

That there was considerable interest in Florida land and business opportunities among Hill's associates in the early '80's is evinced in the correspondence for 1884. See letter from David Young to Hill, filed at beginning of 1884 in which he wishes to borrow \$10,000 "to carry out my schemes in Florida." Also see letter from Young to Hill, January 12, 1884 in which he mentions "developing my orange grove and town site.. on the Florida Southern R.R."

Other associates making winter vacations in Florida, such as J.H.Sanders, who

wrote Hill from J. [redacted]ville where he was staying at the S. [redacted] Hotel. He lauded the proprietor of this hotel, remarking, "I wish you had as good a man for the Hotel Lafayette."

General correspondence by date