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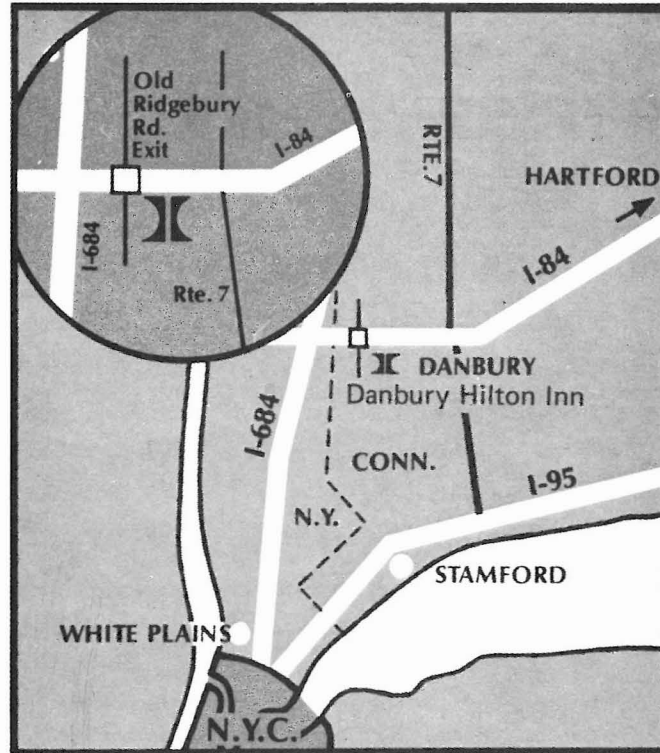
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December 14, 10:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M. at
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Philatelic reference _____

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8. Until paid for in full all lots remain the property of Richard C. Frajola, Inc. on behalf of the seller.
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11. Agents are responsible for all purchases made in behalf of their clients unless other arrangements are made prior to the sale.
12. Telephone bids are entered when received but must be followed up by written confirmation of the bidder.
13. Unless otherwise noted Catalog numbers refer to current Scott U.S. Specialized Catalog, and other references work as indicated.
14. The placing of a bid shall constitute acceptance of the foregoing conditions of sale.

Richard C. Frajola, Inc.

KEY TO CATALOG

Abbreviations

ad	advertising	ds	date stamp
ADS	autograph document signed	hs	handstamp
ALS	autograph letter signed	LS	letter signed
ANS	autograph note signed	ms	manuscript
bkst	backstamp	nd	not dated
cc	corner card	np	place of origin not given
cds	circular date stamp	ny	year not given
DS	document signed	pmk	postmark

Condition

Condition grades mentioned in the description refer to overall appearance of the item. On covers bearing adhesives, expect normal average centering or margins for the particular issue, only when adhesive condition is above the normal will it be specifically described. File folds on folded letters that do not detract from appearance are not mentioned, nor are missing back flaps on covers if no postal markings are affected.

extremely fine—the best possible condition

very fine—pleasing appearance with all markings well struck

fine—averages appearance for period, markings readable

about fine—somewhat below average, markings partially readable

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The treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, February 2, 1848, included the transfer of California from Mexico to the United States. Only a few letters bearing postal markings from the Spanish period are known (an example is listed under Los Angeles.) During the period prior to September 7, 1850, when California was admitted as a State, there were temporary local governments and military governments. A tremendous influx of people followed the discovery of gold in 1848, estimated at 80,000 for 1849 alone. The U.S. postal system began in California with the arrival of Agent William Van Voorhees in San Francisco on February 28, 1849.

Postal history of the period prior to 1869 is especially rich because of the diversity of mail handling methods with the independent mail handlers providing much needed service. These covers and letters continue to stimulate the imagination of postal historians. The romance attached to the gold rush and the pony express is undeniable. For further information the reader is referred to the fine new book "Letters Of Gold" by Jesse Coburn, published by The U.S. Philatelic Classics Society, Inc. and The Philatelic Foundation, Inc. and available from them or directly from us at \$50., postage prepaid. Many of the covers offered are illustrated in this book.

CALIFORNIA POSTAL RATES

Schedule of domestic postal rates for single weight letters.

From August 14, 1848 to June 30, 1851

<i>California to/from the Atlantic Coast</i>	<i>40 cents</i>
<i>Within California</i>	<i>12½ cents</i>
<i>Drop letters</i>	<i>2 cents</i>

From July 1, 1851 to March 30, 1855

<i>Not exceeding 3,000 miles</i>	<i>3 cents prepaid, 5 cents collect</i>
<i>Greater distances</i>	<i>6 cents prepaid, 10 cents collect</i>
<i>Drop letters</i>	<i>1 cent</i>

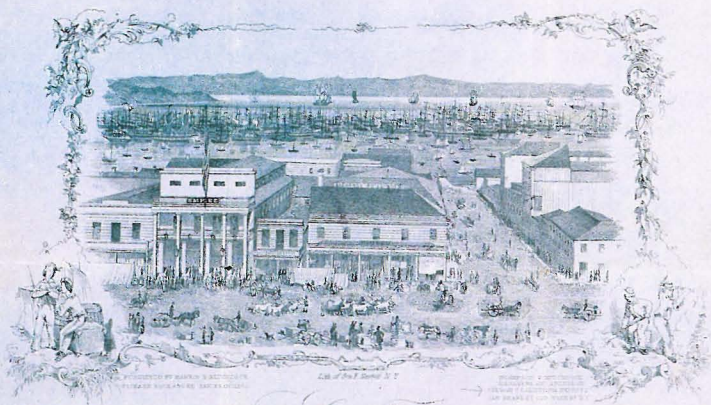
From April 1, 1855 to June 30, 1863

<i>Not exceeding 3,000 miles</i>	<i>3 cents, prepayment required</i>
<i>Greater distances</i>	<i>10 cents, prepayment required</i>
<i>Drop letters</i>	<i>1 cent</i>

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| 1 | San Francisco illustrated lettersheet (Baird #238) with view of harbor, used to New York with black "San Francisco 1 Sep 40" cds, very fine 3p letter describes the city as seen in the view and the changes since the fires, address leaf soiled and light staining, very fine view and contents.....Est. | 300-400 |
| 2 | San Francisco illustrated letter sheet (Baird #234) by Marvin & Hitchcock showing view of the harbor, on blue wove paper with imprint mentioning Gregory's California Express at right, letter dated Nov. 7, 1850 carried out of the mails to Maine mentions Cholera in San Francisco and Sacramento, fine.....Est. | 250-300 |



San Francisco Sept 1st 1850
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San Francisco

Thursday San Francisco
Sep 7th 1850

Dear Sister

I received your letter last Monday
dated August the 10th and it pleased me
much to read so nice a letter. I was very
very glad to hear you were all well. I wrote
to father yesterday but I hardly knew what to
write there were so many bothering me. The
Cholera has been raging here & in Sacramento
& it has considerably extended but much worse

... been a very good boy, I thought
- The stone is intended as a
San Francisco as drawn by P. Wady
- It was taken from a hill in
vicinity of Young Lodge, another
of these results - One having
in the artist's store when he drew
it - The hill on the left of the view
very accurate. The buildings are many
as swept away many that have been
ing many of them high - A little
but you will see the American flag
the City. Look a little below the flag
or ado on the end of a huge story
beautiful brick building occupying the
- 100 ft. north. That section of the
last five is fine. The building
is the Parker House - Now a good
eat size to be protected by the brick
of a very large brick building near
the first story of the El Dorado & built
Salome's splendid halls, some of them
entire 70 lamps in one of these halls

- 3 **Milton S. Latham U.S.S.** ms free frank of the past Governor of California, as Senator, on cover from Denver correspondence to Kansas, "Congress Washington Apr 28" cds, original 1862 signed letter regarding Kansas politics, fine.....Est. 75-100
- 4 **Port La Vaca Txs Mar 27** cds and ms "40" rate on 1850 folded letter to San Francisco, very fine..... Est. 200-250
- 5 **Victoria Tex Mar 4** cds and ms "40" rate on 1850 folded letter to San Francisco, minor discoloration, very fine usage.....Est. 200-250

CALIFORNIA STAMPLESS

- 6 **Benicia Cal Dec 29** black, two line pmk, earliest recorded, and ms "40" rate on 1849 folded letter to New York, postscript of family letter dated at "Military and Naval Headquarters, Benicia, California," internal fold faults, ex Jessup, very fine strike.....Est. 750-1,000
- 7 **Benicia Cal Apr 18** ms pmk and "12½" rate on 1850 folded letter to San Francisco, file fold, very fine Est. 200-250
- 8 **Benicia Cal Apr 29**, red, two line pmk and ms "12½" rate on entire (1850) to San Francisco, minor edge discoloration, very fine.....Est. 500-750
- 9 **Benicia Cal Aug 26** bluish cds and fancy "12½" rate hs on 1850 folded letter to San Francisco, fine Est. 250-300
- 10 **Benicia Cal Feb 12** red cds and fancy "12½" rate hs on 1851 folded letter to San Francisco, interesting letter regarding the death of a sailor from the U.S.S. Lexington at Fremonts Diggings, pressed creases, very fine strikes.....Est. 250-300
- 11 **Culloma Alta Cal** red double circle pmk with magenta ms "Mar 26" date and "12½" rate on 1850 folded letter to San Francisco, miner's letter dated from "Kelseys Road March 23" mentions mail arrangements to Culloma, very fine.....Est. 400-500
- 12 **Culloma Alta Cal** mostly clear, red double circle pmk with ms "Mar 26" date and "40" rate hs on cover to Boston, original 1850 miner's letter mentions "This is the place where gold was first discovered, formerly called Sutter's Mills; it is a place of some five hundred inhabitants," very fine.....Est. 250-300
- 13 **Culloma Alta Cal Jan 28 40** red cds with integral "40" rate on 1851 folded letter dated from "Rocky Chucky," minor edge discoloration, fine.....Est. 200-250
- 14 **Forbestown Cal** May 13 slightly blurred, unframed oval pmk and "Paid X" rate hs on **Writing Home** miners illustrated cover with "J.M. Hutching's California Envelope" imprint, to New York, repaired edge nicks, ex Knapp, very fine design.....Est. 1,000-1,250
- 15 **(Los Angeles), Franco En Horcasitas** red, two line pmk on March 20, 1844 folded business letter dated at **Los Angeles** and addressed to **London**, black "Vera Cruz Jy 1 1844" British office bkst, red arrival cds and ms "2/3" rate, very fine **Spanish period** usage, ex Clifford.....Est. 1,000-1,250
- 16 **Louisville Cal Feby 22nd** ms pmk and "80" double rate on cover (1851) to Maine, located in El Dorado county the P.O. was discontinued in Oct., 1852, edge creases, fine.....Est. 250-300
- 17 **Marysville May 3 40** partially clear black cds with integral "40" rate and additional "40" bluish rate hs on 1850 folded letter headed from Lapon's Ranch, Molino Co., minor edge wear, fine.....Est. 100-150



18	Marysville Cal Paid By Stamps Jul 4 blue cds with blue “Free” hs at bottom on cover to Washington, D.C., blue grill cancel at top apparently cancelled an adhesive that was removed when error was discovered and additional “Free” hs applied in place, fine.....Est.	150-200
19	Marysville Cal Free Sep 19 blue cds with integral “Free” on cover from Denver correspondence to Washington, D.C., very fine.....Est.	150-200
20	Mokelumne Hill Cal Aug 28 straight line pmk, “Paid” hs and “6” rate hs on cover to New Hampshire, original letter regarding recent fire which destroyed the town, the earliest reported example of the st. line pmk, fine.....Est.	400-500
21	Monterey Cal Sept '49 unusual year date pmk and “40” rate on cover to New Hampshire, repaired tear, corners worn, the earliest recorded example, ex Chase, ex Jessup.....Est.	300-400
22	Napa City June 21 ms pmk and “12½” rate on 1851 entire to the Governor at Benecia, file fold, very fine Est.	150-200
23	Nevada City Cal 10 Mar ms pmk and ms “40” rate on cover to Vermont, edge worn and tape stains at top Est.	100-150
24	Sacramento Aug 24 ms pmk and “40” rate on cover to Connecticut, pencil 1849 docket, stain at top left, earliest reported.....Est.	750-1,000
25	Sacramento Cal Apl. 24 oval pmk and “12½” rate hs on 1850 folded letter dated from “Old Dry Digings” to the Navy Agent at San Francisco, ms “Politeness Mr. Thorndike” notation at bottom left, minor stain spots, fine.....Est.	200-250
26	Sacramento Cal 20 May 80 black cds with integral “80” double rate on 1850 folded letter dated “Weaver-ville Apr 19;” descriptive miner’s letter, aged address panel, fine strike.....Est.	100-150
27	Sacramento Cal 15 June 40 black cds with integral “40” rate and “Paid” in arc hs on 1850 folded letter per Columbus to Mass., very fine.....Est.	300-400
28	Sacramento Cal 26 July 40 clear, black cds with integral “40” rate on 1850 folded trader’s letter dated from “South Branch of the North Fork,” to Mississippi, minor edge spots, very fine.....Est.	150-200
29	Sacramento Cal 1 Aug 12½ black cds with integral “12½” rate on 1850 folded letter, dated “Lafayette April 24,” to San Francisco, edge worn, very fine strike.....Est.	200-250
30	Sacramento Cal 10 Aug 12½ bold, black cds with integral “12½” rate on cover to Culloma, matching “Paid” in oval hs, very fine.....Est.	250-300
31	Sacramento Cal 11 Sep 80 mostly clear black cds with integral “80” double rate on cover to Maine, fine Est.	200-250
32	Sacramento City Cal Dec 21 mostly clear, black cds and “40” rate hs on cover to Maine, original letter written from “four miles from Mormon Island in dry diggings” dated 1849 (error for 1850?), fine..... Est.	150-200
33	Sacramento City Cal Jan 14 black cds and “12½” rate hs on 1851 entire addressed to Governor Burnett at San Jose, ms docket on reverse “From Thos. Taylor, a Cherokee, in relation to employment of troops,” file folds, fine.....Est.	100-150
34	Sacramento City Cal Mar 27 red cds and matching “40” rate hs on cover to Illinois, very fine.....Est.	100-150



35	San Diego Cal Dec 13 ms pmk and "12½" rate on entire to San Jose, file folds, fine.....Est.	250-300
36	San Diego Cal May 13 ms pmk and "40" rate on cover to Silver Spring, very fine.....Est.	250-300
37	San Diego Cal Sep 4 black cds and ms "40" rate on 1850 folded letter dated from "Camp East of Tecate and the boundary line" to New York, fine.....Est.	200-250
38	San Francisco Mar 15 ms pmk and "40" rate on folded letter headed "Decr 11th, 1848, St. frisco" to Indiana, excellent miner's letter mentions "I have been in the gold mines and am now in possession of near five thousand dollars in gold dust. . . I have never seen such prospect for fortune as appears to be open here and in Oregon," sent by Peruvian bark "Callao" in the first U.S. mail from San Francisco, many separations and edge faults, the only reported example from this mail.....Est.	1,000-1,250
39	San Francisco bold straight line pmk with magenta ms "June 20" date and "40" rate on 1849 folded letter of Governor Peter Burnett to St. Louis, forwarded to Liberty, Mo. with part strike red cds, ms "For 5" and "45" total due, business letter with additional signed forwarding instructions "If Mr. Smith should have left Mo. for California," corner stain, very fine strike.....Est.	2,000-2,500
40	San Francisco Cal Sep 1 black cds, "Paid" hs and red ms "40" rate on 1849 entire to France , short paid 56c rate usage, red "Colonies & Art" boxed hs, British transit bkst, French "30 Oct 49" entry cds and "15" (d) due hs, file fold, light edge discoloration, fine usage.....Est.	200-250
41	San Francisco Cal Sep 1 black cds and red ms "40" rate on 1849 folded letter to New York, merchant's letter endorsed "Hawaiian Consulate" at top ordering liquor, file fold, very fine.....Est.	200-250
42	San Francisco Cal Oct 1 black cds and red ms "40" rate on 1849 folded letter to Georgia, letter from a returning adventurer, fine.....Est.	150-200
43	San Francisco Cal Oct 1 black cds and matching, boxed "40" rate hs on cover to Conn., original 1849 letter from ex miner "hoping to better my condition by some legitimate mode of business," first day of use of this rate hs, very fine.....Est.	200-250
44	San Francisco Cal Jan 4, mostly clear black cds and boxed "2" rate hs on 1850, local use, folded letter announcing a meeting of the "California Guard," fine.....Est.	150-200
45	San Francisco 20 Apr 40 red cds with integral "40" rate on 1850 folded letter to Philadelphia which mentions gold dust shipment by Adams & Co, very fine.....Est.	150-200
46	San Francisco 27 Jun 12½ red cds with integral "12½" rate, "Paid" hs and pencil "12½" rate on 1850 entire to San Jose, file fold, fine.....Est.	150-200
47	San Francisco Cal 3 Jul partially clear, red cds and matching boxed "2" rate hs on cover, by "Politeness" to San Francisco, original letter dated April 1, 1850, edge wear.....Est.	100-150
48	San Francisco Cal 1 Sep 40 black cds with integral "40" rate on cover "per steamer Oregon" to New Jersey, small edge nick at right, fine.....Est.	75-100
49	San Francisco Cal 4 Nov red cds and matching "12½" rate hs on 1850 folded letter to San Jose, very fine Est.	200-250
50	San Francisco Cal Nov 15 black cds and boxed "80" double rate hs on 1850 entire to a New York forwarder, red "Goodhue & Co" oval forwarder bkst, and then to England with black "10" hs and ms "2/—" due, arrival bkst, aged file fold, fine usage.....Est.	150-200
51	San Francisco 1 Jan orange red cds and matching "40" rate hs on cover to Indiana, minor repaired hole at top right, about fine.....Est.	100-150

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52	San Francisco Cal Jan 14 indistinct black cds and boxed "80" double rate hs on cover to Maryland, about fine.....Est.	75-100
53	San Francisco Cal 1 May, partially clear red cds, "Paid" hs and "80" rate hs applied over "40" rate hs on cover to Conn., fine.....Est.	150-200
54	San Francisco 7 Jun black cds and "2" rate hs on local use, 1851 folded letter, fine.....Est.	100-150
55	San Francisco 10 June 40 red cds with integral "40" rate on cover to Vermont, very fine.....Est.	100-150
56	San Francisco Cal 1 Jul black cds and matching "10" rate hs on 1851 folded letter to Mass., first day unpaid 10c rate, miner's letter discusses the recent fire at Stockton and the several San Francisco fires, ex Marcus White, fine.....Est.	300-400
57	San Francisco Cal 15 Jul orange red cds, "Paid" hs and "25" rate hs on 1851 folded letter to England , red "3" credit hs, "Paid Sp 4 1851" entry cds and bkst, error of rating at San Francisco as correct rate was 29 cents, fine.....Est.	250-300
58	San Francisco Cal 6 Oct black cds, "Paid" in oval hs and "1" rate hs on local use cover, age stains....Est.	100-150
59	San Francisco Cal 16 Sep blue cds, "Paid" hs and "29" (24 + 5) rate hs on 1852 folded letter from Tahiti to England, ms "Via California" at bottom, red "3" credit hs and red arrival cds, file fold, very fine.....Est.	400-500
60	San Francisco Cal Paid 6 Mar 1 black cds on 1853 folded letter "Pr Str. Oregon" to New York, file fold, very fine strike.....Est.	100-150
61	San Francisco Cal 21 Jan black cds and fancy "Ship 6" port of entry ship rate on 1856 folded letter from Bremen , blue company cachet and ms "pr Orestes" notation, wrinkles and light age stains.....Est.	100-150
62	San Francisco Cal Paid Feb 20 1858 red cds on cover to Chile , matching "15" in circle rate hs as well as correct "34" rate in magenta ms, minor edge discoloration at left, very fine.....Est.	200-250
63	San Francisco Cal Free Dec 20 black cds with integral "Free" on cover from Denver correspondence to Washington, D.C., very fine.....Est.	100-150
64	San Francisco Cal Oct 26 1861 double circle cds, "Ship" hs and blue "32" rate [(10 × 3) + 2] on folded letter from Peru to New York, "Arica Sp 23 1861" British Office cds, crayon "2/—" rate and "Paid-To-Panama" hs, "Panama Oct 7 1861" arrival cds, file folds, very fine.....Est.	250-300
65	San Jose Cal 27 April ms pmk and "Paid 40" rate on 1850 folded letter, from Crittenden correspondence, to Virginia, file folds and somewhat lightened at right.....Est.	200-250
66	Santa Cruz Cal Feb 25 ms pmk and "12½" rate on entire to the Sec. of State at San Jose, "Official" endorsement at top, file folds, soiled.....Est.	150-200
67	Sonora Cal 11 Nov ms pmk and "Paid 40" rate on cover to Ohio, ms 1850 docket, edge discoloration, earliest recorded, fine.....Est.	250-300
68	Sonora Cal 6 Dec ms pmk and "12½" rate on 1850 folded letter to San Jose, very fine.....Est.	250-300
69	Sonora Cal Mar 15 double circle cds and "5" in circle rate hs for forwarding on cover originating with red "Coventry N.Y." cds, "Paid" hs and ms "6" rate, fine.....Est.	100-150



70	Stockton Cala Dec 19 1849 magenta ms pmk and “40” rate on folded letter to Maine, minor stain at bottom right, the earliest recorded Stockton pmk, very fine.....Est.	500-750
71	Stockton Cal Jan 30 blue cds, “Paid” hs and matching “40” in oval rate hs on cover to New York, fine Est.	100-150
72	Stockton Cal Jun 13 blue cds and matching “80” in oval, double rate, hs on cover to Vermont, original 1851 letter dated at “Coyote Flat” from a recently established merchant to the miners, part flap and edge tears at top, fine strikes.....Est.	250-300
73	Vallicita Cal Apr 25 cds and ms “POB Free” on flag and verse patriotic cover to Washington, D.C., very fine Est.	200-250
74	Woods Diggings Cal Feby 27/51 ms pmk and “40” rate on cover to Mass., edge worn and tear, the only recorded example.....Est.	200-250

ADHESIVES ON COVER

75	#7, 1c Blue , type II, strip of three in deep shade (plate 3) with mostly large margins, left stamp small surface scrape, tied to 1857 folded letter to Napa City by “San Francisco Cal Jul 28 1857” pmks, fine.....Est.	300-400
76	#9, 1c Blue , type IV, tied together with vertical strip of three 3c Dull Red (#11) to cover to “Ship Warren, Mare Island Navy Yard” at San Francisco by red grid cancels, matching “New York Paid Jun 5” cds, edge faults, original 1855 letter, handsome usage.....Est.	300-400
77	#10, 3c Orange Brown , horizontal pair with close to complete margins, neat grill cancel on legal size cover to Stockton “Sacramento City Cal 10 Oct” cds, ms 1851 docket, edge browned at left and minor edge wrinkles, early usage from California.....Est.	150-200
78	#10, 3c Orange Brown , complete margins, tied to cover to Aqua Frio by “Mokelumne Hill Dec 30” cds, minor edge tear, fine.....Est.	100-150
79	#10, 3c Pale Orange Brown , full margins, internal tear, tied to “Young Ladies’ Seminary Benicia” imprint cover addressed to Wells, Fargo agent at Gold Hill by “Benicia Cal Jun 7” cds, edge stains.....Est.	100-150
80	#11, 3c Brownish Carmine , side margin strip of three, center stamp paper wrinkle, large margins, tied to cover to New York by “Fiddletown Cal Feb 15” double circle pmk, ms “Paid 1” at left to make 10c rate, considered a provisional measure due to shortage of 1c adhesives, very fine.....Est.	500-750
81	#11, 3c Dull Red tied to cover by part strike “Wilkes Barre Pa Sep 19” cds, clear strike to left and their “Paid 3” oval rate hs, rate hs crossed out and bold “Due 5 cts” hs for unpaid portion of 6c California rate, forwarded to Oakland with “Mokelumne Hill Oct 27” cds, ms “Ford 5” and “10” total due, corner wrinkle, very fine usage.....Est.	250-300
82	#11, 3c Dull Red , cut in, tied to brown, carriage illustrated, embossed corner card cover of a Sacramento, Cal merchant by bluish “Woodstock Vt Oct 7” cds, reduced at left just into design.....Est.	100-150
83	#13, 10c Green , type I, full to large margins including bottom sheet margin, tied to cover to Kentucky by “Yreka Cal Oct 29” cds, edge wear and light discoloration spots, ex Moody, P.F. cert.....Est.	500-750
84	#13, 10c Green , type I, corner sheet margin example (pos 100L) tied to cover to New York by red “Grass Valley Cal Aug 19” cds, additional ms cancel, flap tears, very fine.....Est.	500-750

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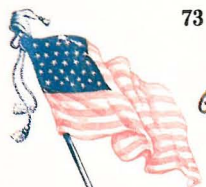
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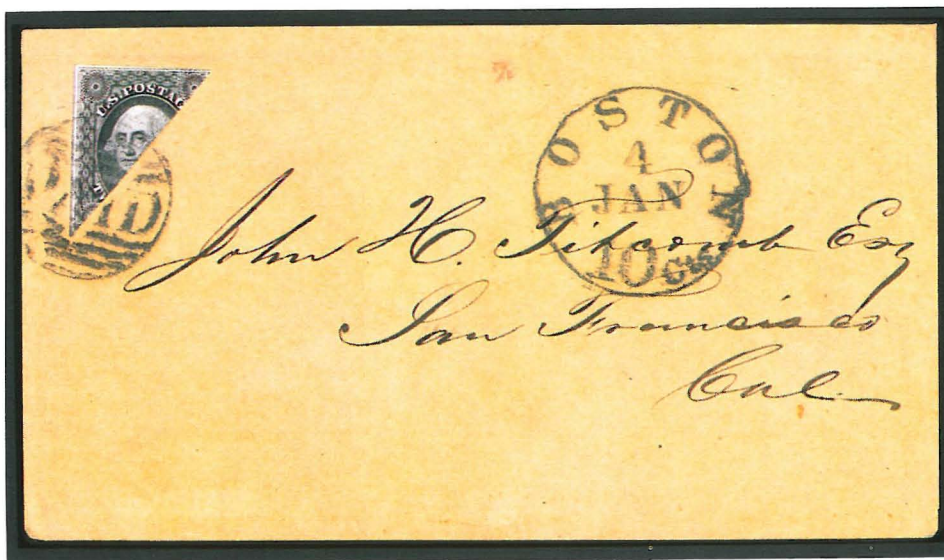


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- 85 #14, 10c Green, type II, full margins, tied to mourning cover to San Francisco by **bright green** "Richfield Springs N.Y. Sep 3" pmks, repaired cover tear, ex Caspary.....Est. 750-1,000
- 86 #14, 10c Green, type II, pos. 58L1, large margins, tied to 10c Green entire (#U18) to Vermont by "Sacramento City Cal Jul 19 1856" cds, light edge wear, very fine.....Est. 300-400
- 87 #14, 10c Green, type II, large margins including sheet margin at left, tied to cover to Iowa by "Coloma Cal Oct 4" black cds, minor edge discoloration.....Est. 250-300
- 88 #14, 10c Green, type II, large margins and sharp impression tied to cover to Oroville, California by 7 bar "New York Jul 6" ocean mail pmk, very fine.....Est. 250-300
- 89 #15, 10c Green, type III, complete to large margins, tied to green embossed, "Wilson's Exchange" building illustrated ad cover to Illinois by part strike "San Francisco Cal 5 May" cds, flap faults, very fine..... Est. 400-500
- 90 #15, 10c Green, type III, large margins, tied to "Daily Alta California San Francisco" printing press illustrated, albino embossed ad cover to Mass. by "San Francisco Cal 8 Jan" cds, ms 1857 docket, minor edge wear, ex Baker, fine.....Est. 300-400
- 91 #17, 12c Black, horizontal pair with large margins, including portions of adjoining stamps, tied together with pair 1c Blue, type IV (#9) to 1855 folded letter to **France** by "San Francisco Ca 16 Jan" pmks, red "New York Br Packet Feb 10" exchange cds, red French entry cds and 1855 arrival bkst, 26 cent California rate (21 + 5) to France, minor edge lightening, extremely fine usage.....Est. 2,000-2,500



- 92 #17a, 12c Black, left side **Diagonal Bisect** tied to cover to San Francisco by "Paid" grid cancel, black "Boston 10 cts 4 Jan" due cds, attempted prepayment of 6c rate not recognised, P.F. cert., very fine.....Est. 2,500-3,000
- 93 #24, 1c Blue, type V, vertical strip of five (pos 9-49 R10) tied to front and another vertical strip of five (pos 10-50 R10) tied to reverse of Denver correspondence cover to Washington, D.C. by "San Francisco July 20 1861" pmks, cover opened out for display, small patch at top and no flap, signed Ashbrook..... Est. 500-750



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Mr. Philip Vile
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Pauline Helen Smith

Mrs. Clara L. Smith
White River
Vermont



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to Mr. Robert
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Mr. A. K. Riggier
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Mrs. L. B. Byram,
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94	#24, 1c Blue , type V, horizontal pair tied to front of, and vertical strip of five (pos 56-96 R7) tied to reverse of 3c Red entire (#U10) to Washington, D.C. by "San Francisco Cal Jan 11 1861" pmks, piece missing from flap away from adhesives, very fine.....Est.	500-750
95	#24, 1c Blue , type V, tied to "California State Agricultural Society" illustrated yellow cover to Grafton by "Sacramento Cal" cds, printed Dec 26, 1860 enclosure with similar illustrated letter sheet, very fine.... Est.	300-400
96	#26, 3c Dull Red , vertical strip of three, straddle pane at left, tied to legal size cover to Nevada City, Cal by "San Jose Cal Jan 26" pmks, ms 1860 docket, reduced slightly at left, fine.....Est.	75-100
97	#30A, 5c Brown , type II, tied together with 10c Green (#35) to cover to France by "San Francisco Cal Mar 25 1861" cds, red "New York Paid 3 Apr 27" exchange cds and blue French entry cds, Metz arrival bkst, same correspondence as Pony Express usage to France, very fine.....Est.	400-500
98	#31, 10c Green , type I, well centered example in deep shade tied to Registered cover from Denver correspondence to Washington, D.C. by "Placerville Cal Sep 4" cds, ms "No 19" at top left, pencil "Received 5 cts" note on reverse referring to Registration Fee collected in cash, ms docketing at left, signed Ashbrook, very fine Est.	750-1,000
99	#31, 10c Green , type I, extremely well centered example tied to Denver correspondence cover to Washington, D.C. by "Los Angeles Cal Dec 11" cds, very fine.....Est.	750-1,000
100	#31, 10c Green , type I, fresh example tied to cover to New York by blue "Petaluma Cal Apr 6" cds, ex Rohloff, very fine.....Est.	500-750
101	#31, 10c Green , type I, well centered copy tied to "California State Agricultural Society" illustrated cover from Denver correspondence to Washington, D.C. by blurred "Sacramento" cds, signed Ashbrook, very fine Est.	500-750
102	#31, 10c Green , type I, rather well centered copy tied to ladies cover to New Hampshire by bold "Columbia Cal Apr 4 1859" cds, original letter, very fine.....Est.	400-500
103	#31, 10c Green , type I, well centered copy tied to cover to New York by blue grid of squares cancel, matching "Marysville Cal Paid By Stamps Sep 4" cds, forwarded with "Potter Hill N.Y." ms pmk and "Ford 5" due, reduced slightly and creases at left.....Est.	300-400
104	#32, 10c Green , type II, se at left, tied to cover "via Los Angeles overland Route" from Denver correspondence to Washington, D.C. by shaded star cancel, "Sacramento City Cal Dec 2 1858" cds to left, excellent original letter, "I like yourself rejoiced at the receipt of a letter by a regular mail through our own Territory. The road. . .was completed a few days ago" also mentions advance of the Telegraph line, tape stain at bottom, very fine strike.....Est.	500-750
105	#32, 10c Green , type II, tied to cover to Maine by "Allegany-Cal-Sierra County" oval pmk with ms "June 15" date below, slightly reduced at right, ex Baker, fine.....Est.	400-500
106	#32, 10c Green , type II, well centered copy tied to cover to Mass. by bold star in circle cancel, matching "Downieville Cal Apr 16 1860" cds to left, ex Emerson, very fine.....Est.	300-400
107	#33, 10c Green , type III, two copies tied to cover to Denmark by "Franco" hs, each with numeral "15" cancel, matching "Georgetown Cal Aug 4 1859" origin pmk, part strike red New York exchange cds, "K.D.O.P.A. Hamburg" transit bkst, correct 20c rate via Bremen-Hamburg, extremely fine usage...Est.	4,000-5,000
108	#33, 10c Green , type III, tied to green, carriage illustrated, embossed corner card cover to New Hampshire by clear "Sacramento City Cal May 19 1859" cds, see lot #82 for similar design in brown, very fine.... Est.	250-300



109	#35, 10c Green , type V, horizontal strip of three, se at left and perf faults, tied to cover to Switzerland by "Paid 10" in circle rate hs, "Spanish Flat Cal Jun 8" cds, magenta ms "16" credit, blue "America uber Bremen Franco" hs, various 1861 bksts incl. red "New York Brem Pkt Jul 6" transit, minor edge faults, fine Est.	500-750
110	#35, 10c Green tied to blue and red patriotic cover to New York by grid cancel, matching "Campo Seco Cal Sep 16" cds, slightly reduced at left, fine.....Est.	300-400
111	#35, 10c Green , type V, tied to cover "Via Overland Route" to Maine by "Trinity Centre Cal Feb 1" cds, original 1860 letter, very fine.....Est.	100-150
112	#35, 10c Green , type V, well centered copy tied to "Pacific Railroad Convention, San Francisco" imprint cover to Mass by "San Francisco Cal Jan 20" cds, repaired nick and tear at top, pencil 1860 docket on reverse.....Est.	100-150
113	#35, 10c Green , type V, well centered copy tied to "Redington & Co. Wholesale Druggists" imprint cover to Mass by "San Francisco Cal May 1861" cds, very fine.....Est.	100-150
114	#35, 10c Green , part imprint at left, tied to cover "Str. Sonora, Via Panama" to New York by "San Francisco Ca Aug 21 1860" cds, partially clear "Due 10" hs for second rate due, albino embossed "Rodgers, Meyer & Co" oval at left, edge soiled and small tears at left.....Est.	75-100
115	#65, 3c Rose tied to Lincoln portrait mourning cover by cog cancel, matching "San Francisco Cal May 8 1865" cds, minor gum discoloration, very fine.....Est.	500-750
116	#65, 3c Rose tied to green, all over design, "Millions For De'Fence" caricature patriotic cover to Vermont by "Paid" cancel, matching "Petaluma Cal Nov 3" cds, original letter, very fine.....Est.	400-500
117	#68, 10c Green tied to cover to Turks Island by red grid cancel, black "Stockton Cal Nov 14" cds, 1864 arrival bkst and two line "Turks-Island Ship-Letter" hs, edge soiled, ex Jessup, very fine usage.....Est.	1,500-2,000
118	#68, 10c Green tied to cover to Mass. by pinwheel cancel, "San Francisco Cal Feb 17" cds, red China And Japan Steam Service ornamented oval hs, carried on 1868 voyage of the Great Republic, very fine..... Est.	750-1,000
119	#68, 10c Green , worn perfs, tied to sailor and flag pole patriotic cover to Maine by "Iowa City Cal Sep 30" cds, slightly reduced and edge soiled.....Est.	250-300
120	#68, 10c Green , two copies tied to cover to Illinois by boxed "Paid" cancel, matching "Nevada City Cal Jan 3" cds to left, minor edge tears.....Est.	100-150
121	#68, 10c Green with circle of wedges cancel on cover to Ohio, "Yuba City Cal Apr 17" cds to left, edge worn, very fine strike.....Est.	75-100
122	#68, 10c Dark Green , tied to cover to Michigan by mostly clear "Red Dog Cal" cds, very fine.....Est.	75-100
123	#76, 5c Brown with blue "Paid" cancel on cover per "Steamer" to Maine, matching "Sweetland Cal May 4" cds, overpaid 3c rate, P.F. cert, very fine.....Est.	250-300
124	#89, 10c Green E Grill , well centered vertical pair tied to cover to Conn by pinwheel cancels and "San Francisco Cal May 21" cds, red China And Japan Steam Service ornamented oval hs, ms "per China" at top, carried on 1869 voyage, very fine.....Est.	750-1,000
125	#U16, 10c Green entire with violet "Diamond Springs Cal Jan 19 1860" pmk "Per Isthmus Panama" to Boston, small tear and wrinkle at top, ex Emerson.....Est.	150-200
126	#U16, 10c Green entire to Baltimore with red "Forbestown Cal Dec 2" cds, light edge soiling, fine..... Est.	75-100

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Mr. Samuel Wells.

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Miss Anna E. Watson

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TURNER-ISLANDS
SHIP-LETTER

Mr. Howard, Jr.
Grand Turk, Turks Island, N.S.

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Friendship
Horse Co.
Maine

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Miss Mary Pothus
Barnstable
Mass

CONTRACT MAIL ROUTES TO CALIFORNIA

The United States Government tried several different routes to get mail safely to and from California. The ocean route via Panama was the first to receive a contract and continued to be the preferred route until the railroad was completed in 1869. Additional contract routes, mostly overland, were also established as needed. For mail to be carried on one of these routes the sender had to specify the route desired on the cover or it would be sent via Panama

THE VIA PANAMA ROUTE

The most important contract mail route from California was the route connecting San Francisco with New York by steamships via Panama (see map on page 55). The Pacific Mail Steamship Company held the contract for mail on the Pacific Ocean while The United States Mail Steamship Company held the contract for mail on the Atlantic side. Route agents were assigned to the steamers and used the distinctive route markings. The majority of mail from California prior to 1863 was carried on this route and included all letters not specifically endorsed to be carried over other routes. See stampless and adhesives on cover sections.

127	Steamer Via Panama , ship illustrated cover to Mass. with 10c Green (#35) tied by "San Francisco Cal 1860" cds, minor wrinkles, very fine.....Est.	1,000-1,250
128	P.M.S.S. Sonora July 4th, 1857 imprint on train and steamer illustrated folded circular San Francisco News Letter to New York, 1c Blue (#7, full margins) tied by black grid cancel, extremely fine.....Est.	2,000-2,500
129	Pan & San. Fran. S.S. Dec 23 black route agent cds, type 2, bold strike, and "40" rate hs on cover to St. Louis, original 1850 letter dated "December 15" describes the previous day's fire in San Francisco, very fine Est.	1,000-1,250
130	Pan. & San. Fran. S.S. Sep 1 red route agent cds, type 1, on cover "Per. Str. Tennessee" to New York, 1851 usage, black "Steamship 10" due hs, light stain from seal, fine.....Est.	750-1,000
131	Pan. & San. Fran. S.S. Jun 29 red route agent cds, type 2, on large piece with pair 3c Red Brown (#11) tied by black grid cancels, ms 'Off San Diego June/4/52" endorsement at top left, repaired to appear as complete cover, the latest recorded usage.....Est.	500-750
132	Steamer Georgia ms directive on 1851 folded letter carried out of the mails from Liverpool , entered the mails with "New-York Mar 11" black ocean mail cds and "80" in circle hs for double rate to San Francisco, file fold, fine.....Est.	250-300
133	Pr. Carolina , ms directive for carriage to Panama on Aug 15 , 1850 folded letter from San Francisco to Boston, Steam Ship two line hs and "30" rate hs for Panama rate , excellent letter describing "a great riot at Sacramento yesterday caused by the squatters," very fine.....Est.	200-250

LAWS LINE OF PACIFIC STEAMERS


*In 1850 George Law began to operate a line of steamers between San Francisco and Panama. Although Law did not have a mail contract, the San Francisco postmaster allowed mail to be carried on his ship if specifically endorsed. This practice was soon banned by the Postmaster General. Distinctive handstamps were used by the steamers *Columbus* and *Isthmus*.*

134	Per Str. Columbus , red straight line hs on cover to Conn., "San Francisco 17 June 40" red cds with integral rate, first non contract sailing of 1850, very fine.....Est.	750-1,000
135	Per Str. Isthmus red straight line hs and pencil "Per Isthmus" on cover to New York, red "San Francisco Cal 16 Jul" cds, "Paid" hs and "80" double rate hs, P.F. cert, fine.....Est.	750-1,000

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 Mrs Mary Breuthwaite
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 San Francisco
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Steamer Via PANAMA.


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 Beverly Hills

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 SAN FRANCISCO NEWS LETTER.

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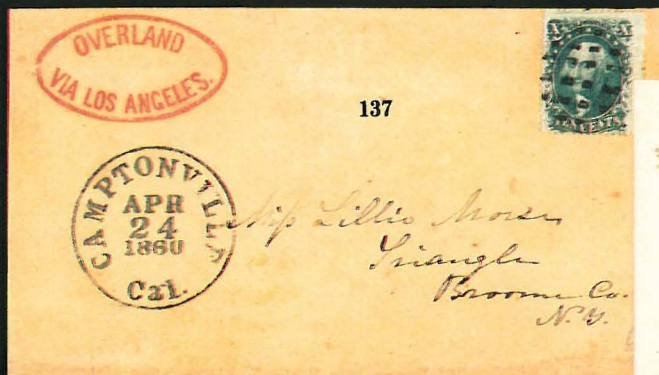

THE BUTTERFIELD OVERLAND MAIL ROUTE

In September, 1858 the first overland, through mail route under Government contract was opened. Connecting San Francisco and Los Angeles with St. Louis and Memphis, via a southern route (see map on page 56), the mail was to be carried by the Overland Mail Company in 30 days. In early 1861 service was interrupted due to Indian troubles and Confederate forces in Texas. By July, 1861 the Overland Mail Company was fulfilling the mail contract over a northern route (see map on page 57) along the old California Trail. For a letter to be carried on the Butterfield Route the sender had to inscribe "Via Overland Mail" or the equivalent on the cover.

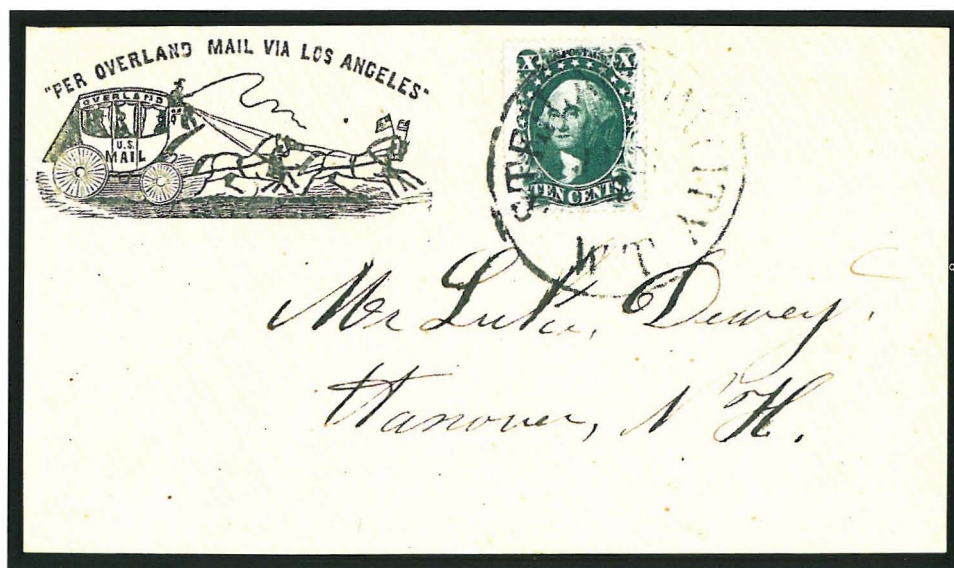
- 136 **Overland** black straight line hs of San Francisco on 10c Green entire (#U17) to Philadelphia, clear "San Francisco Cal Dec 23 1859" cds, ex Emerson, Knapp, Barkausen and Jessup, very fine.....Est. 750-1,000
- 137 **Overland Via Los Angeles** bold, red oval hs on rebacked front only to New York, 10c Green (#35) with grill cancel, matching "Camptonville Cal Apr 24 1860" cds, ex Knapp and Jessup, very fine strike..... Est. 750-1,000



- 138 **Overland U.S. Mail** blue, four horse stage illustrated cover with "The Star Of The Union-California" inscription below used to Oswego, New York, 10c Green (#35) tied by "San Francisco Cal Aug 15 1861" cds, very fine Est. 1,500-2,000
- 139 **Via Visalia & Los Angeles**, four horse illustrated stage cover with "Overland Mail To All Parts Of The Union" inscription used to Indiana, "Visalia Cal Oct 23" double circle cds, "Paid" hs and ms "10" rate, ms 1859 docket, original letter, very fine.....Est. 1,250-1,500
- 140 **Via Visalia & Los Angeles**, four horse stage illustrated cover with "Overland Mail To All Parts Of The Union" inscription used to San Francisco, 3c Rose (#65) tied by "Visalia Cal Dec 15" cds, ms 1861 docket at left, very fine.....Est. 1,500-2,000
- 141 **From San Francisco Via Los Angeles**, six horse stage illustrated cover with "Published by C.A. Kirkpatrick, Rio Vista" imprint used to Baden, red "San Francisco Cal Paid Dec 30 1859" cds and red crayon "30" rate, faint "New York Paid" exchange cds, boxed "Aachen Franco" ds, arrival bkst, minor soiling at top, very fine usage.....Est. 1,500-2,000
- 142 **Overland Via Los Angeles**, six horse stage illustrated cover with "Published by Randal & Co., Marysville" imprint, west bound usage to Marysville, Cal with 3c Dull Red (#26) tied by "Saint Louis Mo Jun 7 1860" cds, under 3000 miles rate, mended tear, ex Chase, Knapp and Baker, very fine usage.....Est. 1,500-2,000

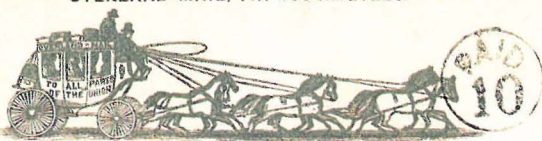


- 143 **Overland Mail, Via Los Angeles**, six horse stage illustrated cover with "Published by J.E. Hamlin, Nevada" imprint used to Wisconsin, "Nevada City Cal Feb 8 1860" cds and "Paid 10" in circle rate hs, light edge soiling, ex Jessup, very fine design.....Est. 750-1,000
- 144 **Overland-via-Los Angeles**, hand painted, four horse stage illustrated cover to Mass., pair and single 10c Green (#35) tied by faint "Benecia Cal Jan 24" pmks, very fine.....Est. 1,500-2,000
- 145 **Overland Mail Via Los Angeles**, blue four horse stage illustrated cover with "M.L. Haas, Bookseller and Stationer, Main Street, Napa City, Cal" inscription used to Ohio, 10c Green (#35) tied by "Na Pa City Cal Nov 23" pmk ("p" removed from Nappa), age stain, ex Knapp and Jessup, very fine design.....Est. 1,500-2,000
- 146 **Overland Via Los Angeles U.S. Mail** inscription on four horse illustrated cover to Minnesota, 10c Green (#35) tied by "San Francisco Cal Oct 31" cds, ms "Missent" and "Monticello Ind Dec 24" cds at top, crayon "Try Ind" at bottom, P.F. cert, very fine.....Est. 1,500-2,000
- 147 **Overland Mail Stage, Via Los Angeles**, four prancing horse stage illustrated cover to New Hampshire, 10c Green (#35) tied by "San Francisco Cal Nov 14 1859" cds, reduced slightly at right, with original letter, ex Jessup, very fine.....Est. 1,500-2,000
- 148 **Per Overland Mail, Via Los Angeles**, four prancing horse stage illustrated cover with "J.E. Damon, Bookseller and Stationer, 102 Com'al St" imprint, **west bound** usage to San Francisco with 10c Green (#33) tied by "Hollandale Tex May 28" cds, edge worn, ex Baker, very fine usage.....Est. 1,000-1,250
- 149 **Overland Mail, Via Los Angeles**, four prancing horse stage illustrated cover used to Virginia with 10c Green (#35) tied by "San Francisco Cal Dec 16 1859" cds, small mended nick at top, no flap, ex Wiltsee and Knapp, very fine.....Est. 750-1,000
- 150 **Per Overland Mail Via Los Angeles**, four horse stage illustrated cover, lead horses with flags, used to New Hampshire, 10c Green (#35) tied by "San Francisco Cal" cds, very fine.....Est. 1,500-2,000



- 151 **Per Overland Mail Via Los Angeles**, four horse stage illustrated cover to New Hampshire, 10c Green (#35) tied by "Steilacoom City W.T. Jun 7" Washington Territorial cds, original letter, very fine.....Est. 2,500-3,000

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Miss Mary J. Dewey
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Mrs J. W. Carroll & Co
Lynchburg
Virginia



- 152 **Per Overland Mail Via Los Angeles**, four horse stage illustrated cover, lead horses with flags, used to Maine with 10c Green (#35) tied by "San Francisco Cal Dec 18 1859" cds, minor edge wear, ex Lehman, very fine Est. 500-750



- 153 **Per Overland Mail Via Los Angeles**, four horse stage illustrated cover used to **New Brunswick** with 10c Green (#68) tied together with 5c Brown (#76) by target cancels, matching "Sonora Cal Sep 18 1863" cds, overland notation lightly inked through, red "U. States" scroll exchange hs, 1863 transit and arrival bksts, slightly reduced at right and minor edge wear, very fine usage.....Est. 2,000-2,500
- 154 **Overland Via Los Angeles**, four horse illustrated stage cover to Maine, ms "Coon Creek Cala Feb 20th, Paid 10 cts" ms pmk, minor corner wear, ex Clifford, very fine.....Est. 750-1,000
- 155 **Overland Mail, Via Los Angeles**, train illustrated cover with "Hossack & Crawford, News Depot, Sacramento" imprint used to New York, 10c Green (#35) tied by "Sacramento City Cal May 26 1860" cds, address partially restored, reduced slightly, ex Jessup, very fine design.....Est. 750-1,000
- 156 **Sammy's Pacific Mule Railroad Envelope**, red on orange stage and train illustrated cover, all over design with satirical anti-railroad inscriptions, reverse with printed song title "The Pacific Railroad" note "All Difficulties settled according to Mormon Law" at bottom, used to Salt Lake City with 3c Dull Red (#26) with ms cancel, matching "Ceder City Dec 19/61" Utah Territory pmk, light discoloration, original letter, extremely fine design.....Est. 2,000-2,500
- 157 **Putt's Overland Envelope**, red on white, stage illustrated cover, all over design with satirical inscriptions, "Overland By Uncle Samuel's Celebrated Mule Railroad Line—Established In 1858" at bottom, reverse with printed song "The Pacific Railroad," note "All Difficulties Settled According To Miner's Laws" at bottom, used to Pa with "Red Dog Cal Apr 8" cds, "Paid" hs and ms "10c" rate, "forwarded from Middle Creek Due 3 Cents" to left, 1861 miner's letter, cover faults, very fine design.....Est. 1,250-1,500

THE CENTRAL OVERLAND ROUTE

From 1850 the Post Office Department issued a series of contracts for carrying mail over portions of the California Trail (see map on page 57) but no through service was established until Butterfield shifted to the northern route in 1861. George Chorpennig held a contract for mails from Placerville to Salt Lake City from 1851 until 1860. Other contract holders included John Hockaday (Salt Lake City to St. Joseph, Mo., 1858-1859) and William Russell who took over the Chorpennig route in 1860.

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| 158 | Overland Via Placerville & Salt Lake , six horse stage illustrated cover with "Published by Randal & Co, Marysville" imprint for Chorpennig Route used to Maine, 10c Green (#32) with ms cancel, "Timbucto Cal Jan 9" cds, forwarded with "Carver's Harbor Me Feb 15" cds and ms "Due 4" probably including a 1c way fee, minor edge wear, very fine usage.....Est. | 1,250-1,500 |
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THE VIA TEHUANTEPEC ROUTE

In June, 1858 a mail contract was awarded to the Louisiana Tehuantepec Company to provide twice monthly mail service between New Orleans and San Francisco by water and across the Mexican isthmus (see map on page 58). The route operated only between October 1, 1858 and September 27, 1859 and handled very little mail. Letters had to be inscribed "Via Tehuantepec" for carriage over this route.

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| 159 | Via Tehuantepec ms route directive on cover to Vermont, 10c Green (#33) tied by "Yankee Jims Cal May 4" cds, ex Jessup, very fine.....Est. | 1,000-1,250 |
| 160 | Mail Via Tehuantepec route designation on west bound cover to Big Bar, California, 10c Green (#32) tied by indistinct cds, edge faults, ex Jessup, very fine usage.....Est. | 750-1,000 |
| 161 | Freemans Express Co. N.O. magenta ms marking on cover addressed to Floyd Brigham, Asst. Engr. Tehuantepec R.R. in Suchill, Mexico, pencil April 17, 1859 dockets, Freemans Express was the only express connecting New Orleans with the Louisiana Tehuantepec Company operations in Mexico, edge faults, very fine usage.....Est. | 300-400 |

THE SAN DIEGO-SAN ANTONIO ROUTE

On July 1, 1857 contract mail service began on the "Jackass" Route connecting San Diego and San Antonio, Texas (see map on page 59). Mules were used to convey the mail over much of the route through desolate country. The San Diego to Fort Yuma leg was dropped in 1860 and the balance of the route was abandoned in 1861 after having carried very little mail. Letters had to be inscribed "Via San Diego" or equivalent to be carried on this route.

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| 162 | Via San Diego ms directive on cover addressed to Fort Yuma, a post on the Jackass Mail route established in 1857, 1c Blue (#9) tied together with strip of three 3c Dull Red (#11) by grid cancel, matching "West Point N.Y." cds, fine.....Est. | 400-500 |
| 163 | Overland Via Visalia , Fort Tijon, Los Angeles, Fort Yuma, El Paso & Fort Smith ms directive spelling out the Jackass Mail route on cover to Vermont, 10c Green (#35) tied by ms cancel and indistinct "Auburn Cal Feb 1 1860" cds, ex Jessup, fine.....Est. | 1,000-1,250 |

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Big Bar
Fremont Co
California

A circular postmark from New York, dated May 4, 1895. The text "NEW YORK" is curved along the top, "MAY 4" is in the center, and "N.Y." is curved along the bottom. To the right of the postmark is a small, dark, circular 1-cent stamp featuring a profile of George Washington.

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Overland
Via Visalia, Fort Lytle, Los Angeles
Fort Yuma, El Paso & Fort Comstock

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Gaysville
Penn

3 Lt B. Du Barry
2nd Regt. Art
Fort Yuma
Yuma San Diego Cal

OVERLAND
VIA PLACERVILLE & SALT LAKE.

Published by RANNEY & CO., Marysville.

Due x

William F. Allenwood
Wm. Allenwood
Belfast Me.

CALIFORNIA INDEPENDENT MAILS

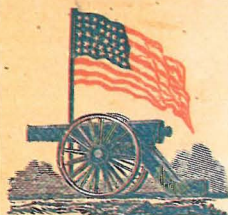
A large quantity of California mail was carried by the independent expresses, steamship companies without Government contracts, and local mail companies. The most important independent mail routes to the East were Via Nicaragua and the Overland route followed by the Pony Express. Letters usually are postmarked at the post office where they entered the mails rather than at the city of origin.

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| 164 | Per Sea Bird Not Paid 50c ms endorsement on folded letter, from Crittenden correspondence, dated "Los Angeles, Oct 9, 1852" to San Jose, the "Sea Bird" was a coastal trading vessel which also operated as a mail express, also a second folded letter dated "Oct 21" per Capt Halleck , master of the Sea Bird and a letter of "Oct 26" which verified carriage by that vessel, an interesting study in private mail carriage
..... Est. | 750-1,000 |
| 165 | Union Line of Packets between San Francisco And Alviso, dock illustrated cover used as paste back to Wells, Fargo & Co. franked 3c Pink entire (#U34) to Stockton with blue "Stockn. Messenger" oval ds, ex Jessup, very fine.....Est. | 400-500 |
| 166 | Union Line of Packets between San Francisco And Alviso, dock illustrated cover, as previous lot, used to San Francisco, ms "with \$60.00" notation at top, edge worn, ex Jessup, very fine usage.....Est. | 300-400 |
| 167 | Adams & Co. Express 59 Broadway, New York red, embossed shield cover used to Melbourne, Australia , addressed to the "Purser Steamer New Orleans" to the care of the Adams & Co. agents, ms "Per Julia Ann" at top, black, crown "Ship Letter Sydney Ja 21 1854" bkst and red oval "Ship Letter Melbourne" ds, ms "10" rate, edge worn, very fine usage.....Est. | 750-1,000 |
| 168 | Peckham's Hotel , Centreville, Grass Valley, Cal, black, ornamented oval hs on entire to Hamilton, ms "Centreville 23 Dec" pmk and "Paid 3" rate, fine.....Est. | 300-400 |
| 169 | Forwarded By Wm. Nelson Panama red oval hs on mourning cover "Via St. Thomas" to Jamaica , British Office "Panama Ap 21 1854" and "St Thomas Ap 29 1854" backstamps, "Black River Jamaica" arrival cds and ms "10" (d) due, somewhat age stained, very fine strike, ex Clifford.....Est. | 300-400 |
| 170 | Forwarded By Wm. Nelson Panama red oval hs on cover to San Francisco with their "20" steamship rate hs, edge soiled, ex Clifford.....Est. | 200-250 |
| 171 | Wells, Fargo & Co. Napa Jul 18 blue oval ds tying franked 3c Star Die entire (#U27), paste up with blue and red patriotic cover by Geo. Bell, San Francisco addressed to Downieville, edge tear at top and light soiling, very fine usage.....Est. | 750-1,000 |
| 172 | Wells, Fargo & Co. Oroville May 2 blue oval ds tying franked 3c Star Die entire (#U27, reduced slightly) addressed to Oroville, blue "Chico Cal May 2" Post Office cds to left, paste up with blue and red patriotic cover by A.G. Simpson, Oroville, very fine.....Est. | 500-750 |



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PASTE-UP
OVER



The Union must and shall be preserved.

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Published by A. G. Simpson, Seattle.



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Samuel Davis Esq.
Downieville
Sierra, Cal. Cal.



with \$60.00

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Mr. Thoma. F. Ding
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For July 1st
Robt R. Carrington
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Care of Capt. Adams Co
Melbourne
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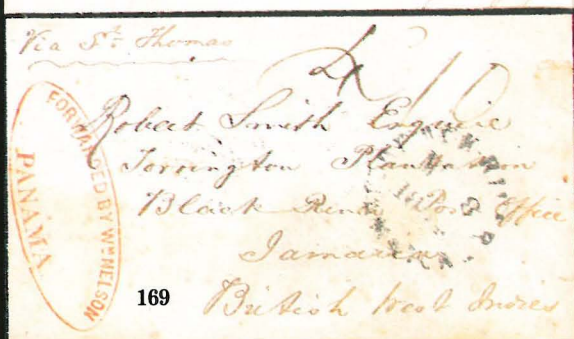


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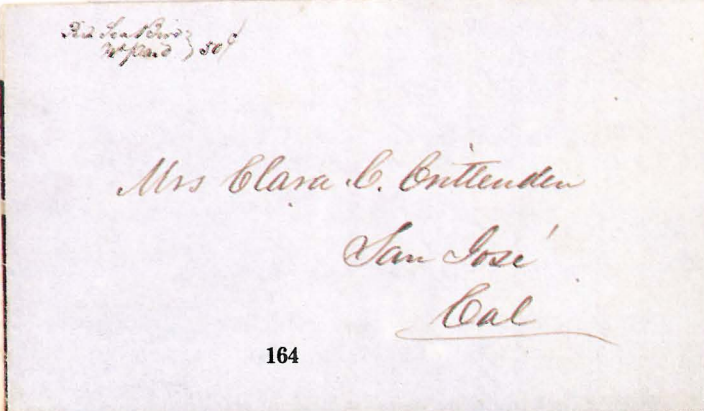
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Via S. Thomas
Robert Smith Esq.
Torrington Plantation
Black River, P.O. Office
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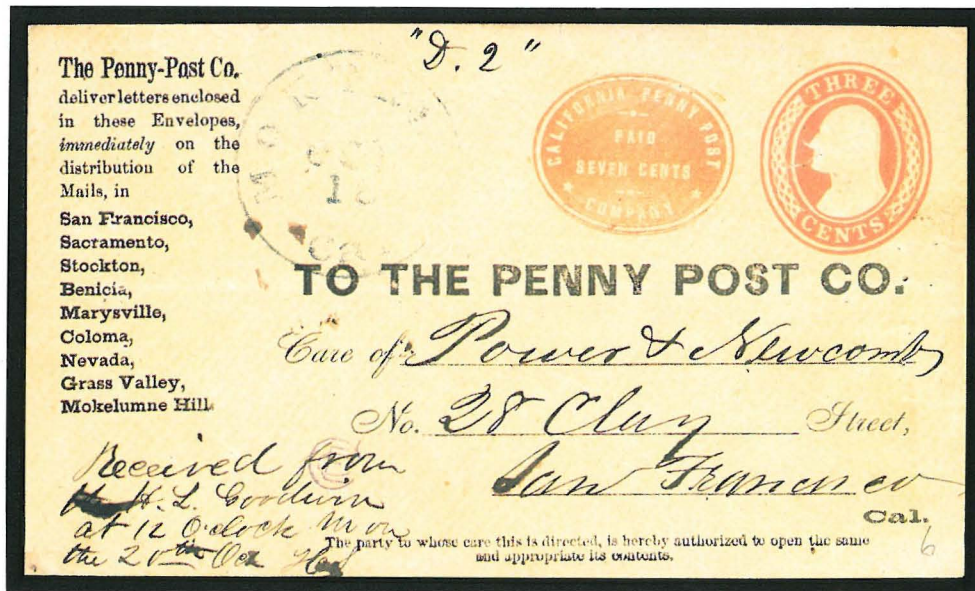
Mrs. Clara C. Brittenden
San Jose
Cal.

CALIFORNIA LOCAL POSTS

Several private local posts flourished in California's larger cities, especially San Francisco. These posts took mail from drop points to the post office or the steamers, delivered mail from the post office to local addresses or handled purely local letters completely out of the Government mails. The California Penny Post Company, started by H.L. Goodwin in June, 1855, is probably the most famous of these companies. He had established offices in nine cities before being forced to close after only about one year.

- 173 **California Penny Post Co. (#34LU1)**, black "Paid 2" franked cover addressed to "Post Master at Mt. Ophir," four uncanceled copies of 3c Dull Red (#11) at top, reverse with "San Francisco Cal Aug 23" cds and large "Held For Postage" straight line hs, ms "Recd Oct 17, 1855" docket at left, edge tear and edge faults, P.F. cert, very fine to the mails usage.....Est.

500-750



- 174 **California Penny Post Co. (#34LU7)**, vermillion "Paid Seven Cents" negative oval and list of towns served at left on 3c Red entire (#U10) to San Francisco, blue "Monterey Cal Oct 18" cds, mended internal tear in stamp, P.F. cert, fine.....Est.
- 175 **California Penny Post Co. (#34LU11a)**, "Penny-Postage Paid, 7" black imprint on 3c Red entire (#U10) to San Francisco, ms "Mission San Jose Cal Febr 18" pmk, very fine.....Est.
- 176 **California Penny Post Co. (#34LU11C)**, "Collect Penny-Postage" black imprint on cover to San Francisco with 3c Dull Red (#11) tied by blue cancel, matching "Marysville Cal Feb 26" cds to left, light fold and mended tear at top, ex Caspary.....Est.
- 177 **California Penny Post Co (#34LU11a)**, "Penny-Postage Paid, 7" black imprint on 3c Red entire (#U10) to San Francisco, clear "Benecia Cal Mar 27" cds, minor corner rub, P.f. cert, very fine.....Est.
- 178 **City. G. & H. Express** 423 Washn. St. S.E. Cor. Sansome St. bluish oval hs on local San Francisco cover, red "F. Boilleau San Francisco" double oval hs at top, fine.....Est.

500-750

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TO THE PENNY POST CO.

*My husband has
Recd. Feb. 18*

PENNY-POSTAGE PAID, 7.



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*To Mrs. Mary Chapman
At C. W. Hathaway &
No. Delany St. S. Francisco
CALIF.*

The party whose name is on this Envelope, is hereby authorized to open the same and appropriate its contents

LETTERS and other MAIL MATTER deposited in any Post Office, will be DELIVERED in SAN FRANCISCO, SACRAMENTO, STOCKTON, or MARYSVILLE, immediately on the arrival of the mails, if addressed to the care of the "PENNY POST CO."



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*Post Master
Mt Ophir Street,
Mariposa Co.
Cal.*

TO THE PENNY POST CO.

COLLECT PENNY-POSTAGE.



FOR

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*Mrs. Lempia Rudolph
No. Larkin North-Pa. Street,
San Francisco
CALIF.*

The party whose name is on this Envelope, is hereby authorized to open the same and appropriate its contents

TO THE PENNY POST CO.

PENNY-POSTAGE PAID, 7.



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*J. H. Moore & Co
No. California Street,
San Francisco
CALIFORNIA.*



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*B Eng Aug 22
704 Divisadero St.,*

- 179 **City G. & H. Express** 423 Washn. St. S.E. Cor Sansome St, clear blue oval hs on local San Francisco cover, ex Clifford, very fine.....Est. 500-750



- 180 **San Francisco City Letter Express** blue, framed hs and matching "Paid" hs on blue **Overland Via Los Angeles U.S. Mail** four horse stage illustrated cover with "The Star Of The Union-California" inscription to De Witt, N.Y., 10c Green (#35) tied by "San Francisco Cal Jan 6 1860" cds, ex Knapp, Jessup and Liechtenstein Est. 7,500-10,000
- 181 **San Francisco Letter Express** blue, running pony illustrated, oval hs with boxed "Paid" on pasteback to cover addressed to San Francisco, very fine.....Est. 400-500
- 182 **San Francisco Penny Post Co.** black double circle hs on cover with "City Delivery, Penny Postage Paid" imprint at top and 4 lines of instructions on reverse, ex Clifford, very fine.....Est. 1,000-1,250

THE VIA NICARAGUA ROUTE

The route by steamer from San Francisco to New York via the isthmus of Nicaragua (see map page 60) was a non contract route established by Cornelius Vanderbilt as a challenge to the two steamship monopolies. Vanderbilt's Independent Line began operating in July, 1851. Mail carried without contract over this route frequently bore "propaganda" handstamps such as 'Via Nicaragua Ahead Of The Mails' and soon other competing lines began carrying mails without contract.

- 183 **Via Nicaragua Ahead Of The Mails**, red two line hs on 6c Green entire (#U14) to Binghampton, N.Y., ms "Per Nicaragua S.S. Co's Steamer Brother Jonathan of May 16th 54" at bottom left, black "New-York Jun 9" cds, less than 3 examples recorded in red, very fine.....Est. 1,250-1,500
- 184 **Pr Str. Brother Jonathan** to San Juan, thence via Nicaragua & N. York endorsement on cover to **Scotland**, entered the mails with black "New York 21 Jun 23" debit cds, "1/-2" due hs, green "Liverpool America 1853" entry bkst and orange "Glasgow" arrival ds, fine usage.....Est. 150-200

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Richard Ely Esq.

Fingham ton

Somerset County

New York

P. S. Niagara
 L. E. Belmont
 Brother Nathan
 of May 10th 53

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P. S. "Brother Jonathan" to San Juan
 thence via Nicaragua



Daniel Little Esq.
 Care Messrs John Heath & Sons
 New York

1853

City Delivery. Penny Postage Paid.

To Alex^d Ely Esq

No. Court Block Street.

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San Francisco.

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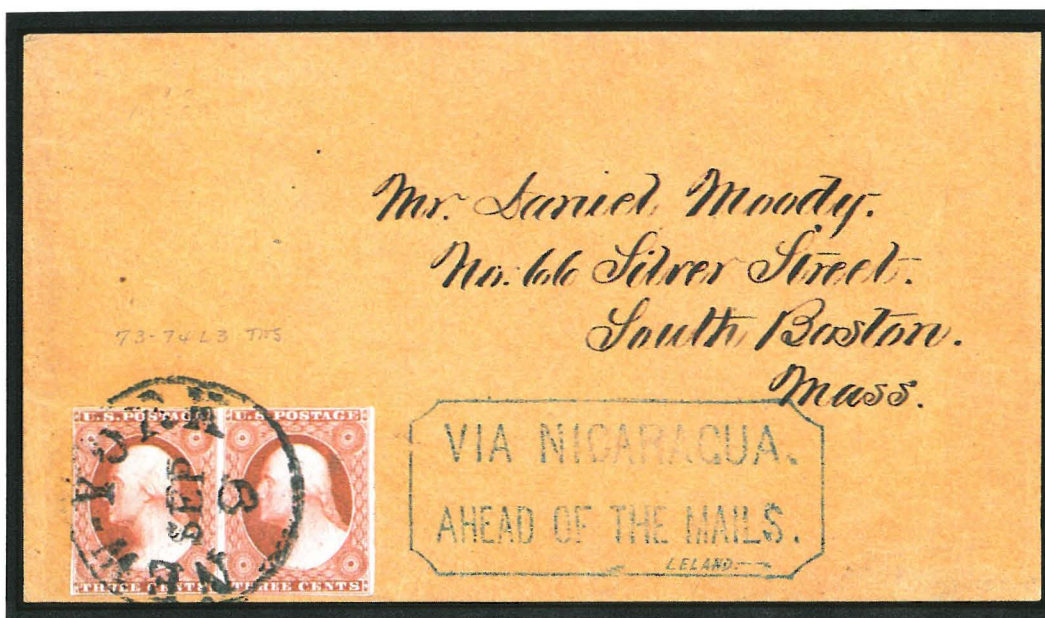


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- 185 **Nicaragua Line In Advance Of The Mail** black oval hs on Dec., 1853 folded letter from New York, "Via Nicaragua" to a Captain on board steamer "Cortes" at San Juan del Sud, letter regards a lawsuit between New York & California Steamship Co. and Pacific Mail Steamship Co. after a collision, edge tear, fine Est. 500-750
- 186 **Independent Line Ahead Of The Mails, Uncle Sam And North Star, Via Panama**, clear oval hs on Sep 1, 1854 folded letter from San Francisco "per Uncle Sam" to Rochester, New York, pair 3c Dull Red (#11) tied by "New-York Sep 27" cds, very fine.....Est. 2,000-2,500

SAN FRANCISCO LETTER BAG OPERATORS

In San Francisco several individuals operated a service for delivery of a customer's mail to any steamer on it's sailing date. Among the more famous of these were J.W. Sullivan, G.L. Leland and Charles Kimball (The Noisy Carrier). The markings employed by them usually included the "Via Nicaragua" reference if the letter was to go by a non contract steamer.



- 187 **Via Nicaragua Ahead Of The Mails Leland**, perfect strike of blue, boxed hs on cover to Mass, horizontal pair 3c Dull Red (#11) tied by "New-York Sep 9" cds, ex Wiltsee, P.F. cert, extremely fine.....Est. 2,500-3,000
- 188 **G.H. Leland & Co. Post Office Arcade San Francisco**, scallop framed, red forwarders hs on cover to Mass., pair and single 3c Dull Red (#11) used together with 1c Blue (#9) with indistinct "San Francisco Cal 5 Nov" cds, cover edge worn, slightly reduced, and light staining, fine strike.....Est. 500-750
- 189 **Merchants Exchange San Francisco** red oval hs, their small "Paid" hs and San Francisco P.O., magenta ms "40" rate on Oct 1, 1850 folded letter from San Francisco to Conn, black arc "Paid" hs of New York at right, very fine.....Est. 400-500

My J. Fisher Smith
Care of North 'Brewery Exp.
Central Wharf,
Boston,
Mass.
 PAID
 C. W. LELAND & CO.
 POST OFFICE ARCADE
 SAN FRANCISCO

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Capt. Thomas B. Cropper
on board "Cortis"
San Juan del
Sud.
 THE FREE PRESS
 ADVANCE
 SAN JUAN DEL SUR

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 PAID
 MRS. Mary Pick
 Waterbury
 Conn.
 OCT 6 1855
 MERCHANTS EXCHANGE
 SAN FRANCISCO
 PAID

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from last attempt
Uncle Sam
Sep 1st 1854
Lehigh Mfg. Co.,
Richmond
N. York
 INDEPENDENT
 AHEAD OF THE MAILS
 UNCLE SAM
 NORTH STAR
 V.L. PANAMA.





- 190 **By Mail Steamer From Noisy Carrier's** bold, scrolled ribbon hs on cover to Philadelphia, strip of three 3c Dull Red (#11) and single 1c Blue (#9) tied by "San Francisco Cal Dec 5 185__" pmks, minor edge tear at bottom, ex Knapp, Chase and Jessup, very fine strike.....Est. 3,000-4,000
- 191 **From The Noisy Carriers' Publishing Hall**, San Francisco, Cal, black on white adhesive on cover to Wilmington, Del, left side **diagonal bisect** of 12c Black (#17a) tied by partially clear "San Francisco Cal" cds, payment of 6c rate recognized, edge worn, ex Wiltsee and Jessup, very fine usage.....Est. 1,500-2,000
- 192 **Noisy Carrier's** No. 77 Long Wharf, San Francisco imprint under state seal on cover to Illinois, ms "Moons Ranch Cal March 15th 1855" pmk and "Paid 6" rate, very fine.....Est. 300-400
- 193 **Noisy Carriers Publishing Hall**, Long Wharf San Francisco, Charles P. Kimball Proprietor, blue three line hs on cover to Mass. with pair 3c Dull Red (#11) tied to partially clear "San Francisco Cal Feb" cds, edge wear, ex Jessup, very fine strike.....Est. 1,500-2,000
- 194 **NC/RR Post** black, two line hs of **Noisy Carrier River Route** on cover to Sacramento with 3c Dull Red (#11) tied by "San Francisco Cal 17 Jan" cds, ms 1857 docket to left, ex Lehman and Baker, P.F. cert, very fine Est. 2,000-2,500
- 195 **Via Nicaragua In Advance Of The Mails Sullivan**, ornamented double oval hs on front page of the "Illustrated London News" dated December 23, 1854, "from J.W. Sullivan News Depot San Francisco Cal Feb 5" fancy shield hs, red British Newspaper revenue hs on reverse, paper contains news of Crimean War, very fine Est. 750-1,000



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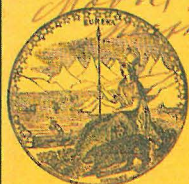
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Rev. S. S. Phillips
Sacramento City
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NOISY CARRIERS
No. 11 Lomb Street, San Francisco

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Neons Hand Cal
March 11 - 1855 - Geo
Mrs. Salinda Eastman
Springfield
Illinois.



FROM THE
NOISY CARRIERS
Publishing Hall,
San Francisco, Cal.

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Catharine Weber
Wilmington
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WEATHER IN THE BALTIC.—BOWS OF H.M. CORVETTE "CRUISER."—(SEE NEXT PAGE.)

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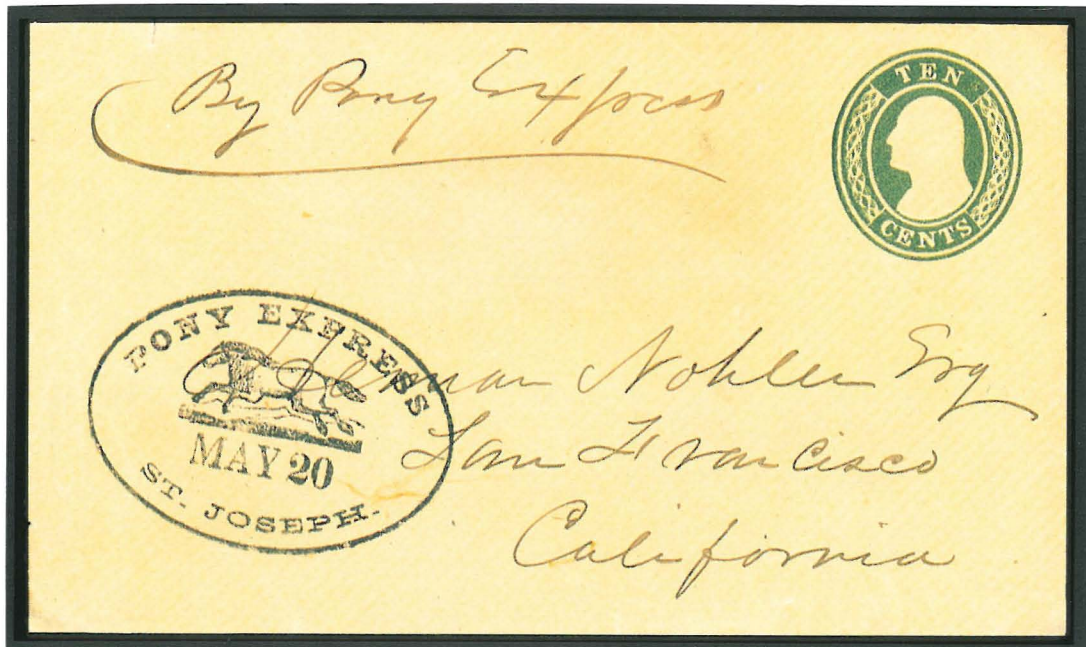
THE PONY EXPRESS

The Pony Express is undoubtedly the most famous independent mail route in United States history. Started by The Central Overland California & Pike's Peak Express Company on April 3, 1860, the route was scheduled to cover the 1,960 miles between San Francisco and St. Joseph, Mo. (see map on page 57) in eight days. Until the completion of the trans-continental telegraph on October 24, 1861, the Pony Express, by then under the control of The Overland Mail Company, provided a much needed news service.

THE PERIOD FROM APRIL 3 TO JULY 6, 1860

The first period of Pony Express service was especially difficult and very little mail was handled. The first trip from San Francisco to St. Joseph, Mo. took only ten days but by May the Piute and Shoshone Indian Wars caused delays and service interruptions.

Rates for Pony Express service were \$5 per half ounce for letters to be carried over the entire route with any telegraphic charges extra. Letters had to be enclosed in stamped envelopes to comply with the Government regulations for independent mails.



- 196 **Pony Express St. Joseph May 20** superb strike in black of the **Running Horse** ds on west bound 10c Green entire (#U16) to San Francisco, ms "By Pony Express" at top, P.F. cert, very fine.....Est. 12,500-15,000

PONY EXPRESS



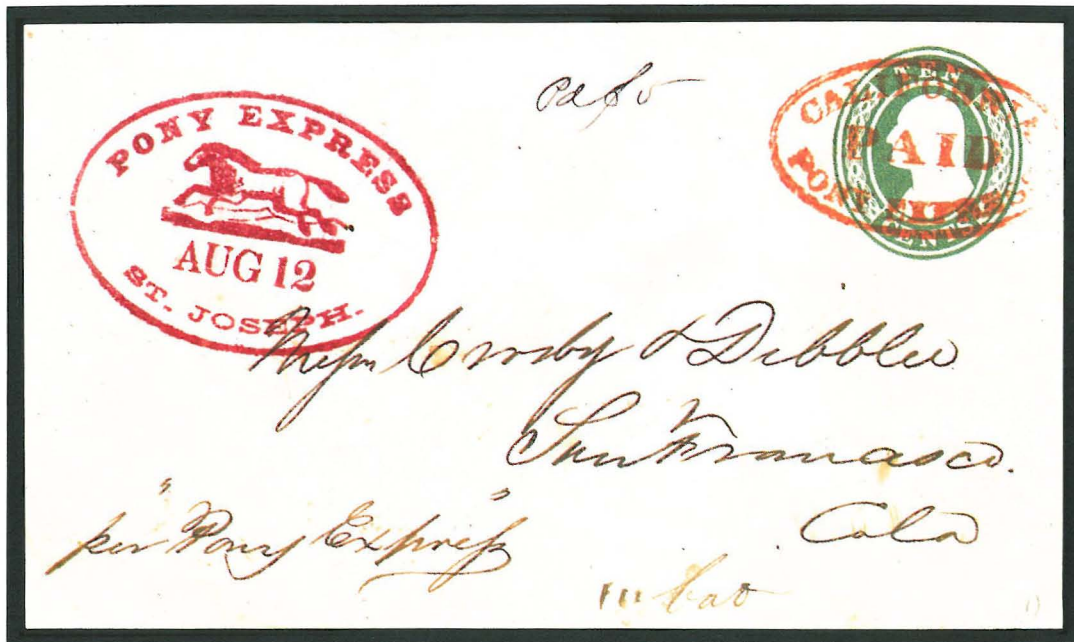
- 197 **Per Pony Express** endorsement on 10c Green entire (#U16) to New York, blue "The Central Overland California & Pikes Peak Express Company San Francisco May 25" oval ds, blue "Saint Joseph Mo Jun 25" cds, a 31 day trip, delay caused by **Indian Uprising** in Western Utah, ex Malcolm, very fine usage
 Est.

7,500-10,000

PONY EXPRESS

THE PERIOD FROM JULY 7, 1860 TO APRIL 14, 1861

The Pony Express service resumed from Sacramento to the East on July 7, 1860. Constant changes took place in the service during the following nine months. The termini of the route travelled by Pony came closer together with the extension of the telegraph lines. In August, 1860 a rate of \$2.50 per quarter ounce was announced. In March, 1861 the Overland Mail Company contract route was moved to the Central Route used by the Pony Express.



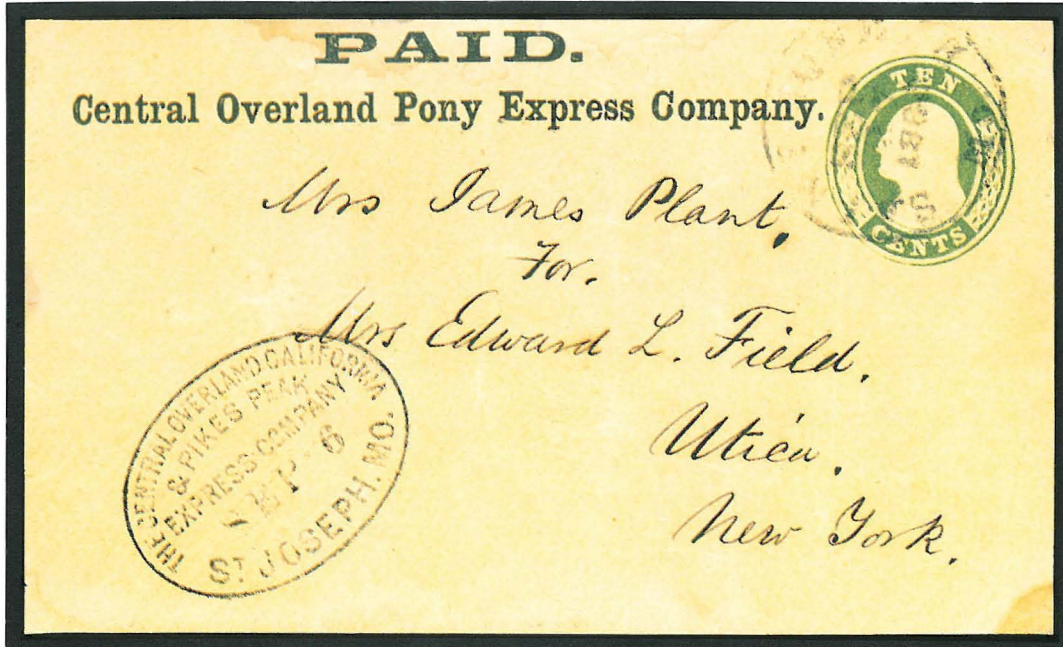
- 198 **Pony Express St. Joseph Aug 12**, superb strike in bright carmine of the **Running Horse** oval ds on the front of 10c Green entire (#U15), **west bound** usage to San Francisco, red **California Pony Express Paid** oval and ms "Pd \$5" rate at top, the only recorded example of the carmine Pony on the front of a cover, ex Liechtenstein, P.F. cert, extremely fine Estimate On Request



- 199 **Pony Express St. Joseph Sep 6**, fine strike in bright carmine of the **Running Horse** oval ds on reverse of way cover to Augusta, Georgia, ms **Ft. Bridger U.T.** August 31, 1860 Utah territorial pmk at top and "Pony Express Paid \$7.50" at bottom left (including telegraph charges), vertical pair 3c Dull Red (#26) tied by "St. Joseph Mo. Sep 6 1860" pmks, cover restoration, illustrated in Nathan, an exceptional usage..... Est.

7,500-10,000

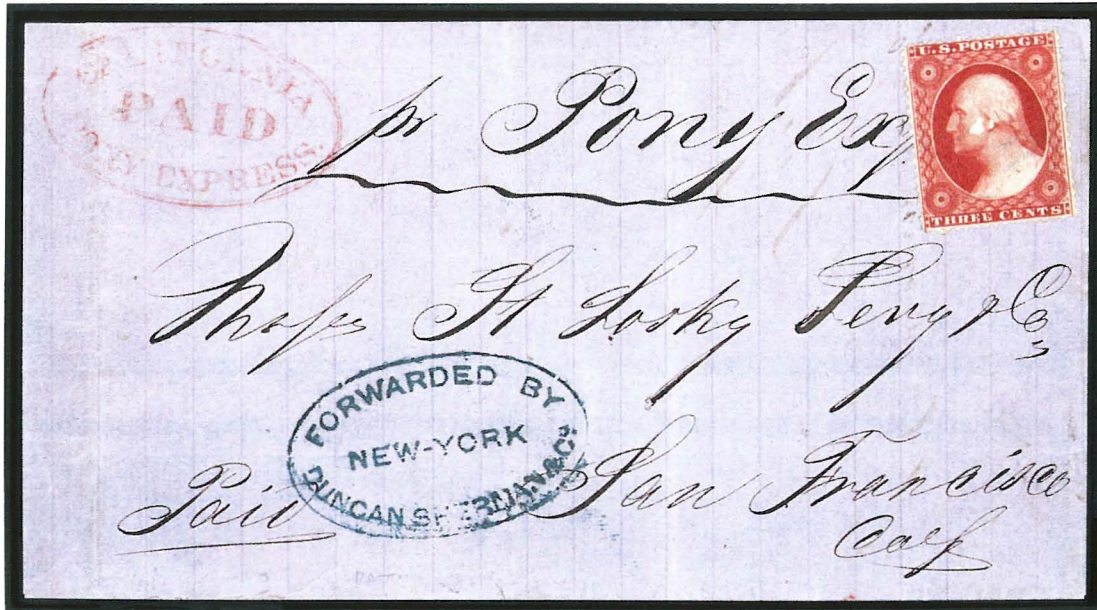
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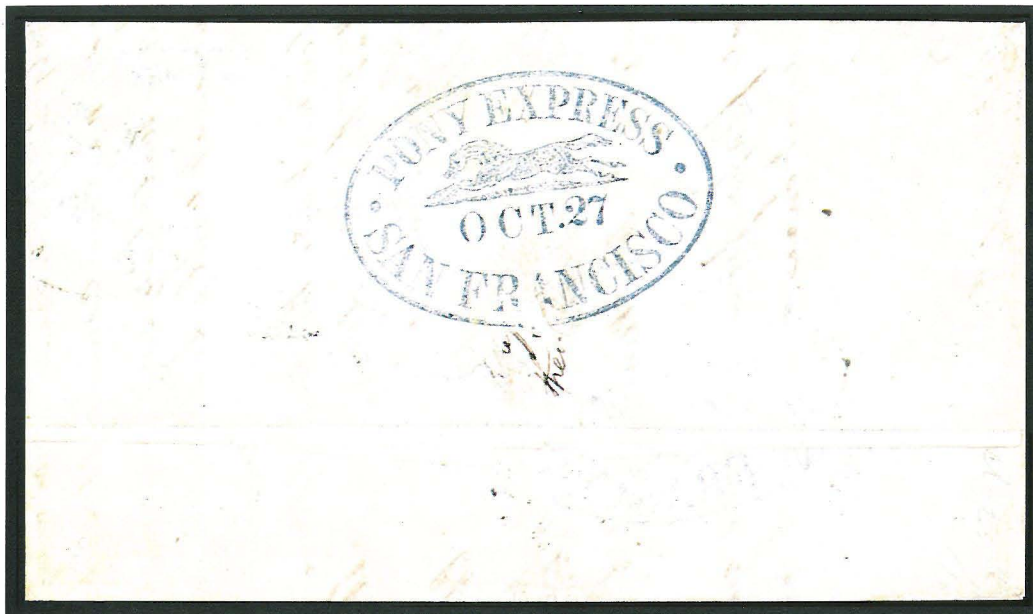
- 200 **Paid Central Overland Pony Express Company** black frank on 10c Green entire (#U18) to Utica, New York, black "The Central Overland California & Pikes Peak Express Company St. Joseph Mo. Sep 26" oval ds, "Saint Joseph Mo Sep 27 1860" cds, minor edge discoloration, illustrated in Ashbrook, very fine usage

..... Est. 7,500-10,000

PONY EXPRESS



- 201 **California Paid Pony Express** red double oval hs on Sept 5, 1860 folded letter **from Havana, Cuba** to San Francisco, blue "Forwarded By Duncan Sherman & Co. New York" oval hs, **west bound** usage with uncanceled 3c Dull Red (#26) endorsed "pr Pony Express," restored tear at bottom, very fine usage.....Est. 7,500-10,000



- 202 **Pony Express San Francisco Oct 27**, very fine strike in blue of **Running Horse** ds on reverse of 1860 folded letter to Catesby Ap. R. Jones, U.S. Navy at Washington, D.C. (later officer on C.S.A. ironclad), 10c Green (#35, se) tied by blue "Central Overland California & Pikes Peak Express Company Oct 25" ds, their black oval "St. Joseph Mo Nov 8" arrival oval ds at left, "St. Joseph Mo Nov 10" cds, forwarded to New York with 3c Dull Red (#26) tied and "Washington D.C. Nov 13 1860" cds, minor restoration in address, illustrated in Nathan, very fine.....Est.

7,500-10,000

PONY EXPRESS



- 203 **Pony Express Sacramento Apr 4** blue oval ds tying 10c Green (#35) to cover to Wilmington, Ohio, additional strike to left, green "St. Joseph Mo Apr 17" cds and green cancel on stamp, ms "Via Pony Express" at bottom left, minor edge roughness at left, ex Knapp, very fine strike.....Est. 7,500-10,000

PONY EXPRESS

THE PERIOD FROM APRIL 15, 1861 TO JUNE 30, 1861

On April 15, 1861 announcement was made that Wells, Fargo & Co. would act as agents for the receipt of Pony Express mail in San Francisco to connect with the Overland Mail Company's Pony Express at Placerville. The Central Overland California & Pike's Peak Express Company retained the portion of the route between Salt Lake City and St. Joseph. The Pony portion of the route West of Salt Lake City was under the control of The Overland Mail Company which had the lucrative regular mail contract. Commencing April 15, 1861 a new \$2 rate per half ounce was announced and adhesive stamps were issued for the Pony Express service. Letters were to be enclosed in ten cent government envelopes.



- 204 Wells Fargo & Co. 2 Dollar Red Pony Express adhesive (#143L1), complete to large margins, tied to 10c Green entire (#U17) with green "Paid Freeman & Co." frank, overprinted by W.F. & Co. red franks, used to Foxcroft, Maine by blue "Wells Fargo & Co. Marysville Jun 20" double oval ds, their "Sacramento Jun 23" blue double circle bkst, Pony Express Sacramento Jun 23 blue oval ds and green "St. Joseph Mo. Jul 4" cds, ex Moody, very fine.....Est.

12,500-15,000

PONY EXPRESS

THE PERIOD FROM JULY 1, TO OCTOBER 24, 1861

On July 1, 1861 the Pony Express rate was reduced to \$1 per half ounce, and new adhesives issued. Wells, Fargo & Co., acting as San Francisco agents, requested letters to be enclosed in their franked ten cent envelopes. The telegraph lines were completed on October 24, 1861 and the Pony service soon ended.



- 205 Wells Fargo & Co. 1 Dollar Red Pony Express adhesive (#143L3), close to full margins, tied to 3c Red Star Die entire (#U27) to France by blue "San Francisco Jul 27" Running Horse oval ds, "New York 3 Aug 14" debit cds, red 1861 French entry cds, Paris transit and Metz arrival bkst, "8" decimes due hs, P.F. cert, extremely fine usage.....Estimate On Request

PONY EXPRESS



- 206 **Wells Fargo & Co. 1 Dollar Red Pony Express** adhesive (#143L3), large even margins, tied to 10c Green star die entire (#U32) to New York by blue **Pony Express San Francisco Aug 31** Running Horse ds, black "St. Joseph Mo Sep 14" cds at right and ms 1861 docket, illustrated in Nathan, ex Brown, very fine

Est.

12,500-15,000

THE VIRGINIA CITY PONY EXPRESS

The Virginia City Pony Express connected San Francisco and Virginia City, Nevada (see map on page 61). It was completely owned and operated by Wells, Fargo & Co. as an independent mail route. Established in August, 1862 it was in operation until March 2, 1865. Special adhesives were issued for the service, the 25 cent red being used only for the last eight months of the service.



- 207 **Virginia City Pony Express**, 25c Red (#143L9) with full even margins, tied to 3c Pink entire (#U34) from Crittenden correspondence to San Francisco by blue "Wells Fargo & Co. Virginia City N.T. Jul 13" oval ds, pencil route numbers, original 1864 letter mentions 2,000 ounces of bullion from the Savage mine, small ink stain at top, P.F. cert, very fine.....Est.

4,000-5,000

BRITISH COLUMBIA AND VANCOUVER ISLAND MAILS

- 208 **Barnard's Express** black, double circle hs and "collect" oval on inbound Wells, Fargo & Co franked 3c Pink entire (#U58) to British Columbia, partially clear **Wells Fargo & Co Corum** Sep blue oval, Oregon origin ds, minor edge wear, fine.....Est. 1,000-1,250



- 209 **Dietz & Nelson's B.C. & V. Express** perfectly struck, blue double circle hs tying 24c Lilac (#78) to Dietz & Nelson and Wells, Fargo & Co. combination franked 3c Pink entire (#U59) paste back, additionally franked by British Columbia 3p Blue tied by blue "Paid" in oval hs, black "New Westminster British Columbia Post Office" oval pmk, pressed creases, ex Gibson, Eno and Barkausen, extremely fine combination Est. 10,000-15,000
- 210 **Fraser River Express, Port Hope** black oval hs with ms **Pioneer** above (Ballou's deleted) on Wells, Fargo & Co. franked 3c Red entire (#U9) to San Francisco, negative **Vancouver's Island Customs** crown hs and ms "Coll. \$1.50" express rate, edge worn and corner fault at top right, ex Hackett, very fine usage..... Est. 2,000-2,500
- 211 **Freeman & Co's California** Atlantic States And European Express boxed frank, with "Paid" beneath, on 3c Red entire (#U10) to Fort Yale, negative **Vancouver's Island Customs** crown hs, ms 1858 docket, very fine Est. 1,500-2,000

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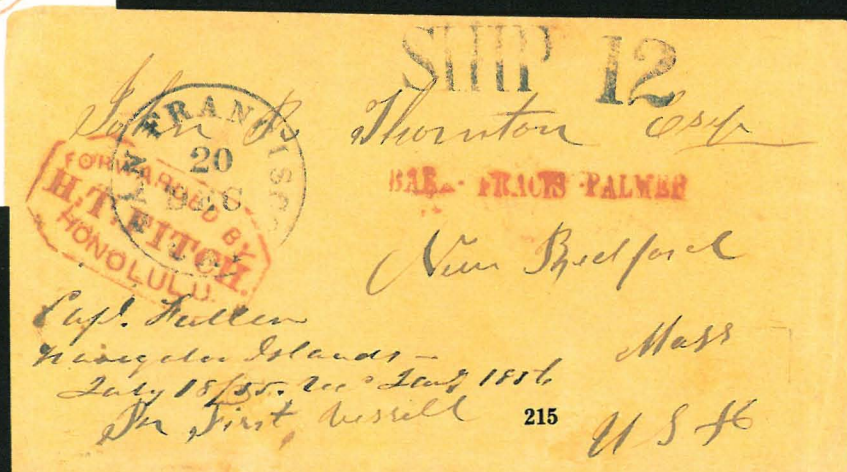
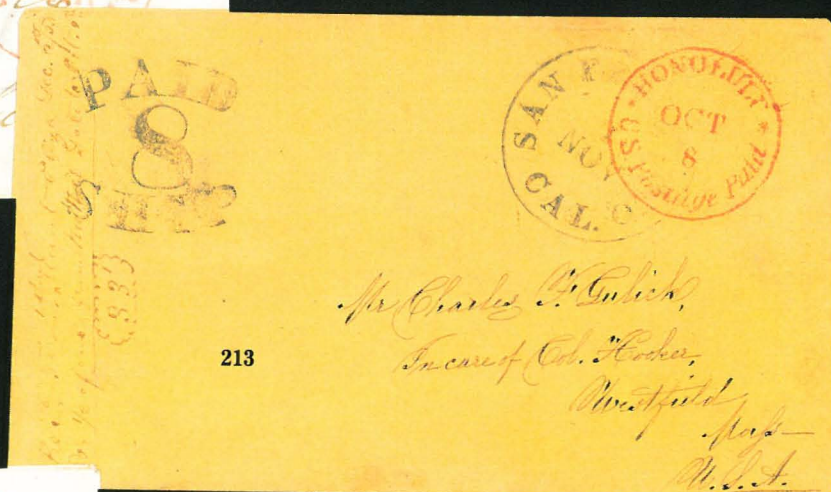


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HAWAIIAN MAILS



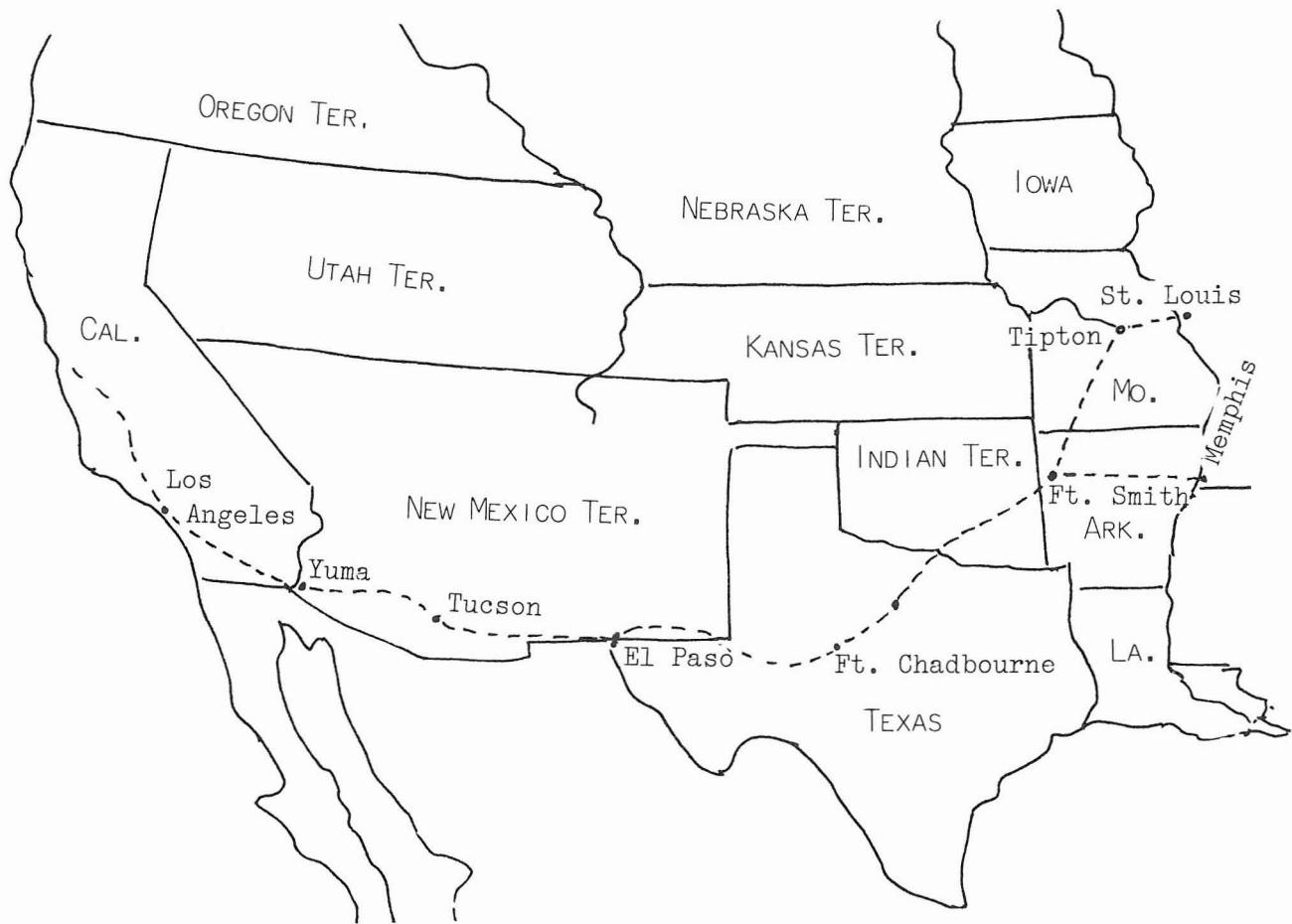
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| 212 | Honolulu, Hawaiian Is. Jan 29, 1851 clear two line black pmk on cover to New Hampshire, orange red "San Francisco 1 Mar" cds and red crayon "42" (40+2) ship rate, ms "Overland" notation, forwarded with red "New Port N.H. Apr 10" cds, ms "Ford. 5" and "47" total due, very fine.....Est. | 5,000-7,500 |
| 213 | Honolulu U.S. Postage Paid Oct 8 red cds on cover to Westfield, Mass, black "San Francisco Cal 1 Nov" cds and "Paid 8 Ship" (6+2) rate hs to left, ms 1853 docket at left, fine.....Est. | 400-500 |
| 214 | Forwarded By G.B. Post & Co. San Francisco black hs on 1853 folded letter, relating to Sperm Oil, from New York with red "New York Paid Mar 21" cds and pencil "12" (6x2) rate to Post in San Francisco, out of the mails to Honolulu with blue Oriental Line Agents Ogden & Haynes double oval hs, "rec'd May 9 '53" docket on reverse, file fold, very fine usage.....Est. | 1,500-2,000 |
| 215 | Forwarded By G.B. Post & Co San Francisco back hs on reverse of cover from "Capt. Fuller, Navigator Islands, July 18/55" (Samoa) to New Bedford, Mass, red Forwarded By H.T. Fitch. Honolulu boxed hs and matching Bark Francis Palmer straight line hs, entered the mails with "San Francisco Cal 20 Dec" cds and "Ship 12" (10+2) rate hs, very fine.....Est. | 4,000-5,000 |
| 216 | Honolulu Hawaiian-Islands Nov 26 red cds on cover to San Francisco, black "San Francisco Cal Dec 19 1860" cds and "Ship 6" port of entry ship rate hs, reduced slightly at left, fine.....Est. | 300-400 |



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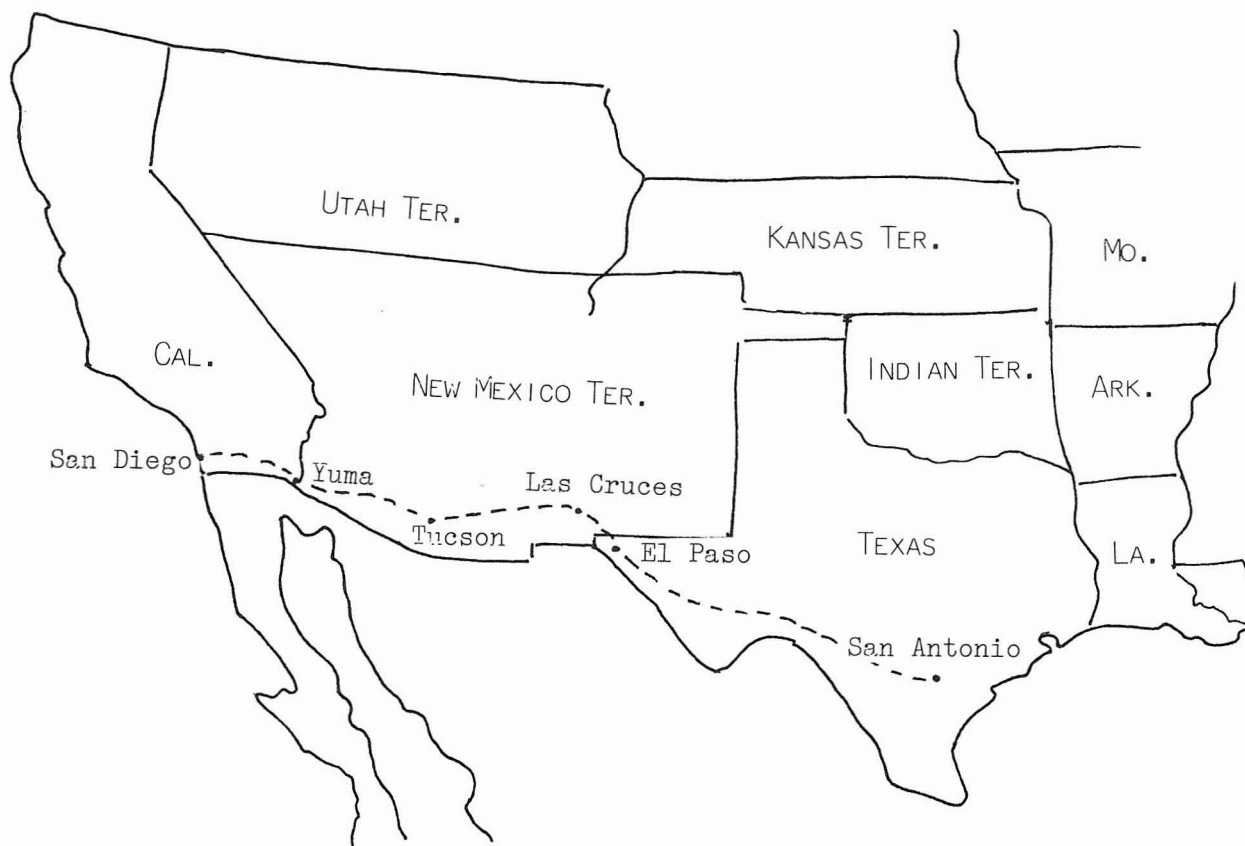
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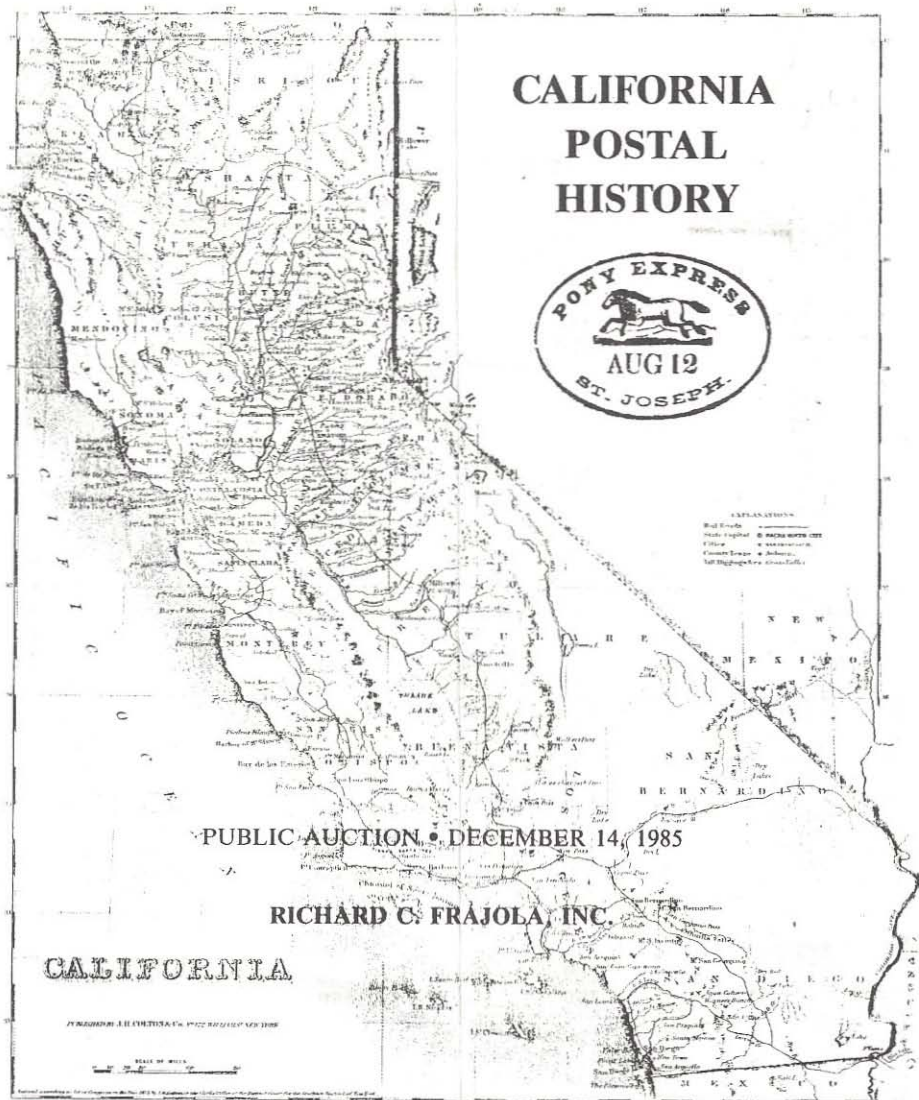
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LOT	PRICE	LOT	PRICE	LOT	PRICE	LOT	PRICE
1	950	56	300	111	100	166	200
2	525	57	220	112	125	167	850
3	65	58	95	113	135	168	700
4	325	59	350	114	85	169	325
5	210	60	110	115	1250	170	220
6	1700	61	150	116	450	171	600
7	260	62	270	117	3750	172	160
8	950	63	135	118	850	173	425
9	650	64	500	119	290	174	675
10	850	65	350	120	120	175	525
11	650	66	220	121	30	176	1850
12	550	67	325	122	55	177	900
13	200	68	325	123	230	178	450
14	1450	69	80	124	800	179	525
15	1450	70	750	125	170	180	11000
16	425	71	170	126	125	181	260
17	170	72	400	127	1750	182	650
18	180	73	170	128	4250	183	1550
19	170	74	575	129	1900	184	290
20	475	75	550	130	650	185	525
21	475	76	290	131	950	186	3250
22	375	77	80	132	375	187	3750
23	160	78	200	133	220	188	450
24	650	79	210	134	1200	189	425
25	350	80	1000	135	850	190	6000
26	250	81	210	136	850	191	1550
27	400	82	80	137	1000	192	525
28	270	83	425	138	2300	193	950
29	280	84	475	139	1500	194	1600
30	300	85	900	140	1800	195	1250
31	270	86	240	141	2100	196	19000
32	170	87	210	142	2300	197	7000
33	180	88	230	143	1050	199	12000
34	70	89	550	144	1100	200	7500
35	375	90	160	145	850	201	8000
36	375	91	3000	146	1800	202	9000
37	325	92	4750	147	1800	203	8000
38	1900	93	575	148	850	204	15500
39	2800	94	525	149	850	206	12500
40	325	95	220	150	1800	207	5000
41	230	96	38	151	3500	208	2000
42	105	97	625	152	850	209	17000
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45	150	100	425	155	375	212	5250
46	290	101	450	156	2100	213	550
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55	105	110	450	165	400		