

Hill, J.J. -- Biographical Data.

Compiled from memorandum attached to letter of J.J.Hill to Wheelock, May 20, 1893 in which Hill states, "I enclose you a correct biographical memorandum which will aid you in any matter referring to my early life."

Born, Sept. 16, 1838 near Guelph, in what was then Upper Canada.

School Rockwood Academy (7th to 15th year).
Left school at father's death and became a clerk in a store for 2 years.

1856. Left Canada early in year, traveled through Eastern states, and in July arrived in St. Paul.

Worked
3 yrs. Brunson, Lewis & White, agents
for for Dubuque Packet Company.

Worked
1 yr. Temple and Beaupre.
for

Worked Borup & Champlin, who were agents
4 yrs. for old a' na Packet Line and
for the Davidson Line.

1861. With Capt. E.y.Shelley raised cavalry company - company was not received by Minnesota, but later, was by Iowa.
1865. Took agency of Northwestern Packet Co.
1867. Gave up agency of packet co. when Northwestern & Davidson lines merged.
- 1867
to 1869. Engaged in general transportation & fuel business.
- 1869
- 1875 In firm (H), Griggs & Co. which carried on general transportation

business and were consignees and agents of St. Paul & Pacific Railroad.

1870. Established Red River Transportation company and opened up for first time regular & direct communication between St. Paul and Fort Garry.
1871. Consolidated Red River Transportation Co. with Kittson's line - established daily line on Red River between Moorhea & Winnipeg. Continued until completion of railroad to St. Vincent.

Late in 1873 Began to t matter of acquiring

defaulted bonds of St. Paul & Pacific R.R. with Donald Smith, George Stephen and Norman Kittson.

1875. Established Northwestern Fuel Co. with C.W.Griggs, E.N.Saunders & Wm. Rhodes, but Hill did not enter into much of the business of this company. Most of his time was given to the business of the Red River Transportation Co.
1876. With Donald Smith, Norman Kittson and George Stephen purchased the bonds of the St. Paul & Pacific R.R. Co. and

acquired the railroad, which was re-organized as the St. Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba Railway Co.

1878. Sold Northwestern Fuel Co. to E.N. Saunders and Hon. Wm. L. Scott of Erie, Pa.

1879
-1882 General Manager of St. Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba Railway Co.

1882-
1883 Vice-president of St. Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba Railway Co.

1883 President of above railroad.

1880 -

1882

With nine other capitalists
Hill engaged in the organizing
and building of the Canadian P
Pacific R.R.

1883

Sold his interest in the Canadian
Pacific R.R.

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It is possible that there is material about Hill in the files of the Northwest Magazine.

See: Stephen Conday [?] to Hill, April 9,
1888.

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See the following magazines:

Saturday Eve. Post, Aug. 10, 1901 [is this the
Iowa publication?]

World's Work May, 1901

Review of Reviews June, 1900

Munsey's June, 1902