

## Hiram Hill to Samuel Newell Simpson

Hiram Hill wrote from Williamsburgh, Massachusetts, to S.N. Simpson in Kansas Territory. Hill expressed frustration that he was not receiving the information he requested from Simpson about the site and shares he had invested in the new town, most likely Quindaro. Hill suspected he was paying more than other investors per share, which he claimed was unjust since he "was the first one that set that new town in motion".

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Williamsburgh January 22 1857

S. N. Simpson

Dear friend - The long expected  
Letter from you dated January 10 came to hand  
this week in which you say nothing about the  
Land you purchased for me in Wyandot in October  
you told me in a Letter dated October 30 you  
had purchased for me near your new Town  
for which you said you were going to make  
nightingales nest track I wanted to know some-  
thing about that investment how much land you  
had purchased and where it lies and how much  
you paid for it and in relation to an interest in the  
your Town you say you have secured me one  
Share for you and I don't know why I should  
pay double what others paid at the time  
I wrote you in relation to an interest in that  
Town I certainly have done as much as almost  
any other man in building up Kansas there  
is not but a few that have had as much at  
stake in Kansas as I have had liable to  
be disbarred at any time I think I think  
you are the first one that set that new Town  
in motion - it was at the time Whitman  
and I had a talk with Doct. Lakin's agent  
Wm. H. H. that I had so much confidence in his  
place that I placed 1500 Dollars in it I have

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To be justified there for me Mr. Whitman  
 wrote me ~~April~~ May 1 that he had been and  
 those lands and was confident there could be  
 money made by investing there you wrote  
 September the 20 you had been at Wyandotte  
 and you had made arrangements so that you  
 could have the first choice in land there  
 and you would make investments there  
 for me you thought greatly to Mr. Adams  
 so I sent you an order for the funds that in  
 the hands of Dr. L. J. King and Wright for you  
 to invest there <sup>for me</sup> <sup>you wrote me Oct 30 saying you</sup> cannot see why you are  
 justly entitled to two or three shares in that  
 town as low as any who were the first purch-  
 sers - that is if I had funds in your hands  
 if not then I have no claims now let us see  
 what you have