

Of a few hard knocks & bruises I felt very thankful when once more safely harpoured in the Steamer I descended at the supper table they all came on board at different times the last party had their supper at 1:00 clock the next morning at length we reached Kansas City being 7 days making our Journey from St Louis we were all glad to leave the Boat being quite tired of the Voyage we had our luggage removed to a large Hotel on the Levee near the landing of the Steamer called then Union house but now the American House at that time this was the only hotel in the city of Kansas & their charges was very high but there was no choice.

Now the authors first Tour of Exploration to find a suitable Location

But in the first <sup>place</sup> I think it would be right to give a description of the City of Kansas & in the next place take a high glance at the persons that composed our band of Emigrant or Pioneers — Many persons writing in letters to their friends & for the Newspapers have greatly misrepresented Kansas City some have stated that it was a place of no account very dirty & filthy & that the houses appeared to have been inhabited by Pigs & Dogs only this in my estimation was far from being correct others have stated that it was a poor little unimprovable place whose trade was getting worse & worse every year & that while other places was going down but this is a G.W.P.