M.J. Fadden to James J. Hill.

Will be able to get a good position on a steamboat if Hill will recommend him as a "good steamboat man on Western Rivers."

J.J.Hill evidently sent the letter, with a note, to "EVH" [E.V.Holcombe], asking if he knows the man. Holcombe replied, on the same letter stating, "Yes he was a member of the Fadden family - & a deck hand with Alex Griggs when I went up there. I made him a mate later on..."