

Hiram Hill to H.M. Simpson

Hiram Hill drafted a letter from Williamsburgh, Massachusetts, to H. M. Simpson, brother of Samuel N. Simpson, in Kansas Territory. Hill responded to H. M.'s favorable impressions of property investments in K.T., and hoped that his anticipations would come to pass. Hill planned to travel to the Territory as soon as his affairs were in order, and inquired about further investment prospects and the going wage for construction tradesmen. He spoke favorably of Governor Gerry (sic, Geary), but feared that the "bogus legislature" would impede his ability to govern.

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H. M. Simpson Esq

Dear friend yours
of Jan 20 came to hand last. Enc in
Reply I would say that of 16 and 20 inst
came to hand in due time in your first you
say you B. at the war at Dunderberg received a
line from him dated at that place 10 inst that
gives a very flattering account of property in
Lawrence and meet Lawrence I hope all
your anticipations will be fully realized and
that you and yours and all the inhabitants of
Lawrence will live long to enjoy the peace
you have so long and so hard struggled for. I think
if our forefathers were intitled to their freedom
the free state people are intitled to theirs
I see by the paper that you are trying to
get a university established there I hope you
will succeed in the enterprise for it will do
much towards establishing the right kind of
freedom I think Gov. Perry if surrounded
by the right kind of influence he would be
quite a decent man and Governor I think
his message take it as a whole is a pretty
fair document but I am afraid the legisla-
ture will not heed his recommendations
in your last you make some inquiries about
the University house and certain conditions

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I do not know what would be best - you
probably could judge better than I can. But it
rather appears to me that if the present accounts
should not want it any longer than spring
it will rent to some one for a dwelling or shop
the rent to be paid monthly - your brother new
wrote me for what length of time he had rented
it for I suppose it will be some months before
the Hotel in process of erection will be completed
so as to occupy. I will leave the matter for you
to arrange as you think best - I think now I shall
come out there if I can arrange my matters here
so I can leave - I hope I shall get a letter from
your brother in answer to three that I have
written him - before many days I want to know
how he has invested the funds in his hands -
for I want to invest a little more somewhere
in Kansas if there is any prospect that
it will pay - I hope you will send me a
map of West Lawrence as soon as you can
and the lots that belongs to us - what is
the prospect for joiners & carpenters - and brick
and stone masons what wages could they get
for seven or eight months what could be
guaranteed to good workmen say 3 on 4



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Francis H. Sans Esq Dear Sir

Will you please forward me two
Shares of Rock Island and Chicago & Rock
it being the 12 1/2 per cent Dividend
Due me from that Company

Dear Sir will you
please forward me two Shares Chicago
and Rock Island Rail Road the same
being Due me on acct of the recent
12 1/2 per cent Dividend

Yours Respectfully