

## **Thomas Ewing, Jr., to Thomas Ewing, Sr.**

Writing to his father from Leavenworth, K.T., Thomas Ewing, Jr., described the prospects for "good bargains" in Delaware lands. "Hamp" went to secure 1,000 acres for Ewing, Sr., which they hoped to acquire for \$3.00 per acre. Ewing, Jr., addressed additional transactions that he was considering for his father and others.

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Leavenworth, Kansas  
July 14, 1857.

Dear Father,

Hamp went out to the  
Belaware lands the Tuesday after you  
left us. I sent by him \$4250 to  
secure you a thousand acres of land.  
He expects to get it at about three  
dollars an acre. The cost will depend  
not only on the character of the land  
but also on the location. He will endeavor  
to get it near the Kansas river; as  
the timber is more abundant thereabout  
& the land will be enhanced in value  
by the construction of the rail road to the  
Valley. I think it likely that  
some of the money may be used in these  
lands. I hope Andrew has sent  
the cash.

The funds taken by  
Hamp swept me safe. We have  
no funds to advance Phil Haw-  
ley towards the purchase of the  
five acre lot. He seems in-  
clined to buy it. It is left with

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us for sale before 1<sup>st</sup> August at \$300  
an acre. I think Phil can not  
do better. He has \$320 worth of  
land and I will require an  
advance of \$1.150. If purchased  
please remit the amt. in cash  
or exchange on St  
Louis, which will be a good

I give you on this  
page an exhibit of our acct with the  
Mill purchaser - not including the 54000  
act. You will see that we have already  
provided for the cash payment on all  
the undisputed land = \$21,689.26 - and  
have a small surplus.

We shall have to provide  
for the \$4310.72 due on the 14<sup>th</sup> for a  
purchase - The land I have dealt with  
Hamp to buy for and will cover  
the whole of that. and not more than  
cover one portion. If Phil has it, as I  
understand he was to have, we shall have  
a surplus of \$1,016.94, or there about, in  
your hands - supposing Hamp to receive  
the whole of the \$4250 for you.

It may be I shall see  
some fine chances for investment



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at Osaukee, where I go in a day or  
two to see Hamp & advise with him.  
If so, I may insist & draw on  
you. There are funds of which I can  
obtain the use for a week or two without  
cost, until I get the cash on the draft.  
I think it most probable however  
that I shall insist nothing for Boyle or  
myself.

Fant declares he was to  
have had  $\frac{1}{32}$  unconditionally in the  
24.5 acres, if he should choose that, accor-  
ding to the verbal understanding. It would be  
conditional by the written, which he says he never  
knew to understand. Considering his aid  
in making the sale to Sanders (he brought  
Sanders to me), & considering how much he  
it is to have misunderstandings where there  
are not any for a purpose. I think he  
has better let me have it unconditionally -  
This I see to come under the sale to Sanders as  
well as the rest.

I can not well go before  
1 August - in fact not until Hamp comes  
from sales, which may be a little later. My  
best love to Ellen, Mother & all  
affectionately,

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Cash Sales to Feb, 14 of the undisputed  
lands bought of D. Mills -

1. 8 lots to P. Leavenworth \$2500
  2. 8 acre lot, 1/2 cent = 1906.66
  3. 5 acre lot, 1/2 " 600
  4. 1/2 acre to P. Leavenworth 720
  5. 118 acres to Sanders in hand 3750.
- By 3 Sept 14,000 - 23,776.66

Deduct Commission being 2 1/2 per  
Cent on 81,840 \$, Cash & Credit  
Sales to date =

2,046.00

Leaving to be applied towards  
the 21,689.26 \$ Cash Payment  
the undisputed lands = \$21,720.66

Which sum is accounted for  
as follows:

1. Forwarded you \$5,306.66
2. Boyle has a sight  
draft for 1,400.
3. Dft of 3 Sept 14,000.
4. Paid over to J,  
W. & Faint 896.67

21,603.33

Balance unpaid