

Highland Kansas T. July 23, 1857

This agreement made and concluded at the date of this instrument, between the Highland Iron Company by John Bayler President of said Company of first part; And D. S. Chapson & John Bayler of the second part, and is as follows to wit: The said party of the first part; agrees to & with the said parties of the second part, to give them the job of building ~~a~~ a Brick Hotel on the Town of Highland, near the place where the bricks are being laid. The Bricks to be furnished on the ground by the party of the first part; The building to be of the size of 28 feet wide by 55 feet long on Main Street. Two stories high; The lower story, 9 1/2 feet high between joints, & the upper one, 8 feet do. All the materials, to be furnished by the parties of the second part, with the exception of the Brick. The foundation of said Building to be of Stone of suitable width & thickness to support the same, the whole to be laid in lime & sand, & in a substantial manner. The foundation to be dug out & laid at least 18 inches below the surface of the ground. That part of the wall above the surface of the ground to be faced at least 3 inches on an average above the surface of the ground.