



## Reed and Hyde Families Papers.

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This is Hyde Henderson Hawk - as explained fully elsewhere  
in the record - G.W. Hyde bought him out.

A.D.H. H. Hawk

Joliet, Sept 1, 1865

To G. W. Hyde,

Buy or Sell

I propose to give or take Thirteen Thousand Five Hundred (13,500) Dollars for the Grist Mill including the lease Water lots upon which it stands, commencing at the Canal wall one foot south of southwest corner of the wooden flour storage & office. ~~Then~~ <sup>Thence</sup> easterly & paralell with said flour storage & office building to the street. Thence along said street northerly to Southeast corner of Alanza Leachs ~~Lots~~ <sup>Lots</sup> ~~Cots.~~ Thence westerly along said Leachs south line to the canal. Thence down said canal to the beginning with the first right of water for an economical waterwheel to propel six runs of 4 feet Millstones & one machine wheel as now in use together with all fixtures pertaining to the Joliet Milles as now in use with the exclusive right of a grist & flouring mill as now used under the lease from Canal trustees to H. Howk & John B. Preston ~~Burton~~. Said mill to pay the annual rent to the canal of \$642.25. Also including lots 8-9-10-11-12-13 in block 41 with their fixtures mill houses ~~barns~~ <sup>\*</sup> sheds, corn cribs & a contained on the said lots together with right of way across the corner of Lot 15 in Block 41 which shall be agreed upon by the parties. All the balance of lease lots & water rights including lots 14 & 15 in Block 41 contained in the lease of canal trustees to H. Howk & J. B. Preston to remain the joint property H. Howk & G. W. Hyde with the right to erect any Hydraulic work, under the lease except Grist or Flouring Mill. No building is to be erected on the lot adjoining the mill unless the north wall of such building is stone nor shall the building extend easterly on the grist mill lot more than 65 feet from the Hydraulic wall & common way is to be left the balance of the distance out to the wall street and for at least 50 feet south of grist mill line & a free egress of water from the said grist mill which as it now runs & forever maintained, <sup>Water</sup> may be drawn from canal by owner of the grist mill to a greater extent than now used by allowing party owning the half interest of lease exclusive of mill the right

\* Farmers brought their wheat or corn in their wagons and stayed

over night, or if delayed perhaps a day or two with their teams & family if the family is along on the trip. This was part of "Custom Milling"; A.D.H. 10/9/04

to draw as much as an equivalent

other \_\_\_\_\_ preliminaries to be a added ~~deed~~ hereafter.

Joliet, Sept 1, 1865

H. Howk

Watertown Dec 22d 1870

Mr. Hawke

Ridgway of —

Geneva Annied here is  
wanting £2.500 & keeping  
House & family in the House.  
Place will be sold in —  
July — to the highest bidder  
discharging his Mortgage  
settles the Estate as to the  
Heirs, and creates titles —  
his Mortgage goes to a sum  
paid off. The cost of Foreclosure will  
be about £1100.

Don't believe it will bring  
the most you say.  
Warren can't meet  
any amount here. When  
it all goes off —  
and of course you  
would be liable  
for the kid

This place is in bad  
conditions - forces all  
your east road  
out it in Second Repairs

It is now drawing  
now we have good  
slipping - late rains  
fall hard for butter  
and sowing of hay  
the runy. land another side.

Yesterday. say 12 hours hardly  
man closed eyes. To day received  
a little but. my hopes are  
little of his rallying much  
three years and a half now  
since first attack and am  
half of the nights I have  
not had and undisturbed nights  
rest

Telegraphed Wm. Maitland yesterday  
children will be all  
home. Christmas off.  
hope you are all well & Boon

Watertown Feby 5/71

Mr H. Nowk Dear sir  
I understand that  
Mr Hyde wants two  
Hundred dollars for  
the foreclosing of the  
Mortgage & Mrs Sikes  
Expences as this place  
has been advertised  
for sale I would like  
to secure a portion  
of the lot if it is  
going to benefit  
Mrs Sikes I will pay  
all that it is worth  
as it joins my lot  
I want the back part  
that leaves the front  
which will be all the  
garden that Mrs Sikes  
will want and help to

Secure her a home if  
the place is sold at  
at auction the opinion  
of the People are that  
it will not bring  
more than five or six  
hundred dollars as it  
is all in very bad  
repair the fences are  
most all gone and the  
<sup>House</sup> wants some repairs by  
selling the back part  
of the lot will help  
Mrs Sikes to repair the  
house their is three  
or four that is looking  
for the place because  
they expect to get it  
for ~~more~~ nothing and  
get the rise on it as  
Property is advancing  
Here very fast as regards  
Mrs Sikes Interest they

are very much unconcerned  
the House will probably  
rent for 100 Dollars per  
year which will help  
to support her ~~as~~ portion  
of the house I mean that  
gives her a home if the  
whole property must  
be sold I would like  
to buy it at private sale  
I will <sup>pay</sup> all it is worth  
Mr Hawk Please see  
Mr Hyde state my wishes  
and favour me with an  
early reply

John F. Leppe