Hill, Alexander (A.S.D.) March 10, 1878 Hill to his brother, Alexander Hill James Hill is here for a few days. He ran up from Belvidere, Ill. James Brooks has not done anything worth mentioning since he came West. I have cut him loose entirely. "While I do not blame his mother, poor woman, for spoiling him, still ... thro' here he has grown up a lazy boy." Sends \$50 for Mary's family. I think it better to have Father's remains in the same spot with our mothers especially as it contains also so many of the relatives and friends of his lifetime. I will gladly pay for a good monument. Sorry to hear Emma [Alex.'s

wife?] is not well.

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