

Albert C. Morton to Hiram Hill

Albert Morton wrote from Leavenworth City, Kansas Territory, to Hiram Hill in Massachusetts. Morton reported that there was "a good deal of excitement out for Pikes Peak" and many Leavenworth citizens spoke of traveling there to dig for gold the following spring. His investments were not earning him much money, and he expressed his desire to sell land in order to pay what he owed to Hill and Abelard Guthrie.

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*Good of Pikes
Peak*

Leavenworth City January 27/59

Mr Hill

Dear yours Dated Dec. 28 was
 received by me two or three days ago & sent.
 & as it is Saturday Eve. (just on my way up
 to my boarding place) I call for Mr Char-
 wick who now is boarding at Dr. Andersons
 with me & as he will me to wait a few min-
 utes for him. Thinking that this would be
 a good opportunity to answer yours I resume
 my pen accordingly. Mr Charwick is writ-
 ing in the Records office here at Leaven-
 worth has been there some four weeks & he &
 myself stop at the Doctors that use to be in
 our house at Quindaro. my health has got
 to be quite good again & trust I have got most
 acclimated to this country. for I have had a
 very tuff time of it. never knew what sick-
 ness was before. & it has cost me considerable
 for Doctors to not advise here for nothing. I am
 at here in the City. have two Dollars per day. &
 am very well contented & never shall leave
 this country to come East to live at

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pleasant without the Ague drives me off for
if I have got to shake every year as I did this
last summer I could not stand it long & should
be obliged to leave.

Mr Hill there is a good deal of excitem-
ent out to Lakes, Pa. every one talks of going
here in Leavenworth next spring to buy Goats
for it is reported here that there is no hum-
bug a boat it. many that I have been acquainted
with here, are there & give good & encouraging
reports. I men that can be relied upon say
that it is far superior to that of California the
Goat found there is of a better quality. They ave-
rage from ten to twenty Dollars per boy at
the minute, whose they have no convictions
for dying. & it is thought if with necessary
tools &c. that they can do far better.

Mr Hill there is some projects under
foot at Leavenworth that is working very well
Mr Chubbuck says he saw you just before
leaving Leavenworth & he rate you some of
the movements. things have broken up there
since Fall a good deal so I am told I
hope for my part there will be a good deal
of change so I even dispose of my interest
there & some day I get rid of paying so

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much interest money for. This paying money
out for the use of money & build houses is not
the thing. the house has ~~just~~ paid about twenty
five Dollars since last April. it is hard work
to rent it at any price for it is hard getting to
it. it is impossible to get any where ^{on} it with-
out going up the hill & coming around the
hill & then come down. but things are looking
much better for Leander the paper is started
a gain so you receive a copy. they advertise
that they should send to those all subscribers
as I should send you one word & then.
Could we get rid of the house next spring I sh-
ould like it much better for I could have
six or eight houses for what that house cost.
as things was represented to us I think it is a
shame for Guthrie to tell us that we
must pay the other four hundred dollars
for it will be impossible for me to get any
much sum. for if I could I should be happy
to let him have it. for he likes to us & the
new that they would not do anything as
they agreed to. but I am willing to let
any part of mine interest go & would
like to let it all go so I could settle
up with you & him & I would be

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the best I could with Father for I can stay
here & work & pay him in time. I would like
to come East & visit but as I have been sick
so much it has been impossible for me.
& as I am about to close Mrs Chubb's visit
to be remembered & say that he has sent
you a copy of the Chubbawumb & with the
etern worthy of note, the Grand River
Rail Road is put under Contract & as
I am in haste as I would write more than
is told as these things I wish to speak
about but this is time will not
permit & will visit you soon

Albert C. Morton
Leavenworth
Center
Kansas

As I have not got this seal & as Mr Anderson
has just step in to accompany us home
& he wish me to say one word for him, the
Doctor trusts for the east in two or three
days & he will be in Mass & he may call &
see you he wishes me to give him your place
of residence & if convenient will call & visit
you or when time is short