between L. & Lawrence on the Kansas.

There will probably soon be a Rail road connection between Quindaro & The Hannibal & St. Joseph road.

Yours truly,

H. M. Simpson  
by Wm. Cleland