

Hill, James J.-Biograp^y - April 22, 1896

Henry Hall to James J. Hill.

Encloses typed copy of biographical sketch with corrections and additions in J.J.Hill's handwriting. It contains a good account of Hill's early business associations as follows

"Naturally attracted to the spot where the most was going on, the young Canadian made a pleasant impression upon J.W.Bass & Co., to whom he presented himself, agents of the Dubuque & St. Paul Packet Co., and they employed him forthw. . . . About a year later, the agency was transferred to Bronson, Lewis

& White. A comparable fellow, interested in his work, willing to put himself to inconvenience for the sake of employees, he remained with them nearly three years and then spent one year with Temple & Beaupré and four years with Borup & Champlin, agents for the Galena Packet Co. and the Davidson line of river steamers... In 1865, having mastered the details of the river trade, he took the agency of The North Western Packet Co. and continued in that position until the consolidation of the Northwestern and Davidson line in 1867."

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