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U.S. PREEXP. & SURVEYS 38TH & 39TH PARALLELS.



J. M. Stanley, from a sketch by R. H. Kern.

Lith. by A. Horn & Co. Balto.

SANGRE DE CRISTO PASS LOOKING TOWARDS SAN LUIS VALLEY.

Bald Peaks in the distance.

Sierra Blanca in the distance.

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Across the Continent

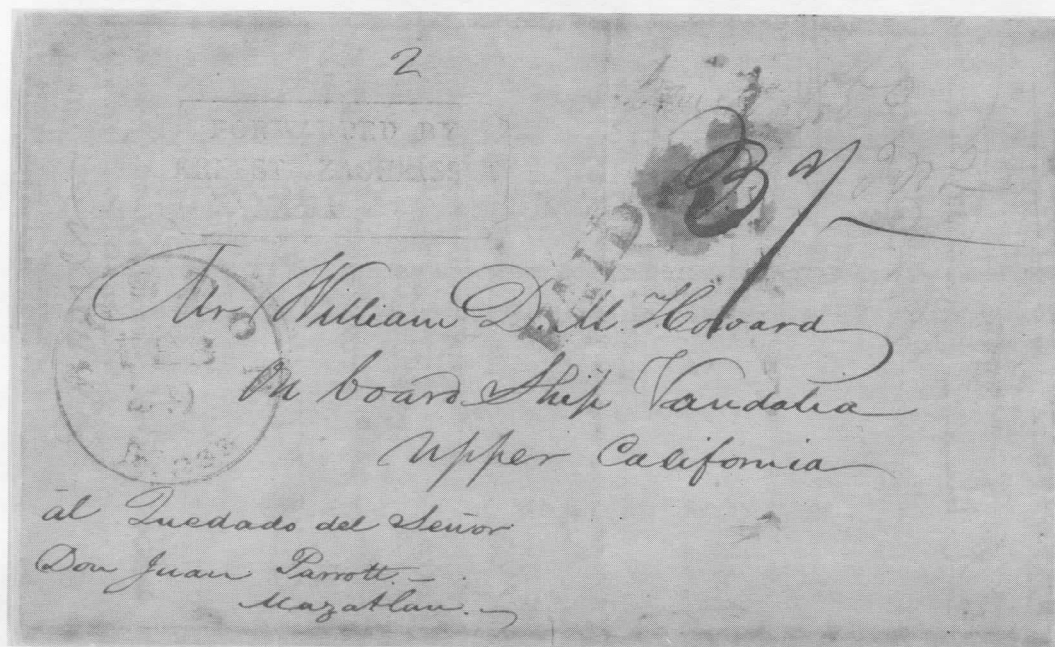
(Continued from Heliograph #26)

Exhibit of George Jay Kramer

TO SHIP VAUDALIA

UPPER CALIFORNIA

FEBRUARY 29, 1844



USPO BOSTON FEBRUARY 29
CARRIED PRIVATELY TO PANAMA

PROBABLY TO NEW YORK
FORWARDED BY ERNEST ZACHRISSON
"TO THE CARE OF JOHN PARROTT, CONSUL OF THE UNITED STATES, MAZATLAN"
ADDRESSEE "ON BOARD SHIP VAUDALIA UPPER CALIFORNIA"

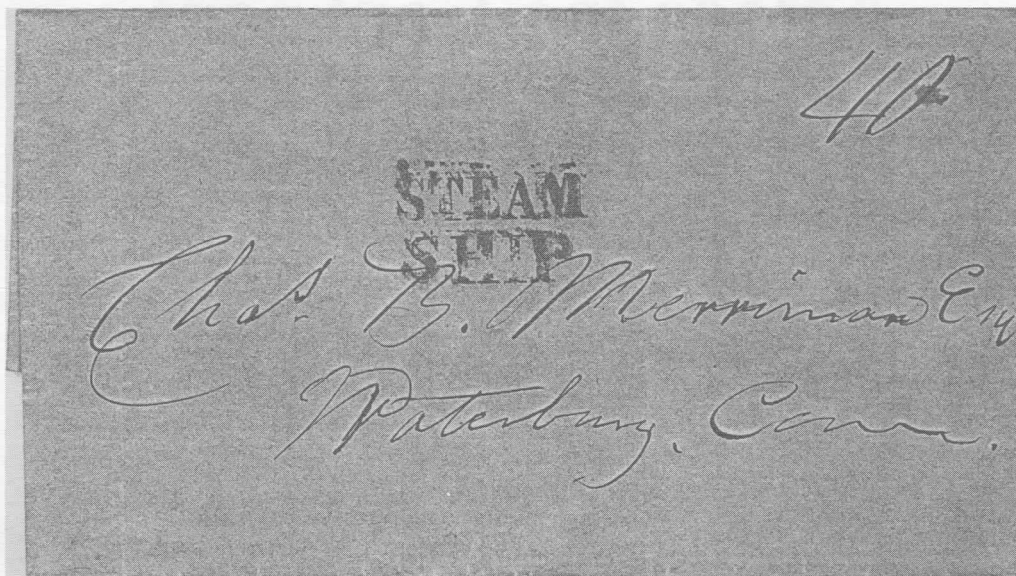
RATE: PREPAID 37 1/2 CENTS. FROM 1825 UNTIL JULY 1, 1845, THE DOMESTIC RATE BETWEEN 150 AND 400 MILES WAS 18 3/4 CENTS; THIS LETTER WAS CHARGED 37 1/2 CENTS BECAUSE THERE WERE TWO PIECES OF PAPER. WHY THIS LETTER DOES NOT HAVE ANY OTHER OFFICIAL MARKINGS IS A MYSTERY. PERHAPS, ZACHRISSON OR SOMEONE OF HIS DIRECTION, WAS IN THE (NEW YORK ?) POST OFFICE AT THE TIME THE LETTER ARRIVED AND WAS GIVEN THE LETTER TO CARRY. "2" IS PENNED ABOVE THE FORWARDER MARKING; ADDITIONALLY, ".50" IS LIGHTLY MARKED IN PENCIL IN THE UPPER RIGHT CORNER.

THE ADDRESSEE, WILLIAM HOWARD OF BOSTON WAS SENT TO SEA AS A CABIN BOY IN 1839. FROM 1843 UNTIL 1845 HE WAS SUPERINTENDENT OF THE "SHIP VAUDALIA". IN 1845, HE AND A PARTNER OPENED A STORE IN SAN FRANCISCO AND EVENTUALLY HAD BRANCHES IN SACRAMENTO AND SAN JOSE; HE SOLD OUT IN 1850 AND RETIRED AS A RICH MAN AT AGE 31. THERE IS A STREET NAMED AFTER HIM IN SAN FRANCISCO.

FORWARDED BY
ERNEST ZACHRISSON
PANAMA

STEAM SHIP

JANUARY 30, 1850

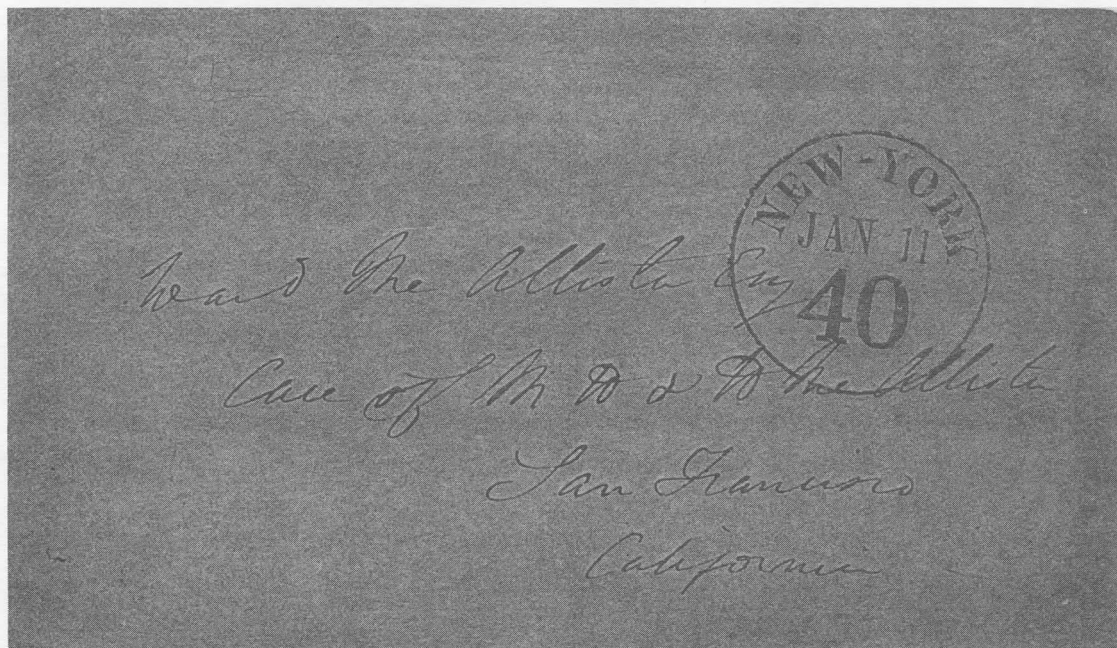


LV SAN FRANCISCO FEBRUARY 1 PER PMSS "PANAMA"
 PROBABLE LV CHAGRES MARCH 13 PER USMSS "OHIO"
 WATERBURY, CONNECTICUT

ARR PANAMA FEBRUARY 23
 ARR NEW YORK MARCH 25

THE "STEAM SHIP" MARKING WAS PLACED UPON MAIL GIVEN TO AN AGENT AT THE LEVEE OR ON BOARD SHIP.
 THIS UNPAID LETTER FOLLOWED THE SAME ROUTING AS THE "BENECIA STRAIGHTLINE" COVER SHOWN EARLIER.

NEW YORK CIRCULAR UNPAID MARKING



NEW YORK

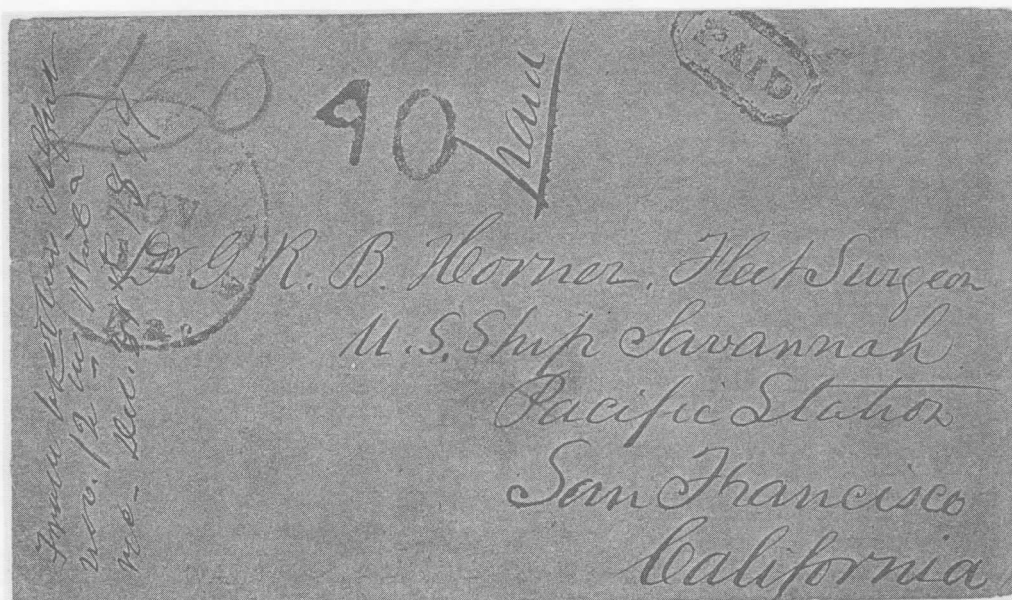
VIA PANAMA

SAN FRANCISCO

THIS CIRCULAR MARKING IS UNKNOWN AFTER 1851.

TO U.S. SHIP SAVANNAH PACIFIC STATION

NOVEMBER 12, 1849



USPO PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA NOVEMBER 12
 LV NEW YORK NOVEMBER 13 PER EMPIRE "CRESCENT CITY"
 LV PANAMA DECEMBER 6 PER PMSS "CALIFORNIA"
 M/S "REC - DEC 31ST 1849" ... "FROM BROTHER ALFRED"

NEW YORK
 ARR CHAGRES NOVEMBER 25+
 ARR SAN FRANCISCO DECEMBER 28

THE BLUE "PHILADA Pa." + "40" + BOXED "PAID" STRIKES ARE NOT COMMON AS A COMBINATION.

REATERED 40 CENTS UNPAID

JUNE 3, 1849



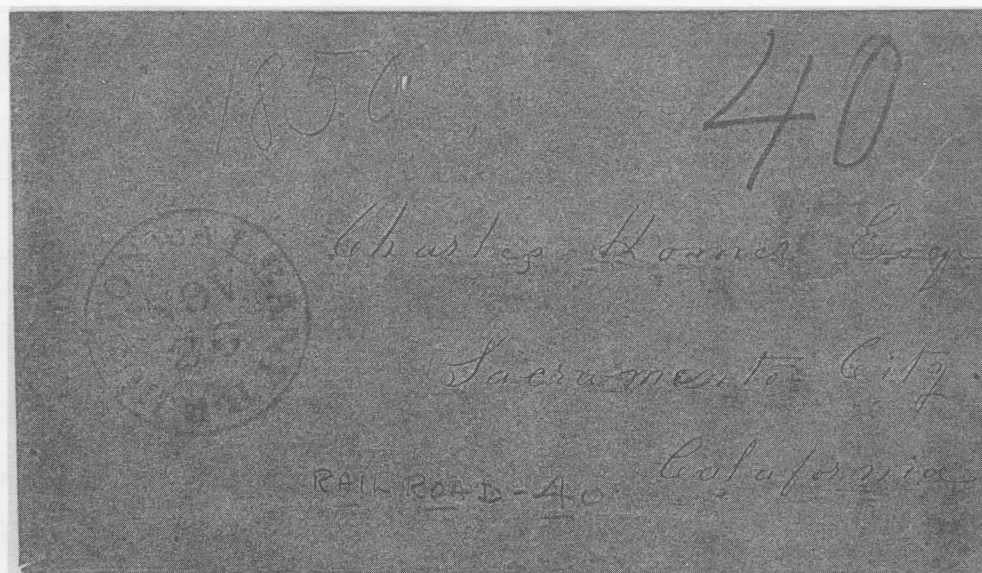
M/S USPO RICHMOND DALE, OHIO JUNE 7
 LV NEW YORK JUNE 28 PER USMSS "FALCON"
 LV PANAMA JULY 29 PER PMSS "PANAMA"

NEW YORK
 ARR CHAGRES JULY 19
 ARR SAN FRANCISCO AUGUST 18

THIS COVER WAS FIRST RATED "10" CENTS COLLECT AND THEN RATERED "40"

BOSTON & ALBANY RAILROAD

NOVEMBER 26, 1850



BOSTON & ALBANY R.R. NOVEMBER 26
LV NEW YORK DECEMBER 11 PER USMS "GEORGIA"
PROBABLE LV PANAMA JANUARY 3, 1851
SACRAMENTO CITY

NEW YORK
ARR CHAGRES DECEMBER 24
ARR SAN FRANCISCO JANUARY 20

THIS COVER WAS FIRST RATED AS 5 CENTS PAID (RED "5" UNDER "40");
LATER, REALIZING IT WAS TO CALIFORNIA, THE USPO RERATED IT AS 40 CENTS UNPAID.

CONNECTICUT MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

MAY 22, CIRCA 1850



HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT
VIA PANAMA

NEW YORK
SAN FRANCISCO

RATE: 40 CENTS PREPAID.

ARCTIC OCEAN

OCTOBER 9, 1850



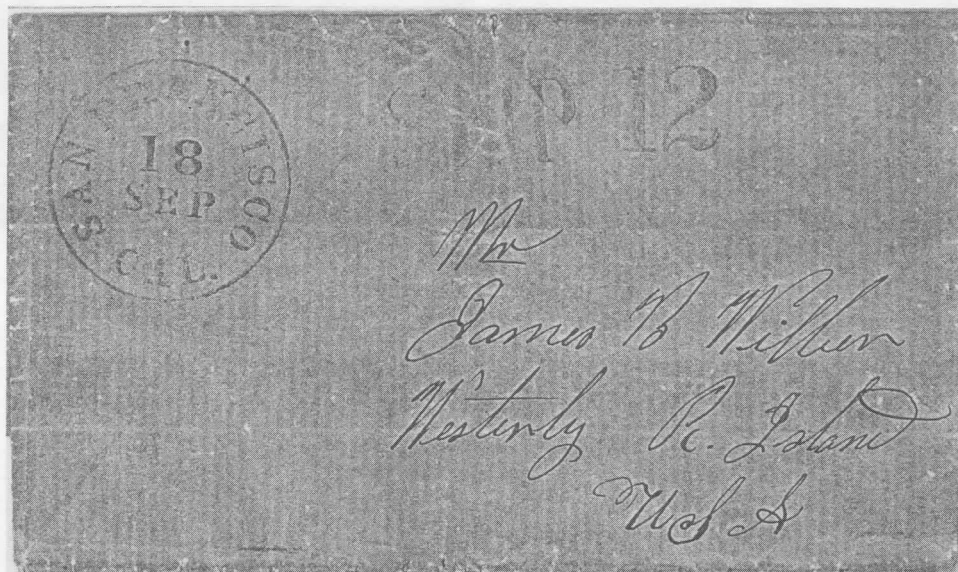
ARCTIC OCEAN OCTOBER 9 - ABOARD THE "CINCINATI" - "SANDWICH ISLAND" OCTOBER 17
 CARRIED PRIVATELY -- USPO STONINGTON, CONNECTICUT APRIL 7, 1851 - MANSFIELD, CONNECTICUT

"SHIP 7" RATE: THIS LETTER WAS PROBABLY CARRIED BY A WHALER FROM HAWAII ON ITS WAY HOME AROUND CAPE HORN; THE CAPTAIN POSTED IT AT STONINGTON PO AND RECEIVED 2 CENTS; AN ADDITIONAL 5 CENTS U.S. INLAND POSTAGE WAS DUE.

"THEY ARE CALLED BOWHEADS OR POLAR WHALES . . AS QUICK AS THEY ARE STRUCK THEY WILL GO DOWN AND RUN ABOUT A MILE AND THEN COME UP AND LAY STILL BUT WHEN THOU DO RUN YOU HAVE TO TY YOUR HEADS ON. I HAVE STRUCK 8 AND SAVED 7. THE FIRST ONE I STRUCK RUN UNDER THE ICE AND THEN WE HAD TO CUT LINE."

OKHOTSK SEA

JULY 30, 1854



ABOARD A WHALER - SHANTER BAY, OKHOTSK SEA (NEAR SIBERIA) JULY 30, 1854
 CARRIED PRIVATELY - VIA HAWAII - SAN FRANCISCO SEPTEMBER 18
 VIA PANAMA - USPO NEW YORK - WESTERLY, RHODE ISLAND

SHIP 12 RATE: 2 CENTS PAID TO SHIP CAPTAIN PLUS 10 CENTS U.S. TRANSCONTINENTAL DUE.

"WE HAVE TAKEN 16 WHALES THEY WILL MAKE 1450 LBS. LAST SEASON THERE WAS BUT 30 TO 40 SHIPS IN HERE . . THERE IS AT LEAST 100 SHIPS HERE THIS SEASON."

SECTION II

U.S. 6 CENT PREPAID, 10 CENT UNPAID RATE
VIA NICARAGUA

1851 - 1855

6 CENT PREPAID 10 CENT UNPAID U.S. DOMESTIC RATE

FROM JULY 1, 1851 UNTIL APRIL 1, 1855.

RATES PER 1/2 OUNCE:

UNDER 3000 MILES
OVER 3000 MILES3 CENTS PREPAID 5 CENTS UNPAID
6 CENTS PREPAID 10 CENTS UNPAID**EARLIEST USE FROM CALIFORNIA**

OCTOBER 1, 1851



LV SAN FRANCISCO OCTOBER 1 PER PMSS "OREGON"

ARR PANAMA OCTOBER 20

PROBABLE LV CHAGRES OCTOBER 23 PER USMSS "EMPIRE CITY"

ARR NEW YORK NOVEMBER 1

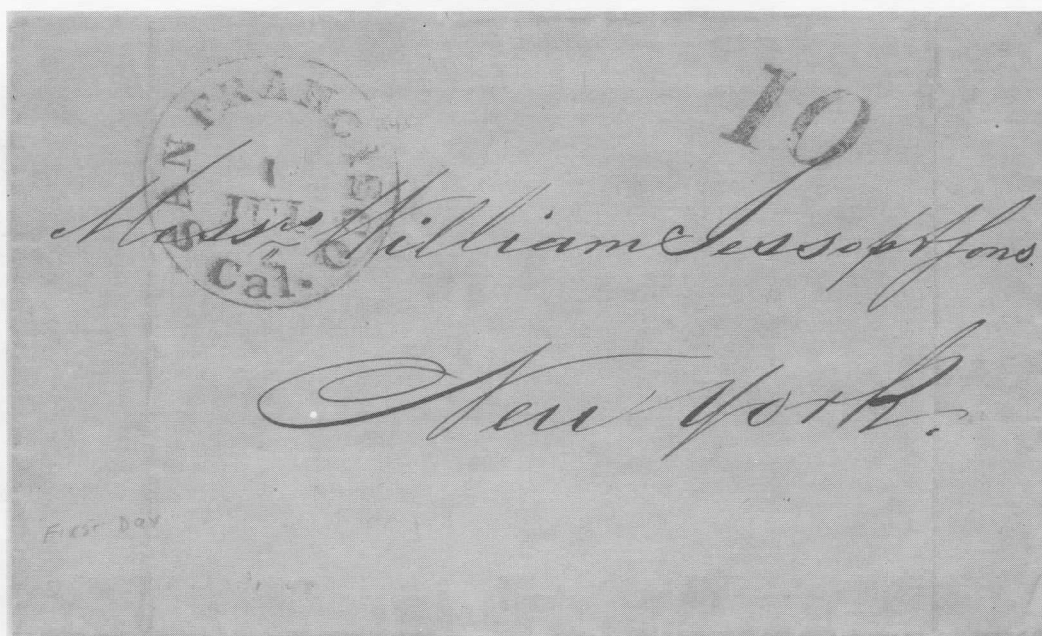
SING SING, NEW YORK

THE ONE CENT STAMPS WERE ISSUED JULY 1, 1851; IT IS BELIEVED THAT THEY DID NOT REACH THE WEST COAST UNTIL LATE SEPTEMBER. STANLEY ASHBROOK RECORDS THIS COVER AS THE EARLIEST USE OF THE ONE CENT STAMP FROM CALIFORNIA.

THE STAMPS ARE: TYPES II - IIIA - II - IIIA - IIIA - IIIA
POSITIONS 14 - 19 R1E

FIRST DAY COVER 10 CENTS UNPAID

JULY 1, 1851

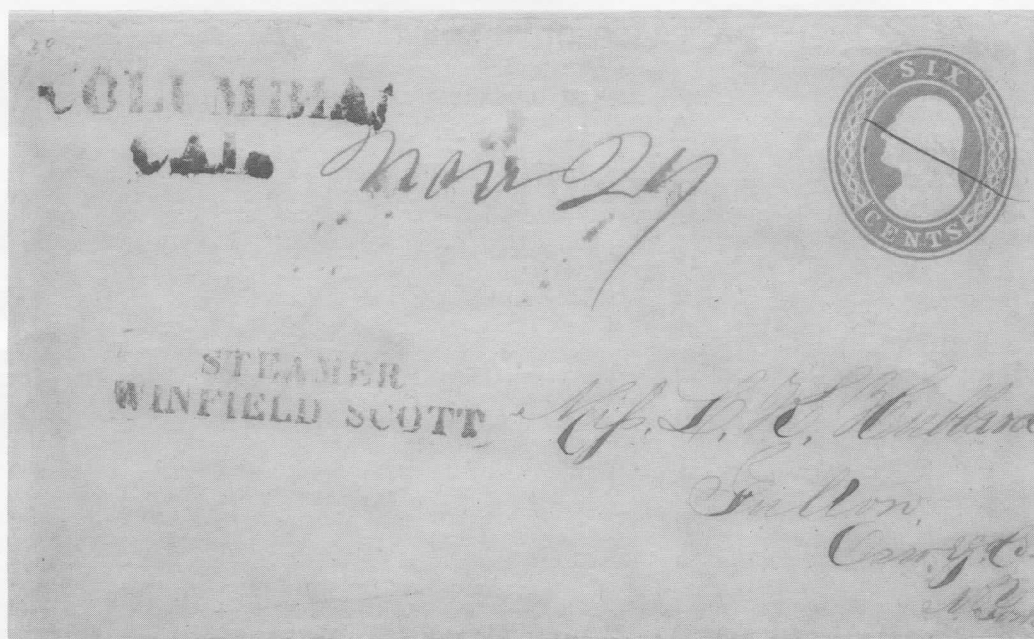


LV SAN FRANCISCO JULY 1 PER PMSS "PANAMA"
LV CHAGRES JULY 25 PER USMSS "EMPIRE CITY"

ARR PANAMA JULY 19+
ARR NEW YORK AUGUST 6

FROM THE WRECK OF THE "WINFIELD SCOTT"

NOVEMBER 27, 1853



COLUMBIA, CALIFORNIA NOVEMBER 27
BOUND FOR PANAMA

LOST IN THE SANTA BARBARA CHANNEL DECEMBER 2, 1853

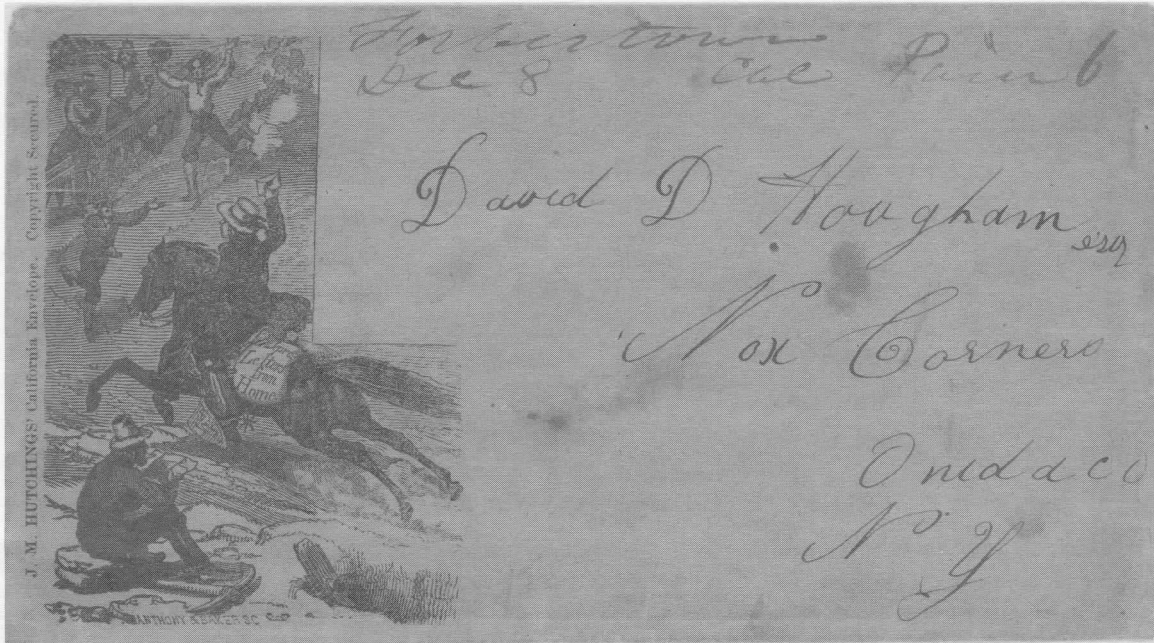
SAN FRANCISCO

THE PMSS "WINFIELD SCOTT" WAS THE ONLY CONTRACT STEAMSHIP TO HAVE ITS OWN HANDSTAMP. IT RAN BETWEEN PANAMA AND SAN FRANCISCO FROM APRIL 1852. THIS COVER HAD TO BE 1853 BECAUSE THE "COLUMBIA" STRAIGHTLINE IS KNOWN ONLY IN 1853 AND 1854..

AFTER FOOD AND SHELTER, THE MOST IMPORTANT THING TO A MINER WAS

"LETTERS FROM HOME"

DECEMBER 6, CIRCA 1853



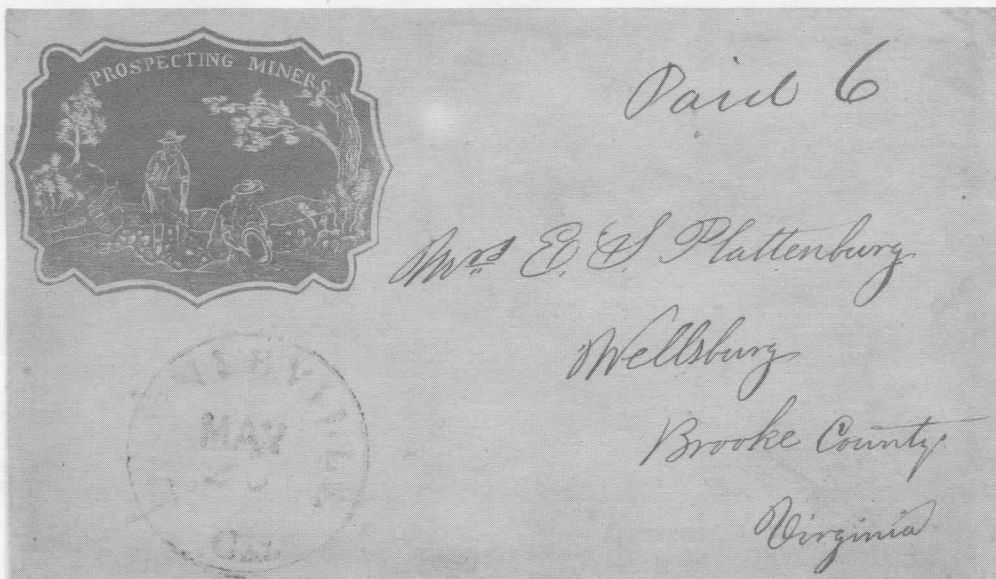
FORBESTOWN, CALIFORNIA DECEMBER 8
VIA PANAMA NEW YORK

SAN FRANCISCO
NOX CORNERS, NEW YORK

PREPAID 6 CENT RATE

"PROSPECTING MINERS"

MAY 26, CIRCA 1853



DOWNIEVILLE, CALIFORNIA
VIA PANAMA

NEW YORK

SAN FRANCISCO
WELLSBURG, VIRGINIA

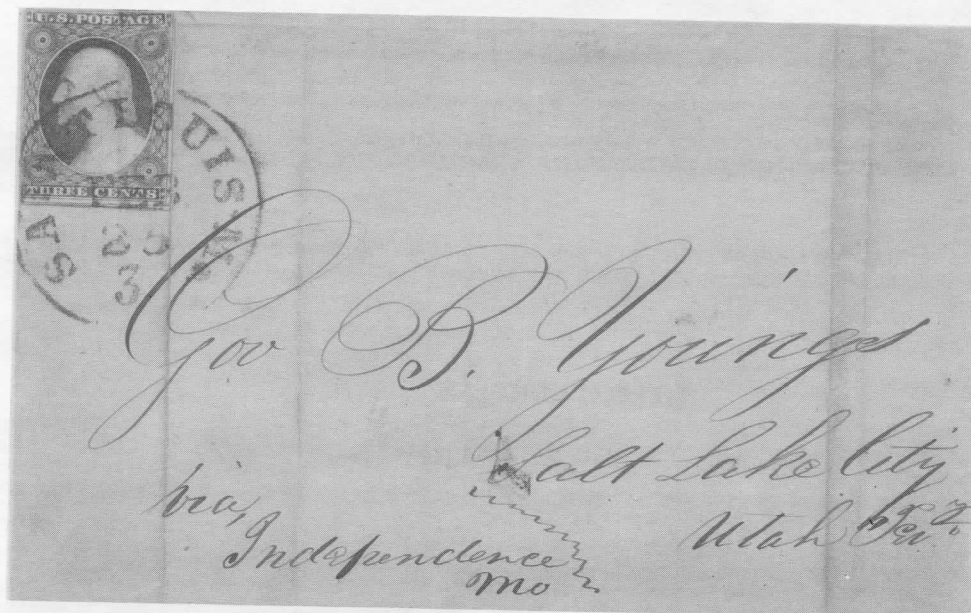
THE CALIFORNIA TRAIL

THE CALIFORNIA TRAIL WAS LATER TO BE CALLED THE CENTRAL OVERLAND ROUTE. MAIL CONTRACTS EXISTED FROM JULY 1, 1850 ALONG THIS ROUTE WHICH FIRST RAN BETWEEN THE MISSOURI RIVER AND SALT LAKE CITY, AND EVENTUALLY WAS EXTENDED TO THE PACIFIC COAST. FROM APRIL 1, 1855 - FEBRUARY 27, 1861, THE THREE CENTS RATE WAS APPLIED TO MAIL CARRIED LESS THAN 3000 MILES.

CENTRAL OVERLAND TRAIL ROUTE NO. 8911

THE WILLIAM. F. McGRAW CONTRACT

FEBRUARY 25, 1855



ST. LOUIS

TO "GOV B. YOUNG

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH TERR"

"VIA, INDEPENDENCE MO"

RATE: 3 CENTS

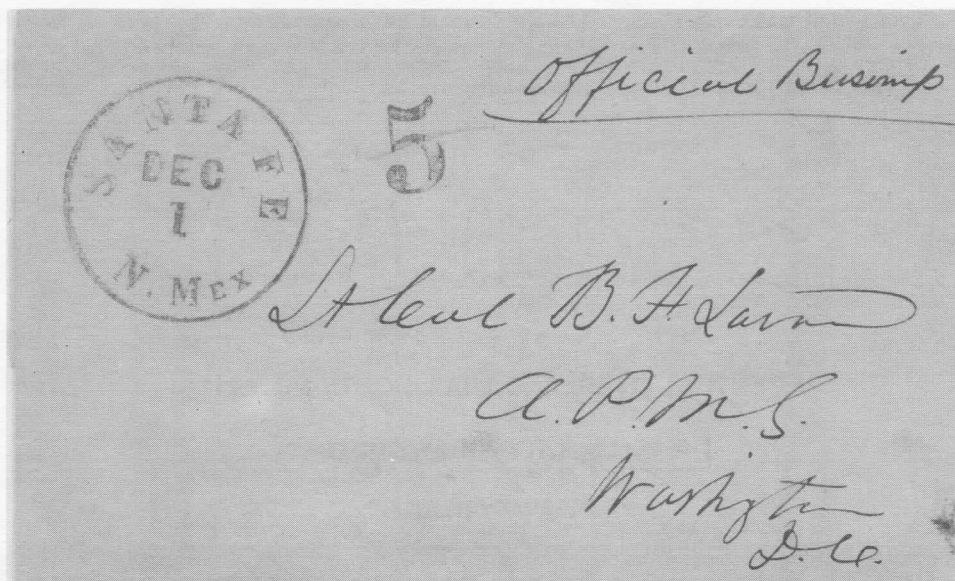
WILLIAM F. McGRAW SECURED A FOUR YEAR U.S. GOVERNMENT CONTRACT TO CARRY THE MAILS ONCE A MONTH BETWEEN INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI AND SALT LAKE CITY FOR \$14,400 PER YEAR. THE TRIP WAS VERY DIFFICULT BECAUSE OF INDIAN ATTACKS AND WEATHER PROBLEMS. IT IS REPORTED THAT ONLY THREE ROUND TRIPS WERE COMPLETED DURING THE FIRST CONTRACT YEAR OF JULY 1, 1854 - JUNE 30, 1855.

McGRAW IMMEDIATELY FORMED A PARTNERSHIP WITH JOHN E. REESIDE, BUT IT WAS DISSOLVED IN NOVEMBER 1854; JOHN HOCKADAY THEN JOINED AS A PARTNER. THE LINE FAILED IN 1856 AND THE CONTRACT WAS LET TO THE MORMON COMPANY, KIMBALL & CO. THIS CONTRACT WAS RESCINDED BY THE GOVERNMENT IN 1857 WHEN THE "MORMON WAR" BEGAN.

NEW MEXICO

THE SANTA FE TRAIL

NOVEMBER 30, 1855



SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO TERRITORY - INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI - WASHINGTON, D.C.

THIS LETTER WAS MARKED "5"c COLLECT, A RATE WHICH HAD ENDED APRIL 1, 1855. AS THE "5" IS PENCILLED OUT, IT WAS PROBABLY CARRIED FREE TO THE ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL ("A.P.M.G.") AS "OFFICIAL BUSINESS"

THE SANTA FE TRAIL RAN FROM INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI GENERALLY ALONG THE CENTRAL OVERLAND ROUTE THROUGH HOSTILE INDIAN LANDS TO SANTA FE. IT WAS A SHORTER DISTANCE THAN THE BUTTERFIELD ROUTE.

TO FORT UNION AND BACK

MAY 10, CIRCA 1854



ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND - "VIA INDEPENDENCE MISSOURI" - SANTA FE TRAIL
FORT UNION, NEW MEXICO TERRITORY - RETURNED - ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND

RATE: THREE CENTS PREPAID TO NEW MEXICO.
IT ALSO APPEARS TO BE MARKED "FOWD 5", A COLLECT MARKING.

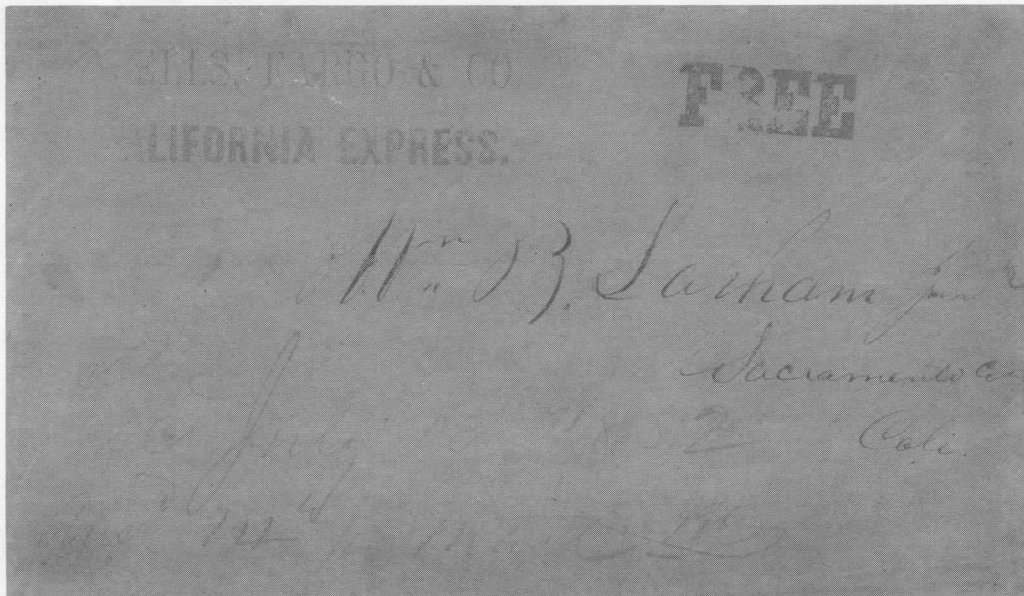
PRIVATE WESTERN EXPRESS COMPANIES

DURING THE EARLY GOLD RUSH DAYS, THE U.S. POSTAL DEPARTMENT IN CALIFORNIA WAS LIMITED TO SERVICE BETWEEN POST OFFICES. EXPRESS COMPANIES WERE PRIVATELY EMPLOYED FOR DIRECT SERVICE AS WELL AS TO AND FROM POST OFFICES. AS THE EXPRESS COMPANIES HAD LIMITED ROUTES, THEY FREQUENTLY HAD TO FORM WORKING ARRANGEMENTS WITH OTHER EXPRESS COMPANIES IN ORDER TO COMPLETE A DELIVERY.

WELLS, FARGO & CO. WAS TO BECOME THE LARGEST EXPRESS CARRIER IN THE WORLD. IT OPERATED FROM 1852 UNTIL 1895 WHEN IT BECAME UNECONOMICAL TO CARRY THE MAIL.

WELLS, FARGO & CO.

JULY 13, 1852



LV NEW YORK MAY 24 PER USMSS "CHEROKEE"
LV PANAMA JUNE 24 PER PMSS "TENNESSEE"
SAN FRANCISCO

ARR ASPINWALL JUNE 11±
ARR SAN FRANCISCO JULY 10
SACRAMENTO JULY 13

REUBEN H. WASHBURN CARRIED THIS COVER ON HIS INITIAL JOURNEY TO SAN FRANCISCO WHERE HE ESTABLISHED A BRANCH ON JULY 13, 1852. ON THAT DAY, THIS COVER WAS CARRIED FREE TO WILLIAM R. LATHAM, JR., SACRAMENTO AGENT FOR ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY.

IT IS THE ONLY SURVIVING FIRST DAY COVER AND PROBABLY THE ONLY "CALIFORNIA EXPRESS" MARKING.

WELLS, FARGO & CO.'S CALIFORNIA EXPRESS.
A JOINT STOCK CO., Capital \$300,000.
Office, No. 10 WALL ST., New York.

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Johnston Livingston, James McKay,
Ethan P. Williams, Alpheus Reynolds,
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This Company, having completed its organization, as above, is now ready to undertake a general EXPRESS FORWARDING, AGENCY AND COMMISSION BUSINESS; the purchase and sale of Gold-dust, Bullion and Bills of Exchange; the Payment and Collection of Notes, Bills and Accounts; the Forwarding of Gold-dust, Bullion and Specie; also, Packages, Parcels, and Freights of all descriptions, in and between the city of New York and the city of San Francisco, and the principal cities and towns in California; connecting at New York with HARNDEN'S Express for Philadelphia and the South.

All FREIGHT for our EXPRESS from Philadelphia, should be left at Harnden's Express Office, Nos. 41 and 43 South THIRD Street.

We have established OFFICES and faithful Agents, in all the principal cities and towns throughout the Eastern, Middle and Western States, and California; energetic and faithful Messengers, furnished with iron chests for the security of treasure, and other valuable packages, accompanying each Express upon all our lines, as well in California as in the Atlantic States. Our Express is sent by every MAIL STEAMER, in charge of one of our own faithful Messengers, through to destination, going and coming with the regularity of the United States Mail.

Shippers will bear in mind the fact, that by a special arrangement with the Pacific Mail Steamship Co., our Express-Freight takes precedence of all other, thereby avoiding the risk of detention on the Isthmus.

All Packages must be made Water Proof, and not exceed 125 lbs. weight, or 54 cubic feet measurement.

SAMUEL P. CARTER, for many years connected with the American Express Company, at Albany, and R. W. WASHBURN, late of the Bank of Syracuse, have been appointed principal Agents in California.

WELLS, FARGO & CO.,
No. 10 WALL ST., NEW YORK.

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JUNE 30 1852

THIS IS ONE OF THE NEW YORK
ADVERTISEMENTS HERALDING THE
OPENING OF THE COMPANY

WELLS, FARGO & CO.

MARCH, 1855



WELLS, FARGO, NEW YORK - VIA PANAMA - REC SAN FRANCISCO, APRIL 10

THE VERTICAL M/S SHOWS RECEIPT ON "APRIL 10, 55". THEREFORE, THIS SIX CENT PREPAID COVER WAS SENT JUST BEFORE THE TRANSCONTINENTAL RATE INCREASE ON APRIL 1, 1855.

CARRIED BY WELLS, FARGO & CO AGENT "GREENFIELD", IT WAS THE "DUPLICATE" OF AN IDENTICAL LETTER SENT VIA OTHER TRANSPORTATION TO INSURE RECEPTION OF THE MESSAGE.

THE HERETOFORE UNRECORDED "RED SHIELD" IS PERHAPS THE RAREST OF WELLS, FARGO CANCELS.

MARCH, 1854

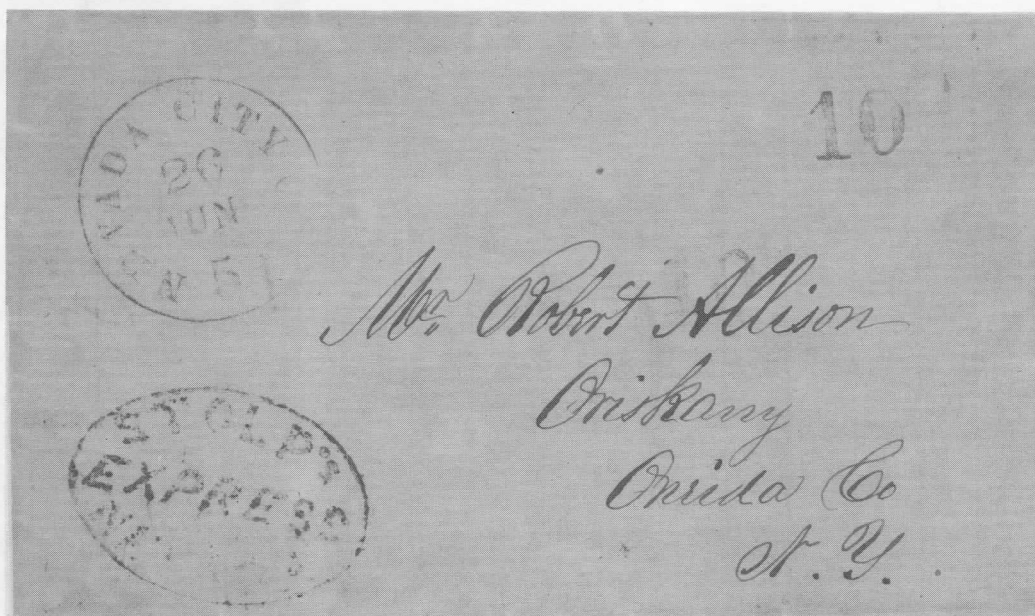
WELLS, FARGO, SAN FRANCISCO
USPO

VIA PANAMA

NEW YORK
ALBANY, NEW YORK

STOLP'S EXPRESS

JUNE 26, 1854



STOLP'S EXPRESS, WASHINGTON, CALIFORNIA
 SAN FRANCISCO - VIA PANAMA -

USPO NEVADA CITY JUNE 26
 NEW YORK - ORISKANY, NEW YORK

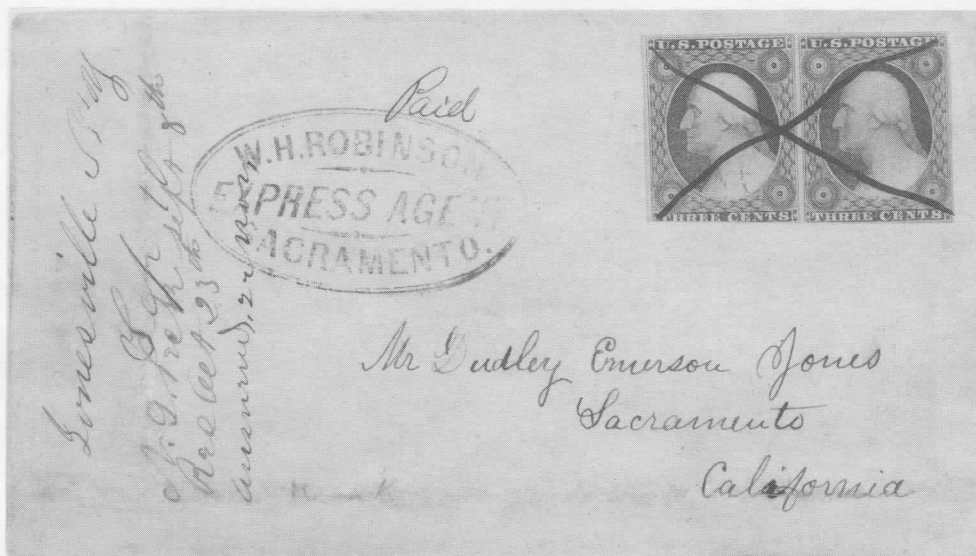
ALL TEXT BOOKS SHOW STOLP'S EXPRESS TO HAVE OPERATED FROM NEVADA CITY TO RED DOG, LITTLE YORK AND GOUGE EYE MINING DISTRICTS ONLY IN 1851; THIS 1854 LETTER DISCLOSES A LATER PERIOD AND A SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT AREA.

"INTEND TO START FOR HOME ON THE FIRST OF JULY. I DO NOT KNOW WHICH ROUTE WE SHALL TAKE (PANAMA OR NICARAGUA) UNTIL WE GET TO SAN FRANCISCO"

NEVADA CITY C.D.S. "5" IN ERROR; RESTRUCK "10" CENTS DUE. STOLP'S EXPRESS PAID IN CASH.

W.H. ROBINSON EXPRESS AGENT

SEPTEMBER 10, CIRCA 1853



JONESVILLE, NEW YORK
 W.H. ROBINSON, SACRAMENTO

VIA PANAMA -

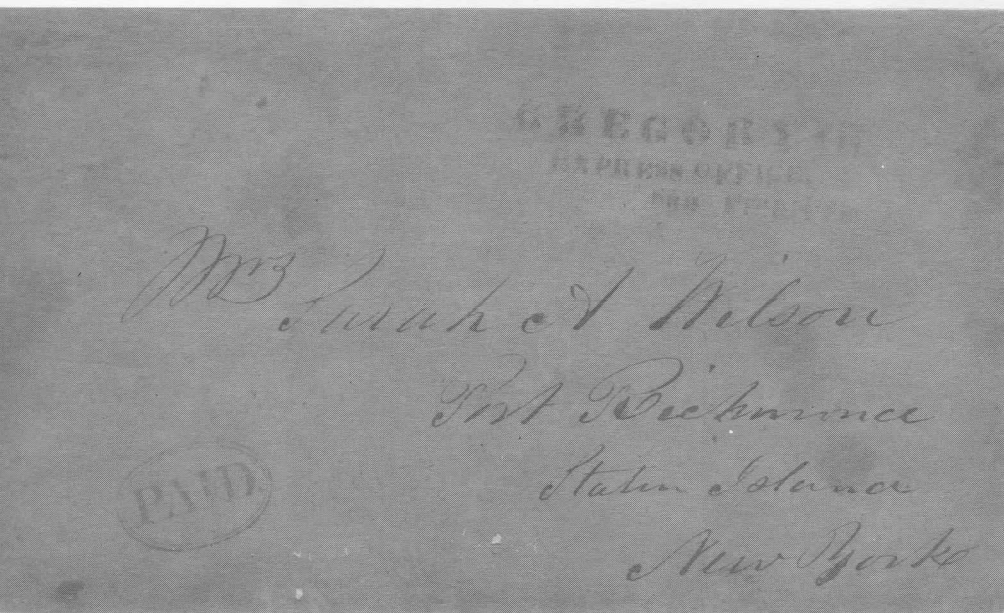
SAN FRANCISCO
 ADDRESSEE

W.H. ROBINSON OPERATED FROM SACRAMENTO TO MURPHY'S 1852 - 1853; THE ADDRESSEE HAD HIS MAIL DIRECTED TO SACRAMENTO AND HAD HIRED W.H. ROBINSON TO PICK UP AT THE POST OFFICE AND DELIVER TO HIM.

RATE SIX CENTS PREPAID - W.H. ROBINSON PAID IN CASH.

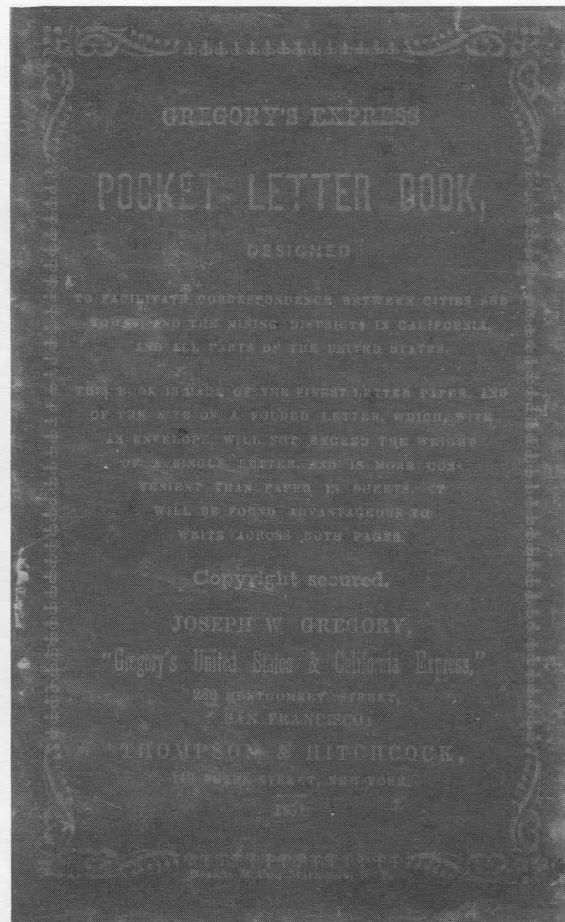
GREGORY'S EXPRESS

CIRCA 1852

GREGORY'S EXPRESS, SAN FRANCISCO
NEW YORKVIA PANAMA
STATEN ISLAND

GREGORY'S EXPRESS OPERATED FROM 1850 UNTIL EARLY 1853. "DISPATCHED MESSAGES BY EVERY STEAMER LEAVING NEW YORK AND SAN FRANCISCO . . . BEING INVARIABLY AHEAD OF THE MAILS"

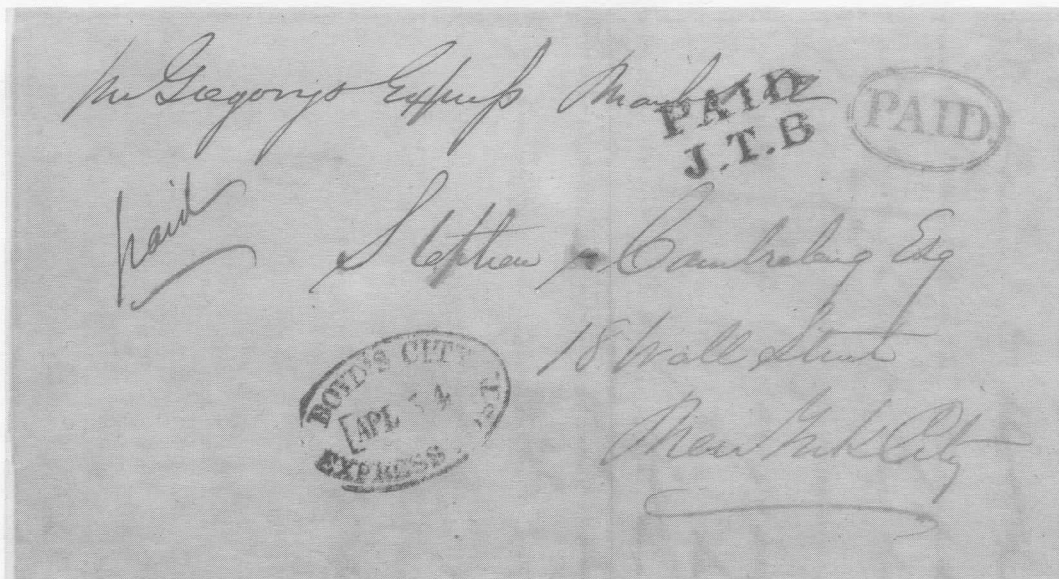
THE "PAID" OVAL INDICATES SIX CENTS POSTAGE PLUS EXPRESS CHARGES BOTH PREPAID.



1851 LETTER WRITING BOOK (WITH ENVELOPE)

GREGORY'S EXPRESS
BOYD'S CITY EXPRESS

MARCH 1, 1852

GREGORY'S EXPRESS, LV SAN FRANCISCO MARCH 2 PER PMSS "NORTHERNER" - ARR PANAMA MARCH 18
FIRST STEAMER MAIL TRIP ON "PANAMA RAILROAD" - LV ASPINWALL MARCH 26± PER USMSS "EMPIRE CITY"
ARR NEW YORK APRIL 4 BOYD'S CITY EXPRESS

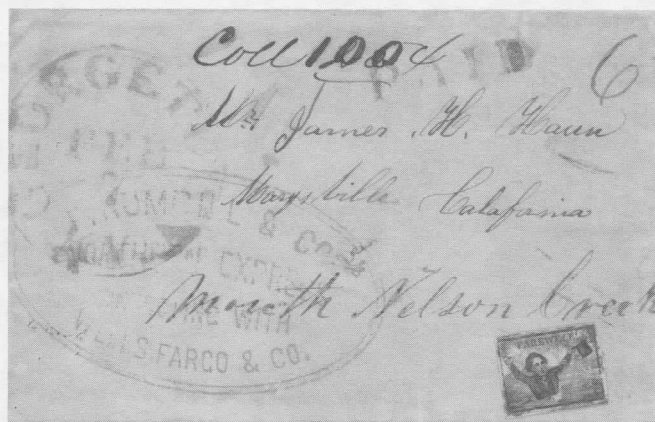
BOYD'S OPERATED FROM 1844 FOR FORTY YEARS IN AND AROUND NEW YORK. ALL ABOVE CHARGES WERE PREPAID.

"THE MAIL FOR TOMORROWS' STEAMER BEING CLOSED, I AVAIL MYSELF OF GREGORY'S EXPRESS . . ."

F. RUMRILL & CO.'S NORTHERN EXPRESS

CONNECTING WITH WELLS, FARGO & CO.

FEBRUARY 7, 1854



USPO GEORGETOWN, KENTUCKY (PAID 6) - VIA PANAMA - MARYSVILLE, CALIFORNIA
 ADDRESSEE NOT THERE - WELLS, FARGO & CO.
 F. RUMRILL & CO. - NELSON CREEK (COLLECT \$1.00)

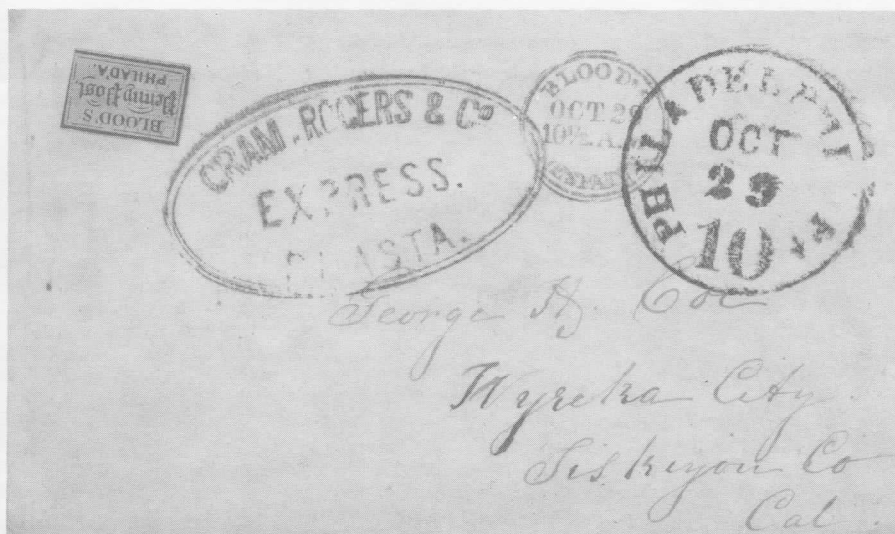
F. RUMRILL & CO. OPERATED FROM 1853 - 1855 FROM GIBSONVILLE TO DOWNIEVILLE AND LATER TO MARYSVILLE.

THIS OVAL HANDSTAMP WAS USED BETWEEN JANUARY AND APRIL, 1854.

CRAM, ROGERS & CO. EXPRESS

BLOOD'S DESPATCH

CIRCA 1854



BLOOD'S DESPATCH OCTOBER 29, PHILADELPHIA - USPO PHILADELPHIA OCTOBER 29
 VIA PANAMA - SAN FRANCISCO - SHASTA, CALIFORNIA
 CRAM, ROGERS & CO., SHASTA. - YREKA CITY

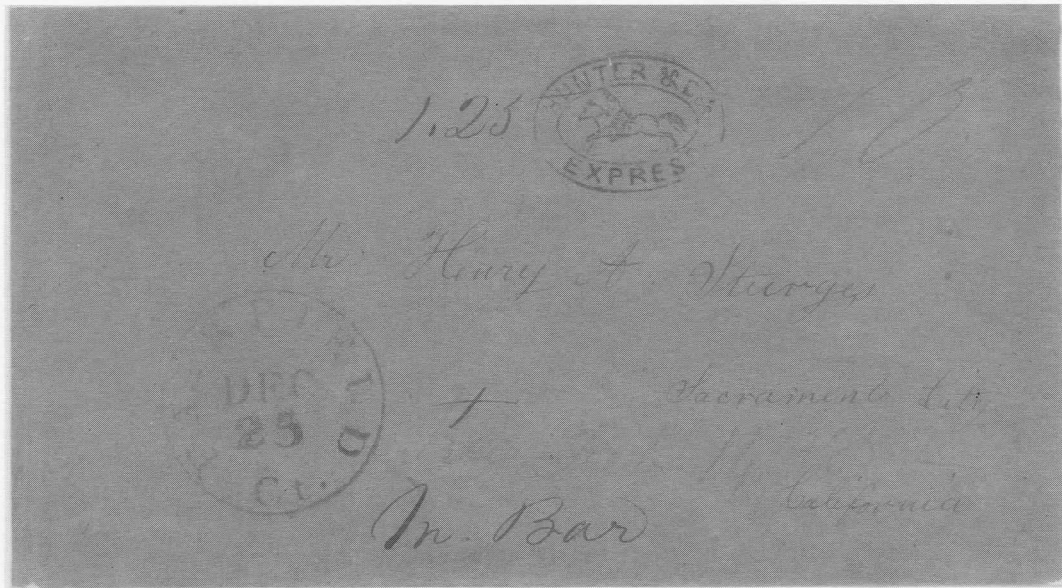
CRAM, ROGERS & CO. OPERATED IN THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA MOUNTAINS BETWEEN 1851 - 1855.

D.O. BLOOD & CO. OPERATED IN PHILADELPHIA BETWEEN 1848 - 1855; THE STAMP WAS ISSUED IN 1854.

USPO RATE: 10 CENTS UNPAID. BOTH EXPRESS CHARGES WERE PAID IN CASH.

HUNTER & COS EXPRESS

DECEMBER 25, 1851



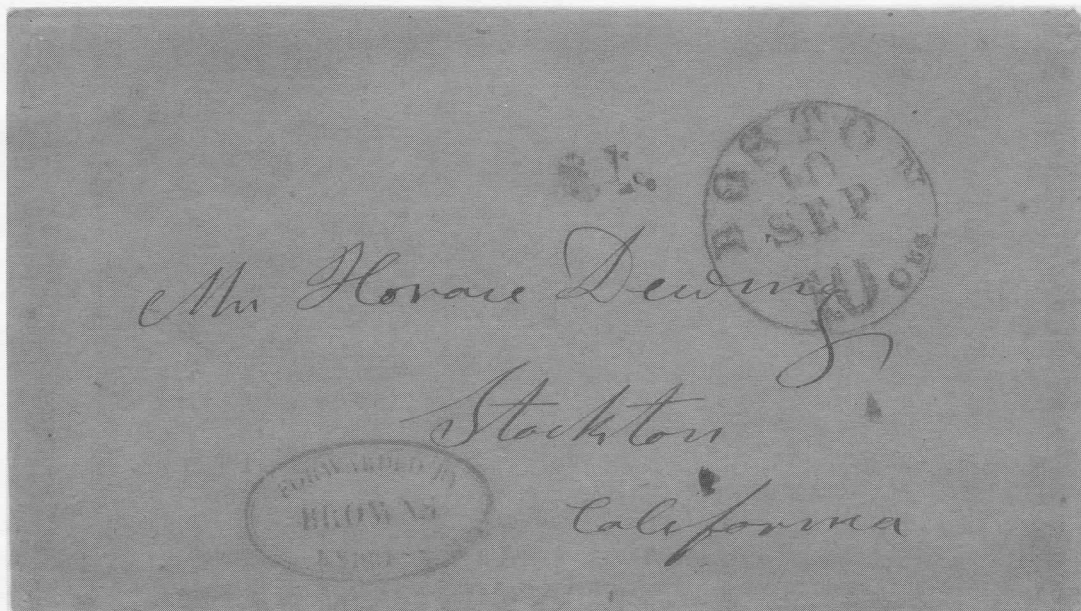
USPO FAIRFIELD, CONNECTICUT DECEMBER 25 - LV NEW YORK JANUARY 6, 1852 PER USMSS "CHEROKEE"
 ARR CHAGRES JANUARY 16+ - LV PANAMA JANUARY 26 PER PMSS "OREGON"
 ARR SAN FRANCISCO FEBRUARY 11 - SACRAMENTO CITY, CALIFORNIA
 HUNTER & COS EXPRESS, SACRAMENTO CITY - "IN. BAR" M/S "REC FEB 11, 1852"

HUNTER & COS EXPRESS OPERATED BETWEEN 1851 - 1854 FROM SACRAMENTO TO THE SURROUNDING MINES.

RATE: TEN CENTS UNPAID - HUNTER & COS. "1.25" COLLECT

BROWN'S EXPRESS

SEPTEMBER 10, 1851



USPO BOSTON SEPTEMBER 10 - PROBABLE LV NEW YORK SEPTEMBER 13 PER "USMSS "OHIO"
 ARR CHAGRES SEPTEMBER 22+ - LV PANAMA OCTOBER 1 PER PMSS "TENNESSEE"
 ARR SAN FRANCISCO OCTOBER 17 - STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA
 BROWN'S EXPRESS, STOCKTON - ADDRESSEE

BROWNS EXPRESS OPERATED FROM EARLY 1850 - APRIL, 1853 FROM STOCKTON TO THE SOUTHERN MINES.

RATE: TEN CENTS UNPAID - BROWNS EXPRESS "\$1" COLLECT

NOISY CARRIERS

CIRCA 1853



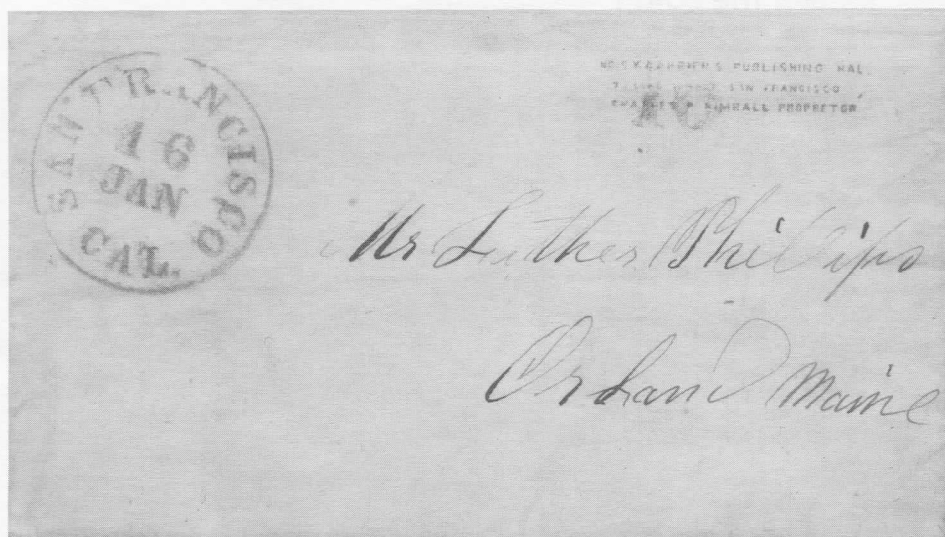
NOISY CARRIERS
VIA PANAMA

NEW YORK

USPO SAN FRANCISCO, JUNE 16
WILMINGTON, DELEWARE

NOISY CARRIERS OPERATED FROM 1849 UNTIL THE LATE 1850'S. DURING THIS PERIOD, THEY DELIVERED MAIL TO THE USPO FROM THEIR STATIONERY STORE; THE LABEL IS MOST UNCOMMON. RATE: 6 CENTS PREPAID.

JANUARY 15, 1854



NOISY CARRIERS
VIA PANAMA

NEW YORK

USPO SAN FRANCISCO, JANUARY 16
ORLAND, MAINE

RATE: 10 CENTS UNPAID.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Important.—How beautiful are the feet of those who stand at the Post Office amid a splendid shower of dust—the owners clasp their letters tightly in their hands, and thinking of the beauties of Uncle Sam's Post Office Law while eyeing the little man behind the window. **Be it known to ye,** O ye desolate and forsaken ones! that the NOISY CARRIER'S BOOK AND STATIONERY COMPANY will furnish Stamps at PAR, as they have always done, and WILL TAKE ALL YOUR LETTERS TO THE POST OFFICE free of charge—being just as easy to take one thousand as one letter.

CHAS. P. KIMBALL, President.

All the Steamer Papers at the regular rates. a30tf

SAN FRANCISCO HERALD
MAY 3, 1855

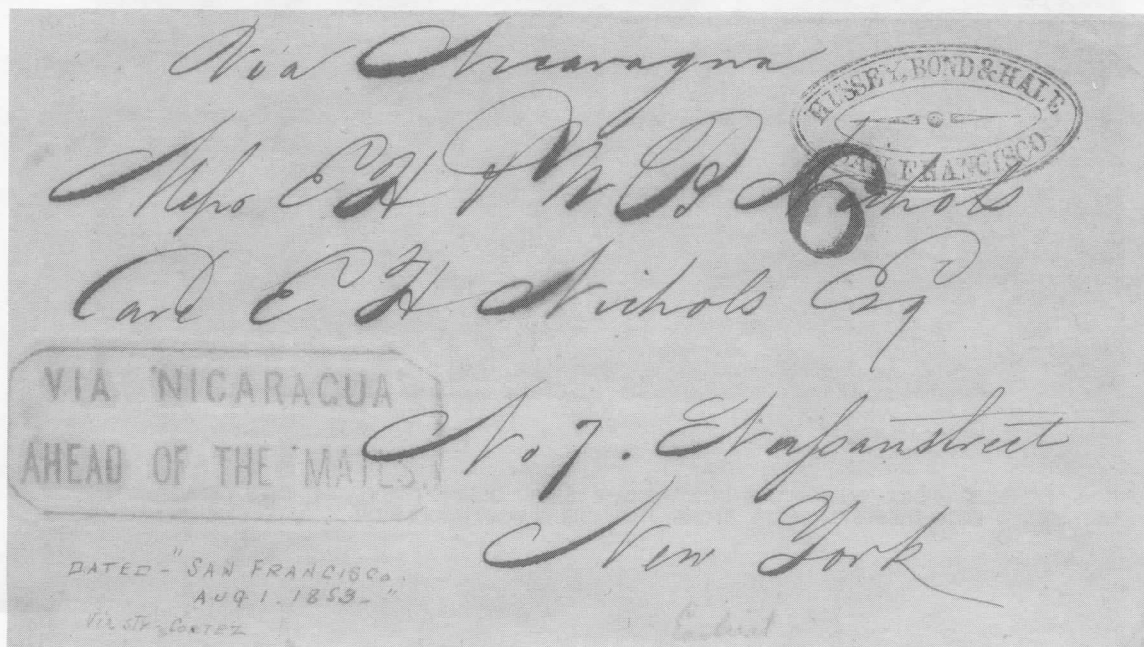
THE NICARAGUA ROUTE

CORNELIUS VANDERBILT OPENED A ROUTE ACROSS NICARAGUA IN 1851 TO COMPETE WITH THE USMSS AND THE PMSS WHICH HELD THE U.S. MAIL CONTRACT VIA PANAMA; THE NICARAGUA ROUTE WAS OVER 1000 MILES SHORTER AND IN A MUCH MORE HEALTHY CLIMATE.

FROM APRIL, 1852 UNTIL MARCH, 1853, A COMPETITOR, THE NY&SF WHICH BECAME THE NY&CAL FOR FOUR MONTHS UNTIL IT CEASED OPERATIONS, WAS VERY ACTIVE. MEANWHILE, VANDERBILT ESTABLISHED THE NICARAGUA SS CO. PLUS THE "INDEPENDENT" LINE WHICH OPERATED THRU PANAMA. (CONFUSING!)

FIRST SAILING OF THE "CORTEZ"

AUGUST 1, 1853



LV SAN FRANCISCO AUGUST 1 PER NIC SS "CORTEZ"
PROBABLE ARR NEW YORK SEPTEMBER 9 PER "STAR OF THE WEST"

VIA NICARAGUA
USPO

UNUSUAL SILVER STRIKE. RATE 6 CENTS PREPAID

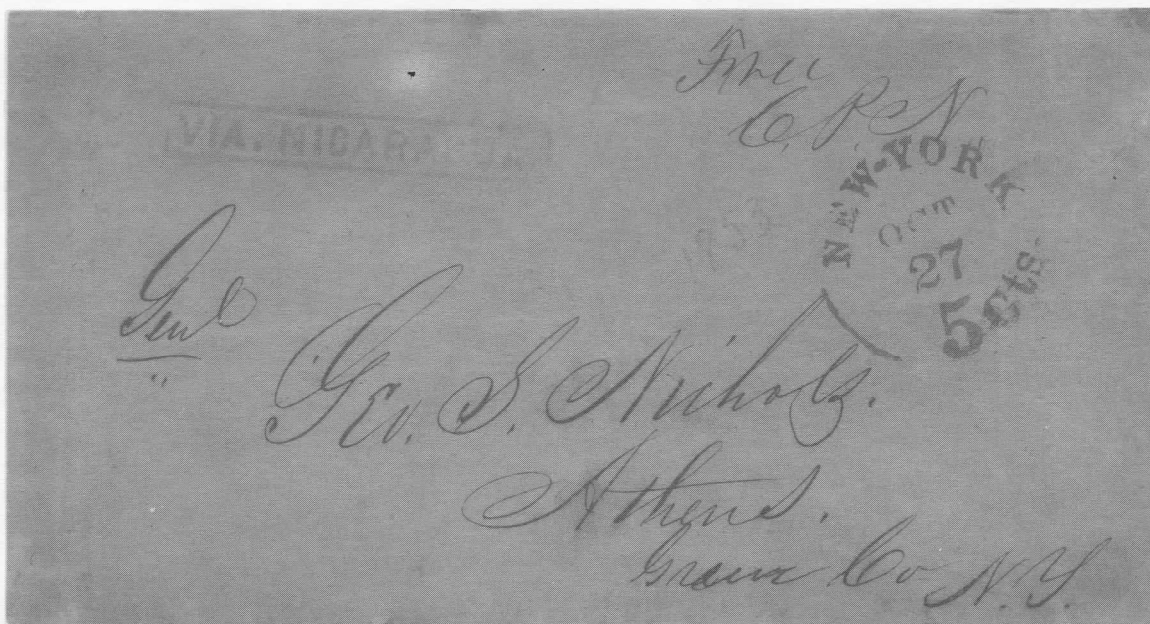
MISSED THE BOAT !



THE SECOND VOYAGE OF THE "CORTEZ" WAS SEPTEMBER 16, 1853. THIS COVER EVIDENTLY ARRIVED TOO LATE; THE M/S "VIA NICARAGUA" WAS STRUCK OUT AND THE COVER HAD TO WAIT FOR THE NEXT PANAMA SHIP.

UNRECORDED "VIA NICARAGUA" STRIKE

SEPTEMBER 1853

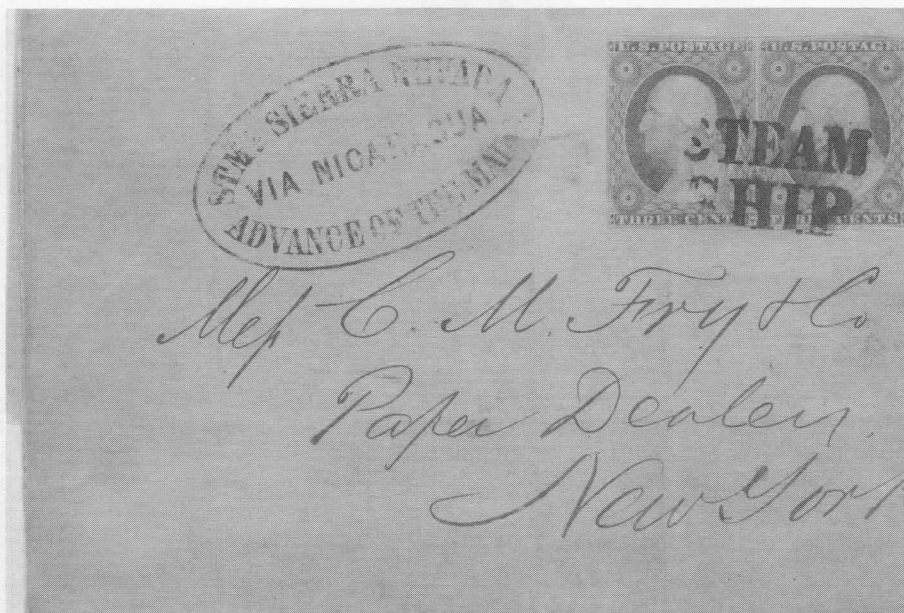


PROBABLE TAKEN ON BOARD "PACIFIC" LV SAN FRANCISCO OCTOBER 1 - "VIA NICARAGUA"
ARR NEW YORK OCTOBER 27 PER NY&CAL "NORTHERN LIGHT" - USPO - ATHENS, NEW YORK

CARRIED "FREE" TO A "GENL. NICHOLS" AND PLACED IN THE MAIL AT NEW YORK 5 CENTS UNPAID UNDER 3000 MILES.
NO PANAMA SHIPS ARRIVED IN NEW YORK ON OCTOBER 27.

STEAMER SIERRA NEVADA

OCTOBER 23, 1854

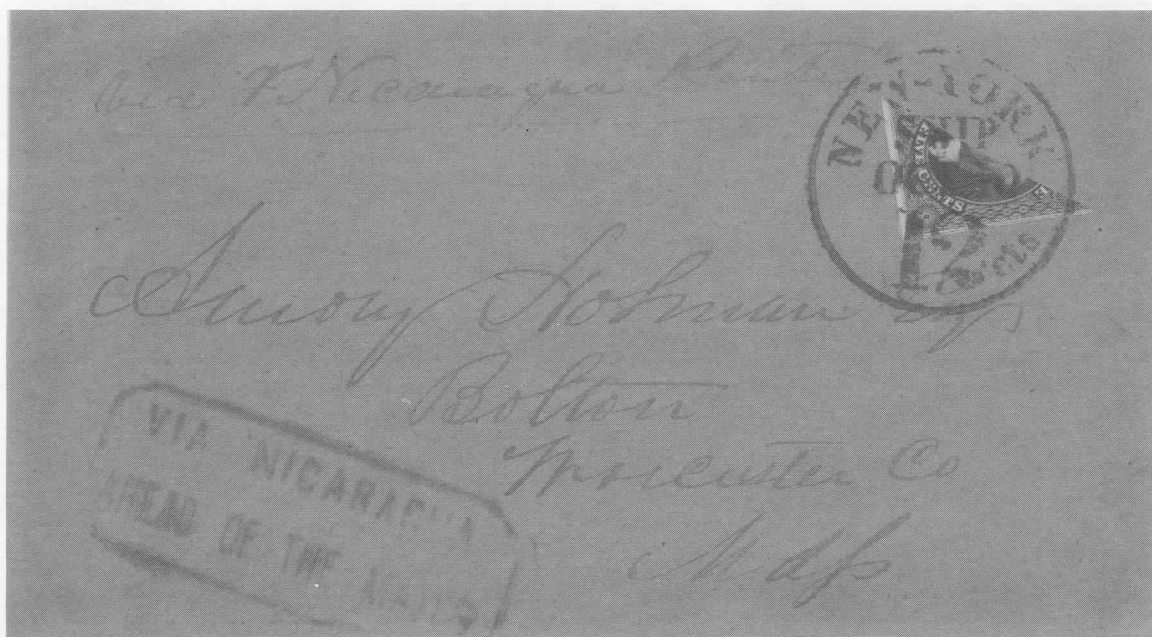


LV SAN FRANCISCO OCTOBER 24 PER NIC SS "SIERRA NEVADA" - VIA NICARAGUA
PROBABLE ARR NEW YORK NOVEMBER 14 PER NIC SS "STAR OF THE WEST"

THE "STEAM SHIP" MARKING WAS PLACED UPON MAIL GIVEN TO AN AGENT AT THE LEVEE OR ON BOARD SHIP.

BISECT NOT ACCEPTED

SEPTEMBER, 1853

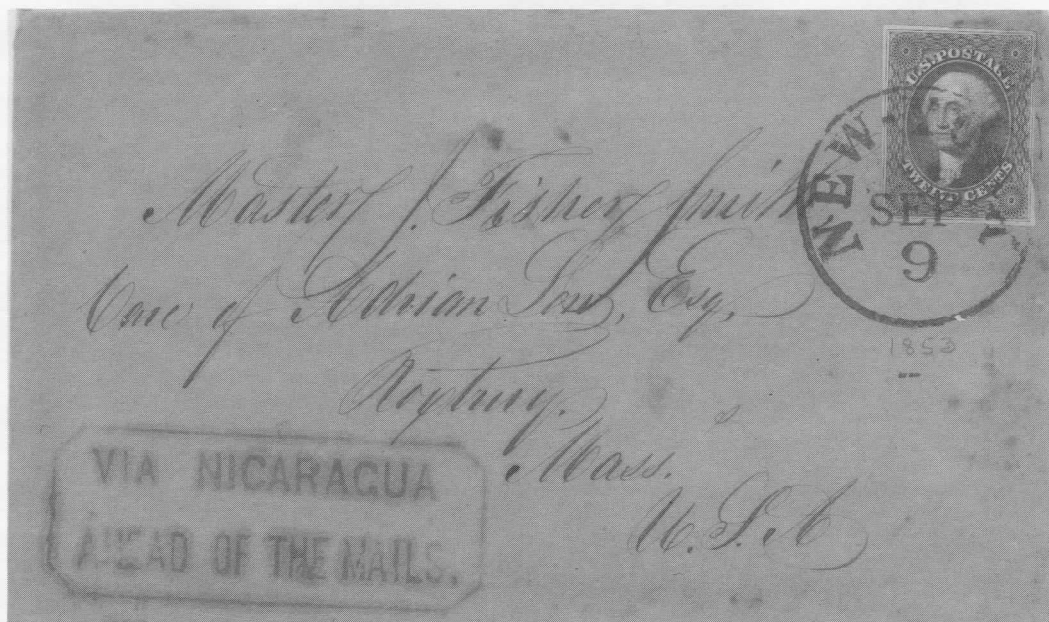


TAKEN ON BOARD BETWEEN SAN FRANCISCO AND PANAMA
 PROBABLE NIC SS "BROTHER JONATHAN" LV SAN FRANCISCO SEPTEMBER 1
 VIA NICARAGUA - ARR NEW YORK OCTOBER 9 PER NIC SS "STAR OF THE WEST"
 USPO NEW YORK OCTOBER 10 - BOLTON, MASSACHUSETTS

RATED "NEW YORK SHIP 12" : 10 CENTS POSTAGE UNPAID + 2 CENTS SHIP FEE TO NON CONTRACT STEAMER.

DOUBLE WEIGHT

AUGUST 16, 1853

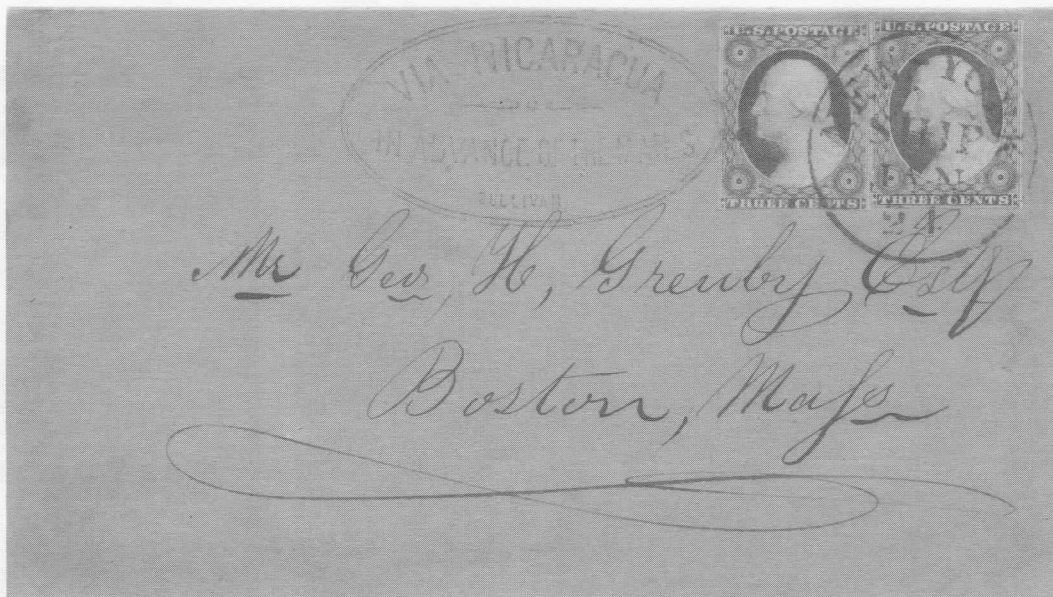


LV SAN FRANCISCO AUGUST 16 PER NIC SS "SIERRA NEVADA" - VIA NICARAGUA
 ARR NEW-YORK SEPTEMBER 9 PER NIC SS "STAR OF THE WEST"
 USPO SEPTEMBER 9 - ROXBURY, MASSACHUSETTS

PREPAID AND PLACED IN MAILS AT NEW YORK; SHIP FEE PAID IN CASH

NEW YORK SHIP

DECEMBER 31, 1854



LV SAN FRANCISCO DECEMBER 31 PER "BROTHER JONATHAN" - VIA NICARAGUA
ARR NEW YORK JANUARY 24 PER "NORTHERN LIGHT" - USPO NEW YORK - BOSTON
RATE: SIX CENTS PREPAID - NON CONTRACT SHIP

"SULLIVAN" WAS A SAN FRANCISCO NEWS AGENCY WHICH FORWARDED "VIA NICARAGUA" MAIL.

NICARAGUA LINE

PENNY POST CO.

AUGUST 20, 1855



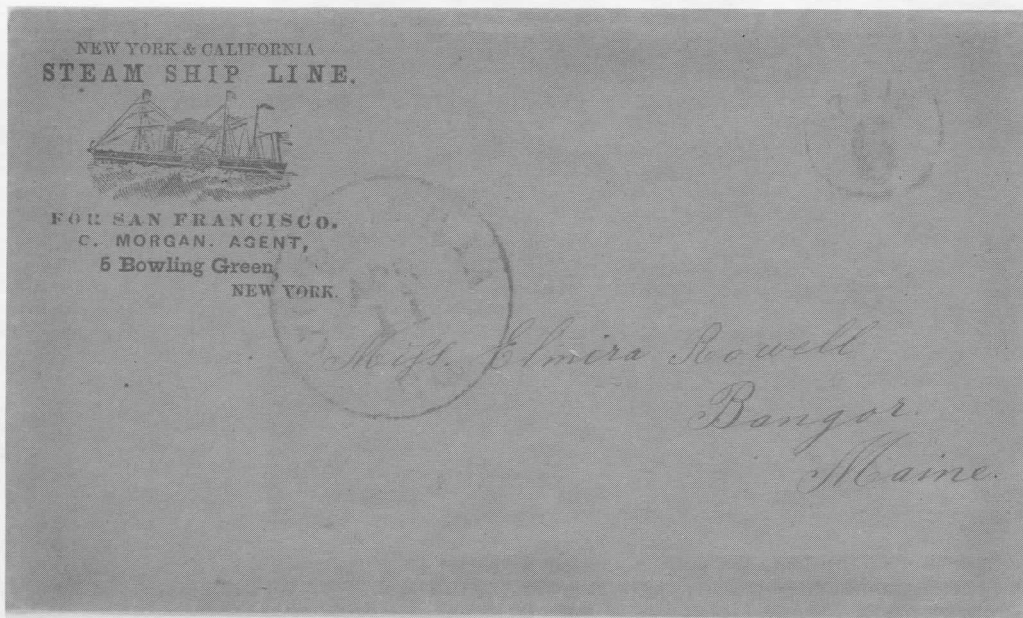
LV NEW YORK AUGUST 20 "PER NORTHERN LIGHT" - VIA NICARAGUA
ARR SAN FRANCISCO SEPTEMBER 14 PER "UNCLE SAM"

ON APRIL 1, 1855 THE RATE WAS CHANGED TO TEN CENTS AND PREPAYMENT WAS MADE COMPULSORY.

THE STAMPS WERE AFFIXED BY THE SENDER AND ARE UNTIED BECAUSE THIS LETTER WAS TAKEN DIRECTLY BY THE PENNY POST CO. UPON ARRIVAL AND DELIVERED TO THE ADDRESSEE.

NEW YORK & CALIFORNIA STEAMSHIP LINE
"THE ACCESSORY TRANSIT COMPANY OF NICARAGUA, PROPRIETORS"

APRIL 11, CIRCA 1855




USPO COLUMBIA, CALIFORNIA
NEW YORK

PROBABLE VIA PANAMA
BANGOR, MAINE

THIS COVER WAS PLACED IN THE REGULAR MAILS; RATE: 6 CENTS PAID

REDUCTION OF PRICES TO SUIT THE TIMES.
NEW-YORK & CALIFORNIA STEAMSHIP LINE
VIA NICARAGUA,
THE SHORTEST ROUTE FOR
SAN FRANCISCO.
5th and 20th of each Month.
The Accessory Transit Company of Nicaragua, Proprietors.

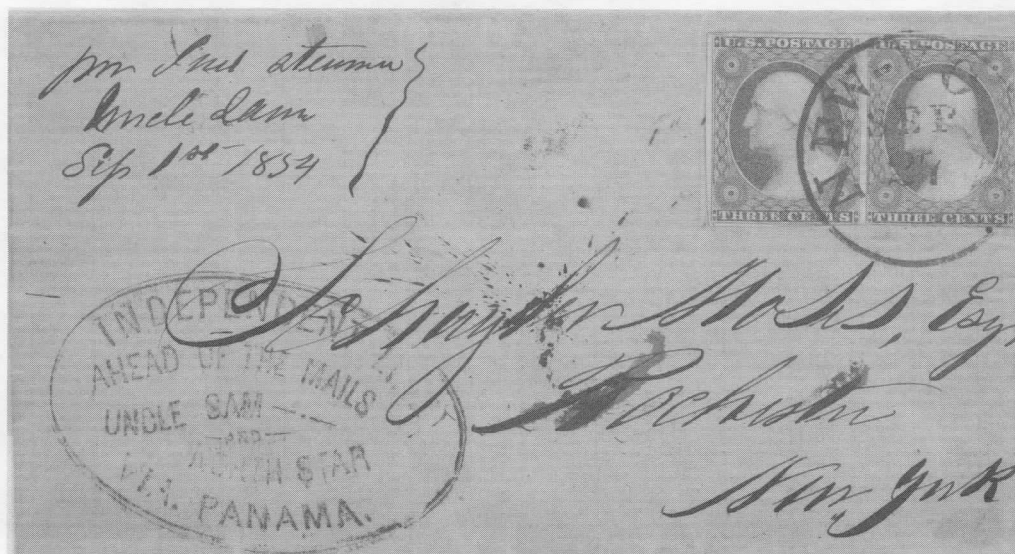
Through in advance of the Mail!!
700 miles shorter than any other Route, avoid-
ing the deadly Panama Fever, and 2 miles
dangerous boating in Panama Bay.



THE SPLENDID DOUBLE ENGINE STEAMSHIP
NORTHERN LIGHT,
Capt. TINKLEPAUGH, 2,500 tons burthen,
Will leave from Pier No. 3, North River, at 3 o'clock, P. M., precisely,
for SAN JUAN DEL NORTE,
On **MONDAY, MAY 21st, 1855,**
Connecting with the fast and favorite Double Engine Steamship
UNCLE SAM,
2000 Tons Burthen,
Over the Nicaragua Transit Route, having but Twelve Miles o
Land Transportation, by Carriages.
For information or passage at the reduced rates, apply only to
CHARLES MORGAN, Agent,
No. 2 Bowling Green, N. Y.

PER "UNCLE SAM"

SEPTEMBER 1, 1854



LV SAN FRANCISCO SEPTEMBER 1 PER INDEPENDENT LINE "UNCLE SAM"
VIA PANAMA ARR NEW YORK SEPTEMBER 27

Contents of the "per 'Uncle Sam'" letter

San Francisco, Cal.
Sep 1st. 1 o'clock P.M. 1854

Dear Father:

As the opposition steamer "Uncle Sam" does not leave until 3 o'clock this afternoon, I again write you in regard to the matter alluded to your last. I think you had best to say nothing to the party for the present for reasons that will be obvious to you. I will decide before another steamer sails what course to pursue in regard to the party in Illinois. I am waiting for a letter from ? which should be here before this. You are right. That party would be my first choice. After her, no one in particular. I would like a personal description of the party in Rochester, age, position, both social & religious. Whether an orphan or with a whole family of sisters and brothers, disposition, occupation of if you think proper her name, if not, why it is of no moment and perhaps it is better that I do know her name. ? as you please in the matters. My friend at ? Falls has I think given up all claims for she has not written me for near in quite a year. The last memo was from her sister, who informed me she talked of getting married. Which is I suppose the fact at any rate she would not be my choice were she free.

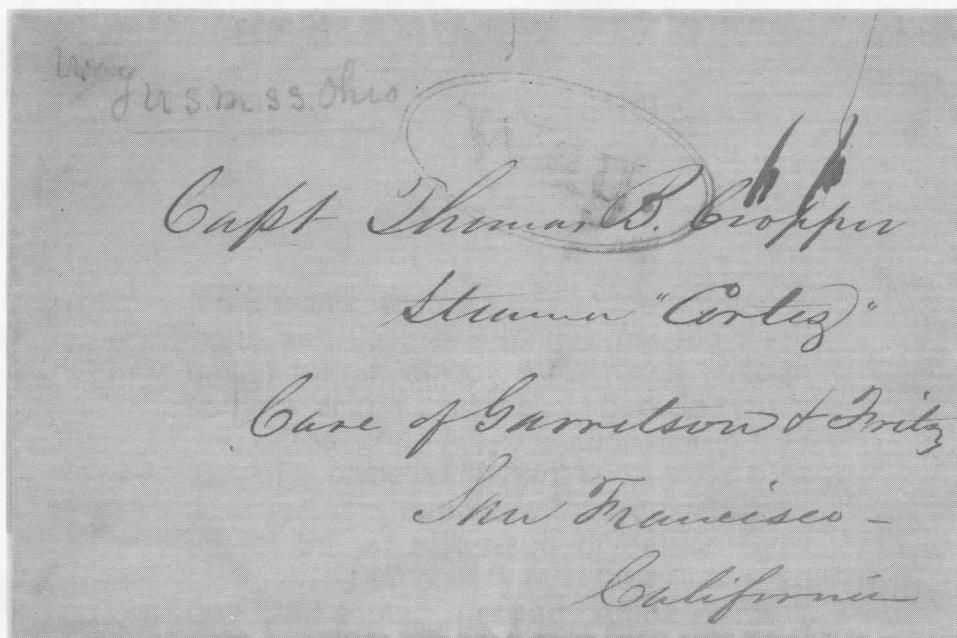
I have my doubts about being able to come home this fall. As there is some business affairs that will require my attention I am looking for a large job of government building. Should I succeed it would be a matter of impossibility for me to leave. Should I not, I may come. I can only say, expect me when you see me and not before.

Yours in haste,
Wm. J. Moses

Shuyler Moses, Esq.
Rochester

WAY

MARCH 6, 1854



LV NEW YORK MARCH 6 PER USMSS "OHIO"

- VIA PANAMA

- SAN FRANCISCO

THIS LETTER WAS ADDRESSED TO THE CAPTAIN OF THE "CORTEZ", A VANDERBILT SHIP ON THE NICARAGUA - SAN FRANCISCO ROUTE. SINCE THE VANDERBILT SHIP "NORTHERN LIGHT" HAD LEFT NEW YORK MARCH 4, IT WAS PRIVATELY CARRIED ABOARD THE "OHIO"

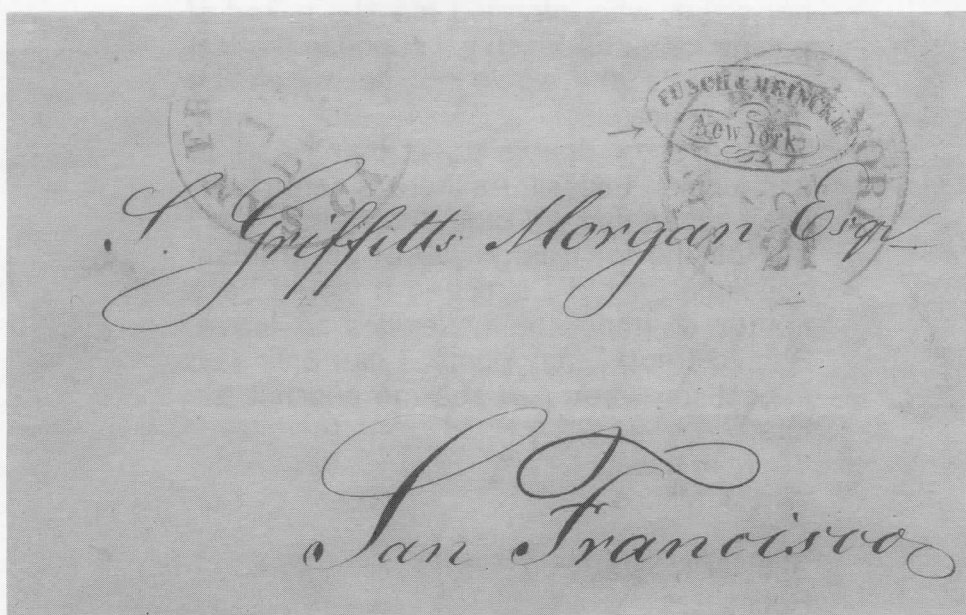
"WAY LETTERS ARE SUCH AS RECEIVED BY A MAIL CARRIER ON HIS WAY BETWEEN POST OFFICES . . .

THE WORD 'WAY' IS TO BE WRITTEN ON EACH WAY LETTER" - POSTMASTER GENERAL HABERSHAM (1795 - 1801).

IF THE REGULATIONS WERE FOLLOWED, THIS "WAY" MARKING WAS APPLIED BY THE SAN FRANCISCO POST OFFICE (AND TEN CENTS WAS DUE FROM THE RECIPIENT) TO MAIL RECEIVED BY A SHIP CARRYING MAIL UNDER CONTRACT, IN LOCKED POUCHES, WITH NO ROUTE AGENT ABOARD TO WORK THE MAILS. GENERALLY, AN ADDITIONAL WAY FEE WOULD HAVE BEEN COLLECTED. THIS IS ONE OF THE EARLIEST TRANSCONTINENTAL "WAY" LETTERS KNOWN.

FUNCH & MEINCKE

NOVEMBER 18, 1853



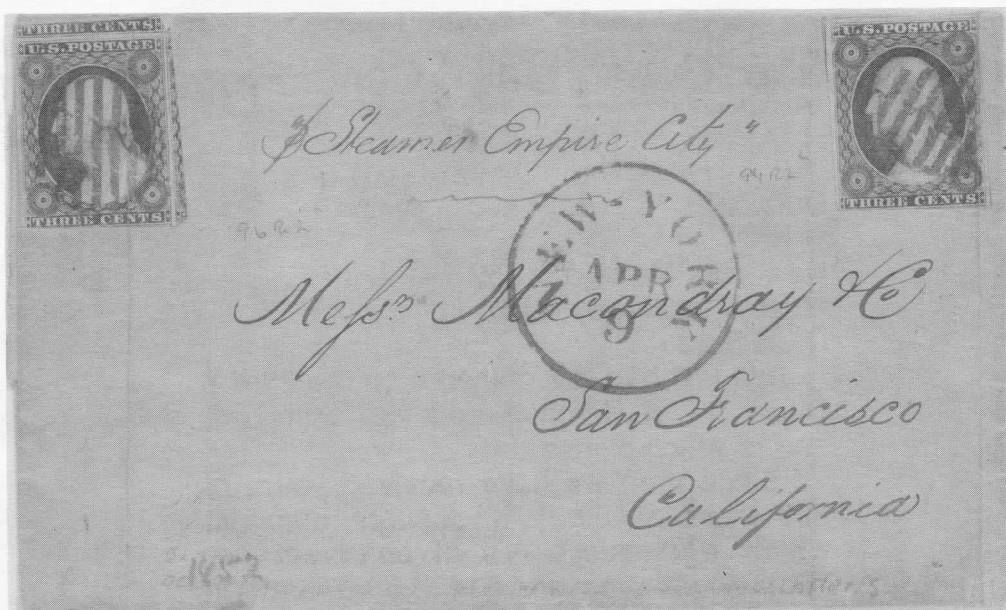
FUNCH & MEINCKE, FORWARDERS, NEW YORK
VIA PANAMA

USPO NEW YORK, NOVEMBER 21
ARR SAN FRANCISCO DECEMBER 18

RATE: SIX CENTS PREPAID. FUNCH & MEINCKE PAID IN CASH.

OCEAN MAIL 6 CENTS PREPAID

APRIL 9, 1852

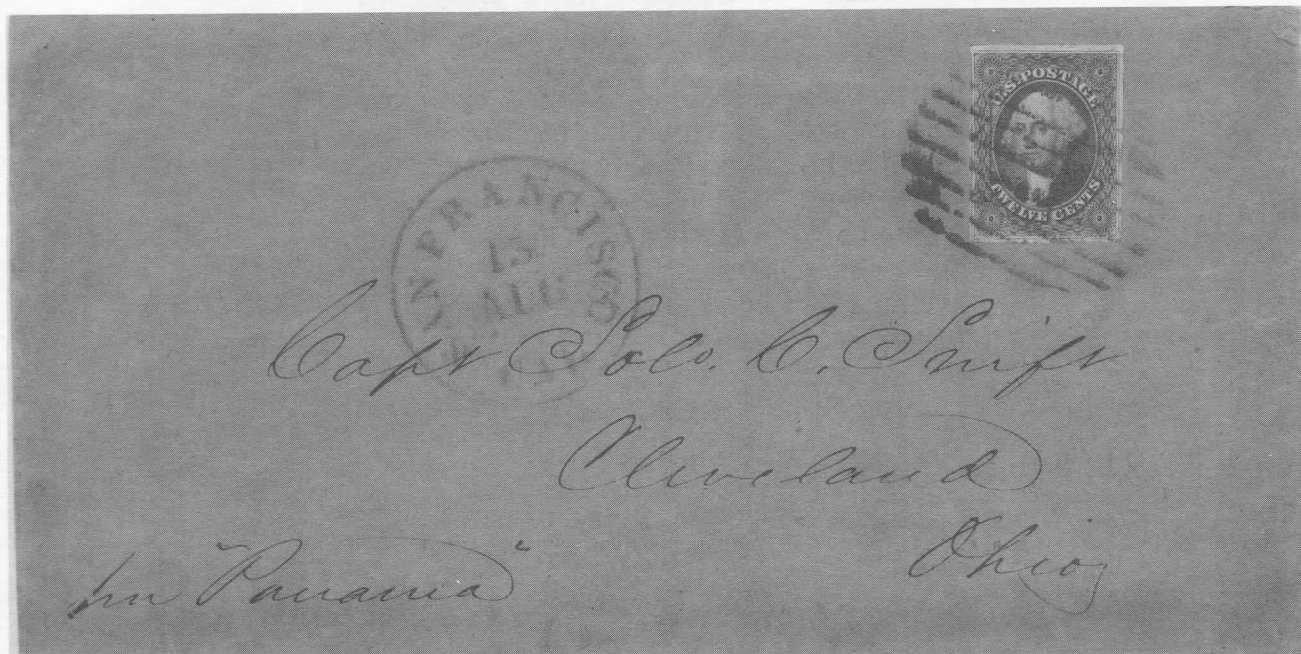


LV NEW YORK APRIL 9 PER USMSS "EMPIRE CITY" - ARR NEW ORLEANS APRIL 20
TO ASPINWALL BY SHIP AND THEN PANAMA CITY BY RAILROAD WHICH OPENED MARCH 15
LV PANAMA APRIL 25 PER PMSS "TENNESSEE" - ARR SAN FRANCISCO MAY 10

"THE ONLY COVER KNOWN WHERE A GRID WAS USED WITH THIS POSTMARK.
ALL OTHER COVERS SHOW THE POSTMARK ITSELF AS A KILLER." (S. ASHBROOK LETTER 11/24/49)

OCEAN MAIL DOUBLE RATE PREPAID

AUGUST 15, 1852



LV SAN FRANCISCO AUGUST 15 PER PMSS "PANAMA"
VIA ASPINWALL NEW YORK

ARR PANAMA AUGUST 31
CLEVELAND, OHIO

Contents of the "Ocean Mail 6 Cents Prepaid" letter

Duplicate

New York March ?, 1852

Messr Macondray & Co.

Dear Sirs:

We last had this pleasure on the 23rd ? Duplicate of which ? and you annexed, and to which please refer.

Since then we have received yours of 30th January with its enclosures, amongst which were a/c sales of shipment per "Comet" net proceeds \$1452.30 & Draft on P. Edes for the amount less 4% Exchange.

We were much disappointed that our letter of 23rd December limiting our Tobacco, had not reached you before you sold shipment per Comet at the prices at which you sold, the loss is heavy.

We must again confirm our limits on the shipments per "Celestial" at 45 Cents on the 50 Cases Myers Superior 12 #s by her, and on the Shipment per "Hurricane" 50 Cents on the same kind, and 60 cents on the Tinfoil 10# Boxes. These prices we have no doubt you will be able to get very soon, inasmuch as no one can ship them from the Atlantic pots to sell at a less price without losing considerable money. All we want is to be saved from loss. Enclosed we beg leave to hand you Duplicate Invoice ? for shipment per Hurricane. If those two last shipments can be sold at our limits, we shall be able to give you a fresh supply.

We are Dear Sirs.

Very Respect. Yours--

P.C. Von Schaick & Co.

3 CENTS PART PAYMENT NOT ACCEPTED

NOVEMBER 19, 1851



USPO CARRIER - USPO PHILADELPHIA - NEW YORK - VIA PANAMA - SAN FRANCISCO

THE SENDER MUST NOT HAVE BEEN FAMILIAR WITH THE 10 CENT TRANSCONTINENTAL RATE; APPARENTLY NEITHER WAS THE USPO WHICH ORIGINALLY RATED "DUE 5 ct". THE M/S "10" (DUE) WAS EVENTUALLY APPLIED.

6 CENTS PART PAYMENT ACCEPTED - 10 CENTS DUE

JUNE 19, 1853

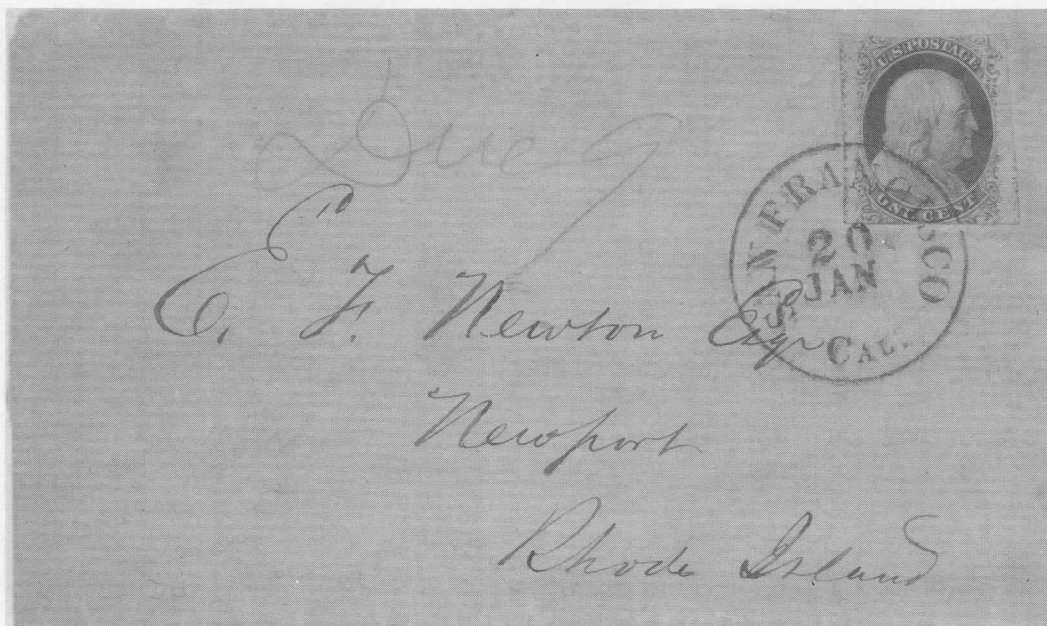


PHILADELPHIA - NEW YORK - VIA PANAMA - SAN FRANCISCO

THIS COVER WAS CONSIDERED AS DOUBLE RATE BY THE SAN FRANCISCO PO.

1 CENT PART PAYMENT ACCEPTED

JANUARY 20, CIRCA 1854

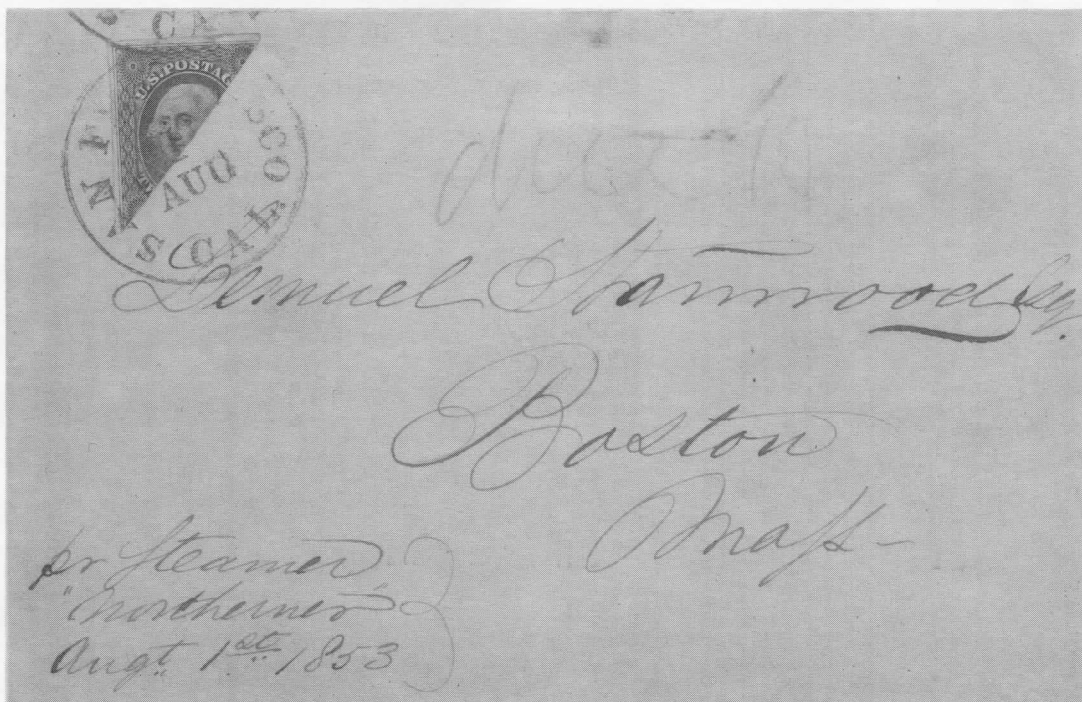


SAN FRANCISCO - VIA PANAMA - NEW YORK - NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND

THE 1 CENT STAMP ON THIS FOLDED LETTER WAS ACCEPTED AS PART PAYMENT IN NEW YORK; "DUE 9"

BISECT NOT ACCEPTED - CONTRACT MAIL

AUGUST 1, 1853



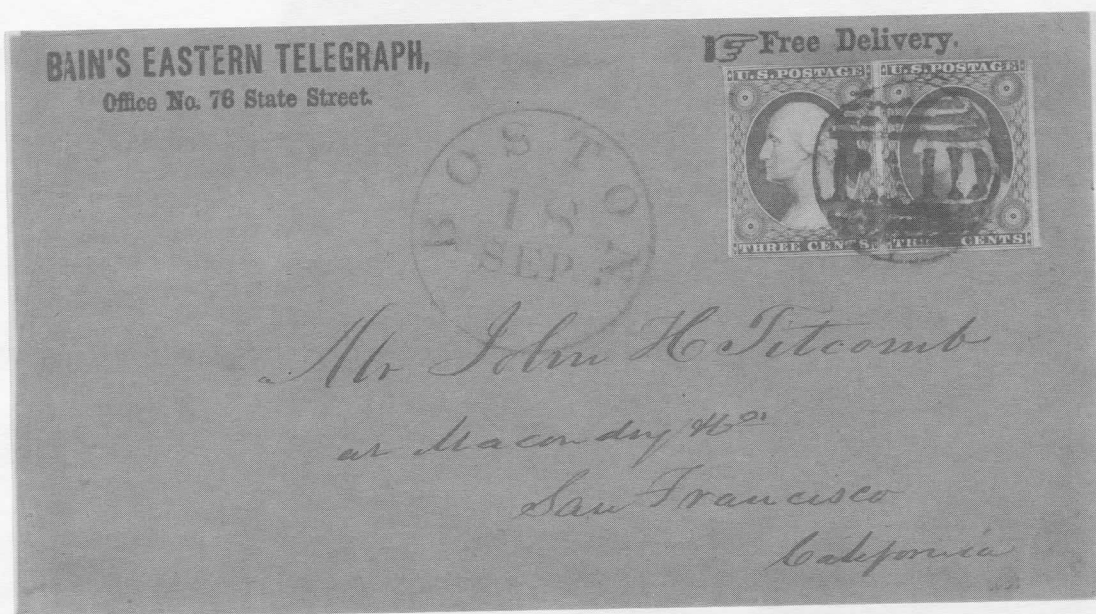
SAN FRANCISCO PER "NORTHERNER" - VIA PANAMA - NEW YORK - BOSTON

THE BIASECTED 12 CENT STAMP WAS NOT ACCEPTED AS PART PAYMENT IN NEW YORK; "DUE 10".

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THIS COVER AND THE "VIA NICARAGUA" BIASECT WHICH HAD 12 CENTS DUE (ILLUSTRATED A FEW PAGES EARLIER) IS THAT THE "NORTHERNER" WAS UNDER A MAIL CONTRACT WITH THE USPO AND THEREFORE NO 2 CENT "SHIP FEE" WAS DUE.

EARLIEST RECORDED TRANSCONTINENTAL TELEGRAPH COVER

SEPTEMBER 18, 1852



BY TELEGRAPH TO BAIN'S EASTERN TELEGRAPH, BOSTON - USPO BOSTON, SEPTEMBER 18, 1852
 PROBABLE LV NEW YORK SEPTEMBER 20 USMSS "ILLINOIS" - ARR ASPINWALL OCTOBER 2 ±
 LV PANAMA OCTOBER 6 PER PMSS "TENNESSEE" - ARR SAN FRANCISCO OCTOBER 19

BAIN'S EASTERN TELEGRAPH OPERATED IN NEW ENGLAND FROM 1848 - 1853

RATE: SIX CENTS PREPAID TELEGRAPH CHARGES PREPAID

U.S. EXPRESS MAIL

OCTOBER 24, 1851



U.S. EXPRESS MAIL, BOSTON OCTOBER 24
 PROBABLE LV NEW YORK OCTOBER 25 PER USMSS "ILLINOIS" - ARR CHAGRES NOVEMBER ±
 LV PANAMA NOVEMBER 28 PER PMSS "TENNESSEE" - ARR SAN FRANCISCO DECEMBER 14

THIS U.S. MAIL SERVICE WAS OPERATED BY THE USPO FROM 1842 - 1856 TO COMPETE WITH PRIVATE EXPRESS COMPANIES

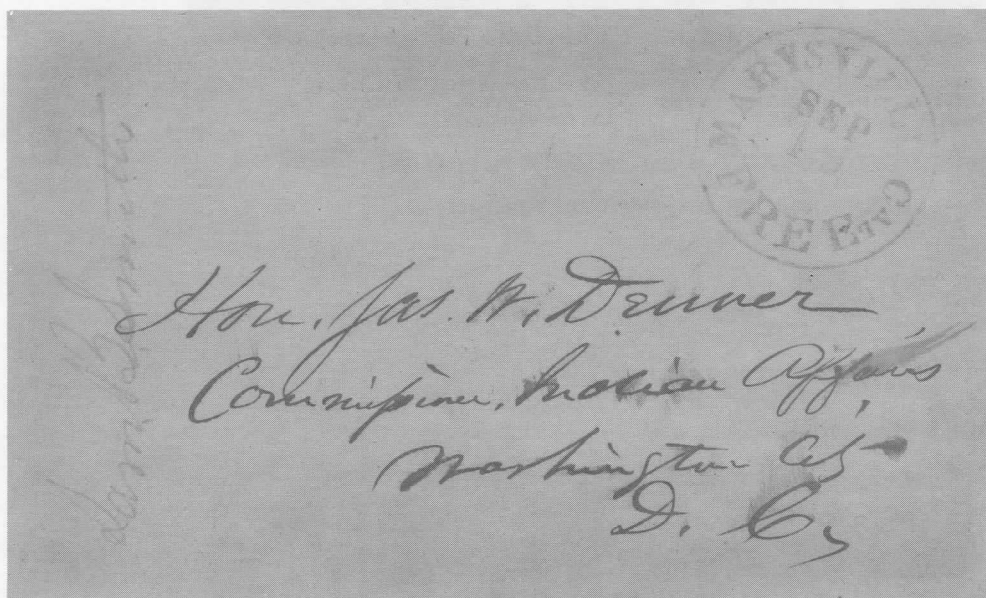
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TRANSCONTINENTAL FREE FRANKS



**EX PRESIDENT
JOHN TYLER**

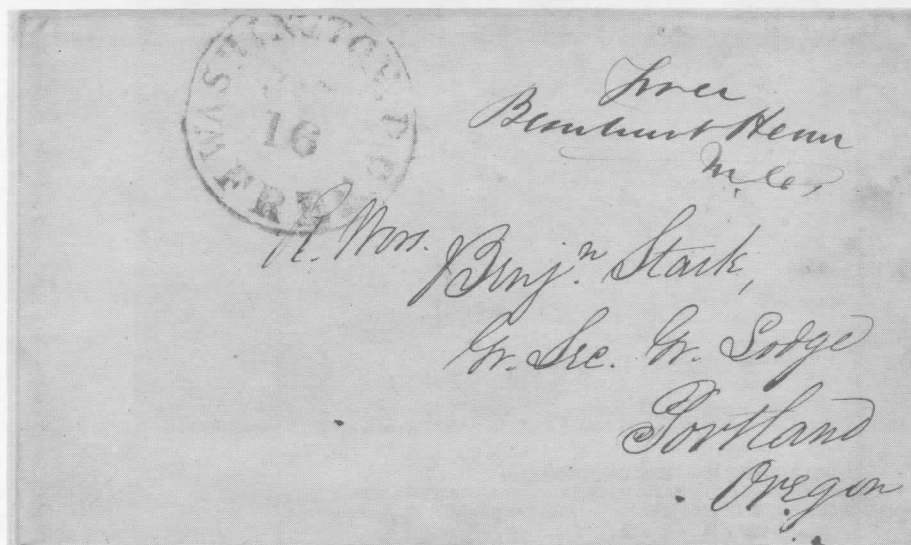
NEW YORK - VIA PANAMA
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA



**COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
JAMES DENVER
MARYSVILLE FREE**

SEPTEMBER 19, CIRCA 1854

MARYSVILLE, CALIFORNIA
SAN FRANCISCO - VIA PANAMA
NEW YORK - WASHINGTON, D.C.



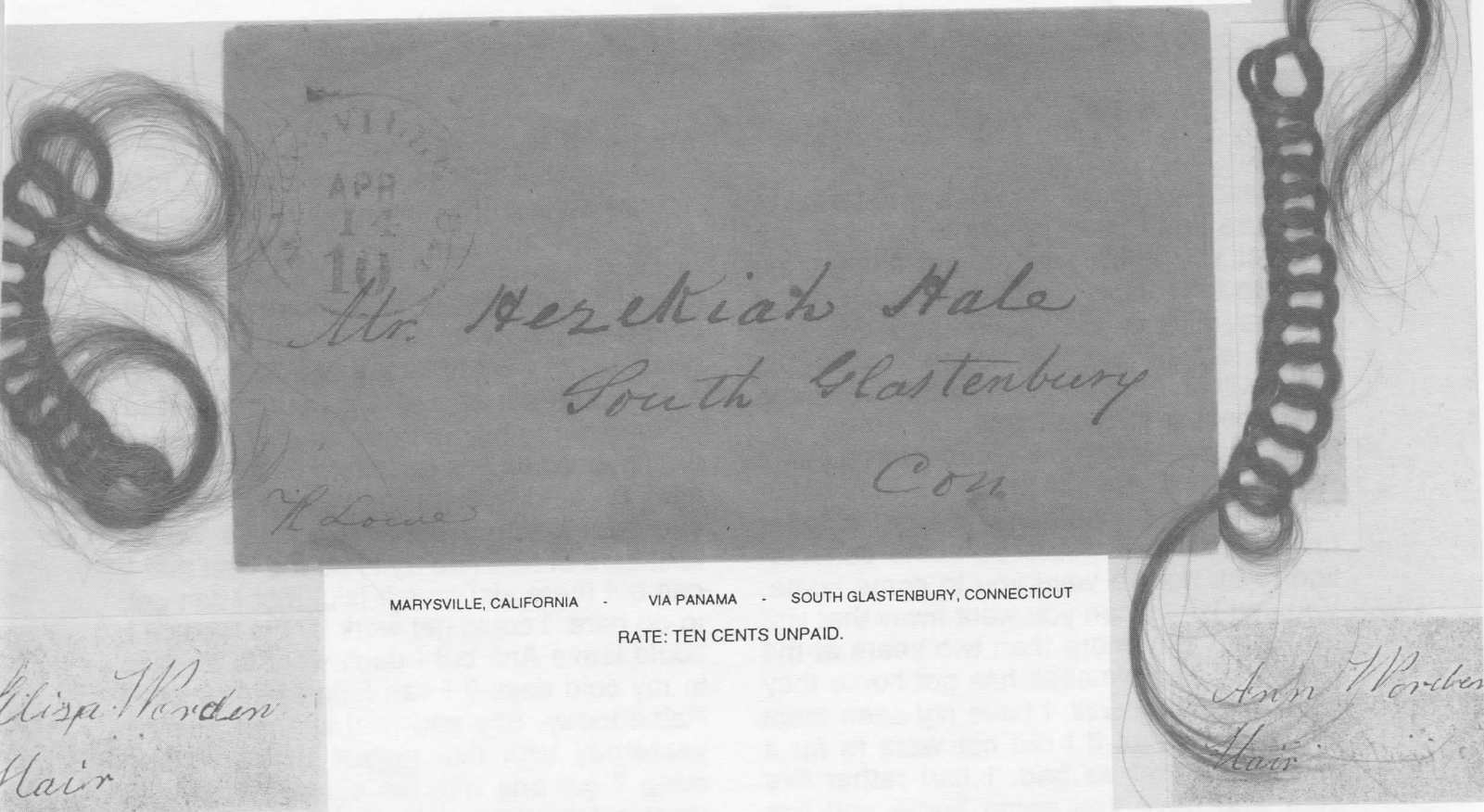
**"M.C." - (MEMBER OF CONGRESS)
TO BENJAMIN STARR**

JANUARY 16, 1853

WASHINGTON, D.C. - NEW YORK
VIA PANAMA - ASTORIA, OREGON
PORTLAND, OREGON

FROM TWO SISTERS

APRIL 14, CIRCA 1854



DOUBLE RATE UNPAID

MARCH 31, 1855



Contents of the "From Two Sisters" letter

Sunday ? January the 15th, 1854

My Dear Husband it is with a great deal of pleasure that I take my pen to address you and let you know you we get along. Ann goes to school this winter. Her health is first rate but mine is not. I have had a very bad cold it leave me with a cough. I hope this letter will find you in good health. We have been looking for you home this winer. You don't know (sic) I how disappointed I feel when I don't get no letters. I feel about discouraged sometimes if we get a letter once a month it would be some consolation to us but we want you to come home. You sed (sic) when you went away that you would not stay more than two years at the longest. The Holmeses has got home they have done very well. I have not seen them yet. It seems as if I did not want to for it makes me feel so bad. I had rather live poor and have you come home and live with us. We should be happy. It seems to me there is no enjoyment for me. I have been to meting (sic) today. I went twice (sic) last Sunday but I don't enjoy it. My mind is on you. It seems to be as if I can see you there in California sometimes. I fancy you are a suffering and sometimes you are enjoying your self first rate and I hope that you do it as more than I do while you are there if you aren't coming home. I wish that you would send me the means to get us a home for I am tired of moving. We have got to move this spring and where we

are going to I don't know. For my part I want a home if it aint more than 10 foot square so that I haven't got to move every six months and no (sic) not where to go. I wish you would send means to get us a home. I think a year from next spring that Ann will be able to teach school if she has good luck. I want to keep her in school next summer if I am able to. Last summer I had to keep her to home. I was so unwell part of the time. When she is able to help her self I shall be glad enough but you have always sed (sic) we had but one and we would take care of her. I do try to do the best that I can but there aint mutch (sic) that I can get to do here. I could get work by the week if I could leave Ann but I don't want to do that in my cold days if I can help it. I saw Mrs. Paine today. She sed (sic) she got a letter yesterday with five dollars in it and her dang ? got one with the same. I wish that there sutch (sic) good luck for me and Ann. I used to think that you thought as mutch (sic) of your family as any man and I can't think your long absence will make you forget them for it don't make us forget you. We don't now (sic) how to wait any longer for you to come. Our lamp has been trimmed and burning so long it has allmost (sic) gone out. Our oil is allmost (sic) spent so good night. This is from your ever true and loving wife to my dear beloved and faithful husband. DW.

Don't forget ? want to hear from you in the worst way.

Editor's Message

Executive Director Betsy Towle attended the Mega-Show in New York City in early November to give a seminar on getting children involved in philately. Ten frames of youth exhibits "in progress" were on display at the show, being the products of children who work with Foundation volunteers to prepare exhibits. The finished exhibits will be at ARIPEX 95 in Mesa in January.

In other important news, after almost 30 years of service as a volunteer and department head, Hilde Nelson has retired from the active program at The Postal History Foundation. During the time that Hilde was with the Foundation, more than 25,000 children were introduced to the hobby. Hilde and the rest of the Youth Education staff each devote 20 to 30 hours per week working with children in the area schools and libraries using stamps to reinforce the classroom instruction and the library reading programs.

One of the classes in the Foundation's schools program is working very hard to get a stamp issued honoring Charles Curtiss. The Foundation will sponsor a bus to take these children from Tucson to ARIPEX '95, where they will meet with a member of the U.S. Postmaster General's Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee to plead their case. This same group of children will speak in front of the Arizona legislature to ask for a resolution in support of their project. The Postal History Foundation believes that Youth Philatelic Education comes in all forms and are therefore supportive of these children's efforts and their education in this area.

In this issue of *The Heliograph*, we are pleased to continue the serialization of George Jay Kramer's "Across the Continent" exhibit (started *Heliograph* #26), fresh from the international exhibition in Bangkok. As before, we have augmented the publicly shown exhibit by transcribing the contents of selected letters. Members and philatelic literature fans might also be interested to know that our serialization of George's exhibit prompted Ken Lawrence, editor of *The Philatelic Communicator* for the APS Writers Unit #30, to ask me to write an article on our decision to serialize an exhibit in a periodical. It will appear shortly, if it has not already done so by the time you receive this *Heliograph*.

Finally, I would ask Foundation members to keep in mind that we have expanded the content of *The Heliograph* to include all U.S. postal history; rough or finished drafts of articles, article ideas or outlines and suggestions are always welcome. Thank you for your support--Dane S. Claussen.

In Memoriam

Robert A. Siegel
1913-1993

This issue of *The Heliograph* is dedicated to the lifetime achievements of Robert A. Siegel, long time friend and supporter of The Arizona Philatelic Rangers and The Postal History Foundation.

Bob was elected a Deputy Sheriff in the Ranger organization in 1964, and several years later was made a Sheriff in appreciation for his outstanding contributions and service to the then Western Postal History Museum. He was elected to the Board of Directors of the Arizona Philatelic Rangers and served in that capacity until his death.

Bob was very supportive of the Postal History Foundation Youth Philatelic program, and, with his help and that of his long time friend, Raymond Weill, many more children have had the opportunity to be introduced to the philatelic hobby.