

Kennedy, John S.

Came to New York from Glasgow in 1850. Identified himself with the interests of the New York Chamber of Commerce of the state of New York early in his business career, and was a member for nearly forty years. He was a vice-president of this organization at the time of his death in 1909. (Oct. 31)

In 1856 he became associated with the firm of Morris K. Jesup as a banker, and remained with Jessup for ten years, when he established the house of John S. Kennedy & Co. , and continued with it until his retirement

Kennedy, John S. (card 2)

[1883 ~~or 1889~~]. He became associated with J.J.Hill in building the Manitoba Road as well as the Canadian Pacific R.R. He was one of the incorporators of the Union Pacific Railroad, and was connected with the Clevelan & Pittsburgh Railroad, the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy R.R., the Fort Wayne & Chicago R.R., and several others. He was a great philanthropist, being especially interested in the Presbyterian Hospital of New York. He gave a million dollars to this hospital on the celebration of his fiftieth wedding anniversary. He built the United Charities Building, as well as home for nurses of the Presbyterian Hospital of New York.

Kennedy, John S. (card 3)

Kennedy was a trustee of Columbia College for several years, and gave liberally to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Lenox Library and the New York Historical Society. He died in 1909.

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*See calendar of Kennedy's letters to Hill*

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Hill's letters to Kennedy in the early years are often copied into the St. Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba letterbook.

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While Kennedy was vice president of the Manitoba Road in the 1880's, he wrote to Hill very frequently, discussing, as only he could do, the best course for Hill to take in investments; bond issues; stock ups and downs in Wall Street, where he was a most successful financier; relations with the Canadian Pacific Road, with which he was intimately connected; Hill's own personal finances, investments, politics, etc. There is a calendar of his letters, day by day, over the years, with rather full resumes of the important ones.

General Correspondence by Date

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See

St. Anthony Falls Water Power Co., 1856-1903