

John L. Wilson to Joseph P. Wilson
April 27, 1854
Sauk Rapids, MN

To J. P. Wilson, Esq.
Dear Brother,

Your note for Mr. Coldwell is duly received and the favor highly appreciated. I think I can suit Mr. Coldwell if he concludes to stop in Minnesota. You also spoke of my laying out a town up here. I had just been running out once last week in connection with S. B. Lowry and [Henry?] Fillmore, if you come up I will let you have [an?] interest that you can make a speak from. It is opposite the landing at this place and is bound to be a place of importance as the country back will support it. We shall call the place Arcadia or Saint Cloud.

There are quite a number of newcomers which have settled near here and we expect a heavy German emigration west of our new town. [for the chamberlain?]

I send you some of my large heavy cards to hang in Hotels, Steamboats, Law Offices, and Post Office. Please cause them to be distributed and much oblige (I also inclose a few small cards.) Let Capt. Dodge have one in his office, E.A. Hall one, and some at the hotels, P.O. Saloons, one card and few at Saint Paul. I have 30 of the large size, 200 circulars and the same number small cards.

Yours Truly,
Jno L. Wilson