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Adams & Co's Express (Nov 1849 - Feb 1855)

D.W. Haskell was sent by Adams & Co's Express to organize a California operation for banking and the safe transmission of gold between California and New York. He arrived in San Francisco on October 31, 1849. The new branch of the nationwide Adams Express company quickly became the leading express throughout California by expanding routes and purchasing smaller express companies. On February 23, 1855 Adams & Co's Express closed their California operations as a result of a financial and banking crisis.



Adams & Co. Paid "over our California and Coast Routes" first type printed frank, horizontally, on non government entire to San Francisco, red oval "Adams & Co. Placerville Dec 4" (1854) datestamp, fewer than five examples recorded, ex Dale - Lichtenstein

(stock #102, \$6,000)



Adams & Co's Express Vallejo red lined double oval handstamp and matching boxed "Paid" handstamp on 3c red Nesbitt entire to San Francisco, with Nesbitt seal on flap, very fine, ex Bartels and Dale - Lichtenstein

(stock #101, \$1,500)

Alta Express Co. (Jul 1857 - Nov 1858)

Alta Express Company was formed after the failure of Pacific Express in Apr 1857 by Alex Badlam, Jr., C. L. Farrington, and James A. Frost. The express operated throughout the northern and central part of the state of California and into Nevada. Alta Express Company connected with Freeman Express for British Columbia and with Berford & Co. for the Atlantic States.



Alta Express Co. Paid first type printed frank with mountains in background behind bridge on 3c red Nesbitt entire to San Francisco, red "Alta Express Company Oroville" handstamp, minor edge discoloration at top left, *ex Parker and Haas*

(stock #103, \$750)



Alta Express Co. Paid first type printed frank with mountains in background behind bridge, **in blue**, on 3c red Nesbitt entire to Georgetown, California, one recorded example of used frank in blue *ex Dale - Lichtenstein*

(stock #104, \$1,500)



Alta Express Co. Paid second type printed frank with only the bridge in background on 3c red Nesbitt entire to Downieville, red "Alta Express Sacramento Sep 6" blue ornamented double oval datestamp, partial flap, illustrated in *Letters of Gold*, page 173, *ex Haas*

(stock #105, \$450)



Alta Express Co. Paid second type printed frank with only the bridge in background on 3c red Nesbitt entire to Tuttle town, docketed vertically as being opened Nov 19, 1858, cover somewhat aged

(stock #106, \$100)

American Express Co. (Jan 1857 - Mar 1857)

The American Express Company in California was not related to the Eastern express company of the same name. Their first ad appears in the January 19, 1857 San Francisco Bulletin with "McCombe & Co., 124 Montgomery St" listed as proprietors. Daily expresses were advertised from San Francisco by steam and stage to San Jose, Santa Clara, Alviso, Redwood City, Woodside, San Mateo, Mountain View, and San Quentin. The text of the ad is identical to one that appeared January 16, 1857 under heading of "M'Combe's Express" - the predecessor firm. The last ad for American Express appeared on March 17, 1857 and the following issue included news of a lawsuit filed by an employee alleging non payment of salary.



American Express Paid printed frank with illustration including steamboat, safe, dog and train crossing bridge on 3c red Nesbitt entire addressed to San Francisco, vertical file fold through indicia, four reported used examples of this frank, *ex Jessup and Pearce*

(stock #107, \$850)

(Eastern) American Express Co. (Mar 1850 - present)

The now famous American Express was formed in Albany, New York, in March 1850. It was a joint stock corporation formed by the merger of the express companies owned by Henry Wells (Wells & Company), William Fargo (Livingston, Fargo & Company), and John Warren Butterfield (Wells, Butterfield & Company). The same founders also started Wells Fargo & Co. in 1852 when Butterfield and other directors objected to the proposal that American Express extend its operations to California.



Livingston Fargo & Co by the American Express, Paid, blue company frank on 3c red Nesbitt entire to Logansport, Indiana, manuscript "Camb City/Mch 3rd" (Cambridge City, Indiana) agent endorsement on frank and "G. & C" handstamp, docketed at left received March 10, 1857, cover aged at right, fewer than five reported examples of this eastern frank

(stock #208, \$750)

American Express Com'y Paid (to and from their offices in the states of) red printed frank on 3c pink 1861 issue entire, printed terms on flap, used to Winona (Minnesota), origin line at bottom left endorsed from "Rochester (Minnesota) 1864" and docket on reverse dated April 19, 1864, minor stain and minor edge tears, *ex Barkhausen, Jessup and Pearce*

(stock #108, \$250)



Angiers' North San Juan and Humbug Express (ca 1864)

Little information is known about this company but the few known examples were all transferred to Wells Fargo at North San Juan or entered the post office there for onward transmission.



Angiers' North San Juan and Humbug Express, Connecting with Wells, Fargo & Co., Paid, printed frank on 3c pink 1864 issue entire to Sacramento, **conjunctive use** with blue "Wells Fargo & Co North San Juan Jul 3" datestamp, the finest of the four reported examples, *ex Dale- Lichtenstein*

(stock #109, \$3500)

Arizona & New Mexico Express Co. (1874 - 1876)

This express was founded by Henry Wells in 1874 and provided stagecoach service between points in Arizona and the eastern terminus of the Southern Pacific Railroad. The express failed in 1876.



Arizona & New Mexico Express Co, Paid frank which has been crossed out with light pen strokes on 3c green entire to San Francisco, entered the mails with "Prescott, Ariz." postmark, a convenience use of the envelope, fewer than ten examples reported

(stock #110, \$400)

J. Bamber & Co's Express (Jul 1858 - Jul 1874)

John Bamber first advertised July 12, 1858 as the only authorized Contra Costa express agent for daily and weekly newspapers having purchased J.W. Hoag & Co's Contra Costa Express in which he had previously held a partial financial interest. From September 20, 1858 he ran an ad looking for a purchaser of his newspaper and express business with inquires to be directed to J. Bamber's office in San Francisco, W.K. Bacon's office in Oakland or to the "subscriber" J.W. Hoag. On September 9, 1870 Bamber incorporated as "Bamber Express Co." with four other trustees. On January 1, 1874 a change in ownership was announced, including A.D. Whitney, and the firm no longer advertised. On July 6, 1874 it was announced that Whitney & Co. Express had purchased the company.



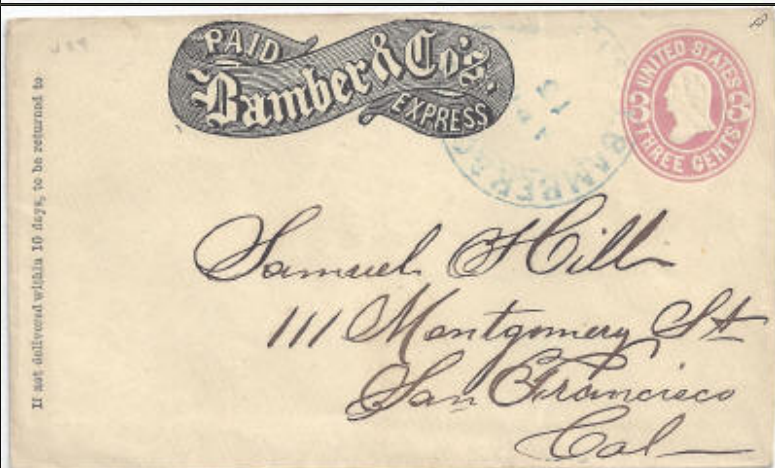
J. Bamber & Co's Contra Costa Express, W.K. Bacon's Oakland Office, red oval handstamp on 3c red Nesbitt entire to San Francisco, their boxed "Answer by Bamber & Cos Express Office Davis St Between Broadway & Vallejo" on reverse, manuscript "P.D.C. / B&H" at top center, although Bamber handstamped and franked covers are among the most common, three reported examples of this Oakland office marking from the earliest period

(stock #111, \$500)



Bamber & Co's Express black ribbon frank, first style with fancy ornamented scroll, on 3c pink 1864 issue entire used to San Francisco, their blue San Francisco "Jun 1" double circle datestamp, cover repair at lower left

(stock #112, \$100)



Bamber & Co's Express Paid black ribbon frank with plain scroll on 3c pink 1864 issue entire used to San Francisco, their blue San Francisco "Apr 13" double circle datestamp, manuscript "April 16, 1869" docket on reverse, fine

(stock #113, \$50)



J. Bamber & Cos Express, Bacon & Hardy, Oakland
Office Paid horizontal box frank on 3c pink 1861 issue entire used to Santa Cruz, their red "Sausalito" datestamp, **conjunctive use** with Wells, Fargo San Francisco transit datestamp for onward carriage, fewer than ten reported used examples of this style of frank, *ex Edwards*

(stock #114, \$300)



Bamber & Cos Express, W.B. Hardy's Office Oakland,
Paid black ribbon frank with fancy ornamented scroll on 3c pink 1864 issue entire, paste-back only (missing second envelope which bore the address), their blue San Francisco datestamp, remnants of second envelope adhere to reverse

(stock #115, \$150)



Bamber & Cos Express, W.B. Hardy's Office Oakland,
Paid black ribbon frank with plain scroll on 3c pink 1864 issue entire to San Francisco, their blue San Francisco datestamp. docket on verso of May 14, 1869, clipped corner

(stock #116, \$100)

Brown's Express Co. (Jun 1850 - Apr 1853)

Brown's Express was one of the principal express operators to the southern mines. Founded by W. A. Brown in June 1850, he connected with both Todd & Co. and Newell & Co. operating between (Stockton and San Francisco and they, in turn connected at San Francisco with Adam's Express for ocean to ocean service. Brown was murdered on April 2, 1853 and the express continued under his name even though it was then operated by Adams Express.

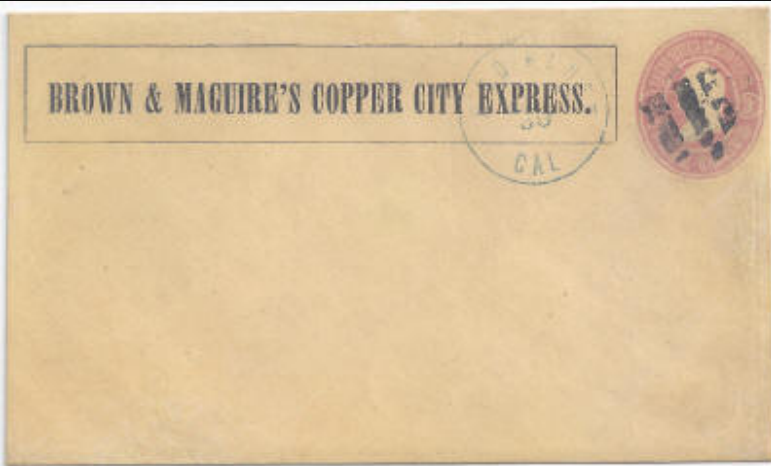


Brown's Express Murphy's large blue double oval handstamp, mostly clear, and double line octagonal "Paid" on cover to Stockton, fewer than five reported examples of this marking

(stock #117, \$250)

Brown & Maguire's Copper City Express (1860's)

Very little can be found regarding this express. Wiltsee reported the express operating to Shasta in 1858 but that has not be confirmed. The town site, in Shasta County, is now covered by Lake Shasta. Although founded in the 1850s, the peak boom era was in the early 1860s. A September 1864 newspaper report from Red Bluff gives the name of the Copper City expressman as "Scotch." Based on the use of 1861 issue stationery for frank, it would seem that Brown & Maguire sold out to Scotch before 1864.



Brown & Maguire's Copper City Express box frank on 3c pink 1861 issue entire, re-backed front only, used as the franking portion, entered the mails with blue Red Bluff, California duplex postmark, only two reported examples of this frank

(stock #118, \$400)

Buchanan & Co's Canon City Express (Dec 1866 - 1867)

This express operated between The Dalles, and Canyon City, Oregon from December 1866 when A.W. Buchanan purchased the route from Wells, Fargo. He apparently continued to operate through much of 1867 and is later reported as a Wells, Fargo agent.



Buchanan & Co.'s Canon City Express, Paid, black printed frank on 3c pink 1864 issue postal entire to Idaho City, Idaho, **conjunctive use** with blue oval Wells Fargo & Co. Umatilla (Oregon) datestamp, fewer than four reported examples of this frank, *ex Dale-Lichtenstein*

(stock #120, \$2750)



Buchanan & Co.'s Canon City Express, Paid, maroon printed frank on 3c pink 184 issue postal entire to Idaho City, **conjunctive use** with blue oval Wells Fargo & Co. Dalles (Oregon) datestamp, reduced slightly at left, fewer than four reported examples of this frank, *ex Dale-Lichtenstein*

(stock #119, \$1500)

Buckley's Express (1874)

Buckley's Express is reported to have operated between Kernsville and connecting at Bakersfield with Wells, Fargo & Co. It served the mining camps along the Kern River, Owens Valley and Death Valley. All known uses are on Wells Fargo franked covers.

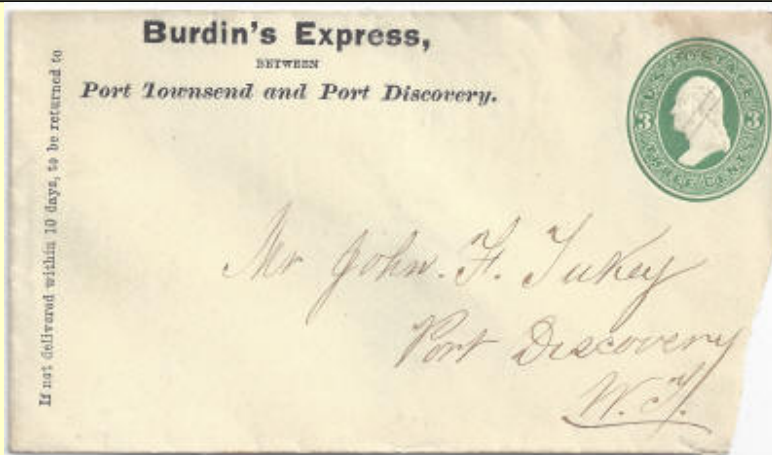


Buckley's Express, Paid blue rectangular handstamp struck vertically at left of Wells, Fargo Paid franked 3c green 1870 issue entire, entered the mails with Panamint, California postmark, fine **conjunctive use**, fewer than ten examples reported

(stock #121, \$700)

Burdin's Express (1871)

Little is known regarding this express which is reported to have operated between Port Townsend and Port Discovery, Washington Territory in 1871.



Burdin's Express, Between Port Townsend and Port Discovery imprint on 3c green 1870 issue entire to Port Discovery, Washington Territory, manuscript company cancel, cover opened roughly at bottom right, fewer than five reported examples, *ex Hackett*

(stock #122, \$500)

Chase's Express (1856 - 1863)

George W. Chase operated his one man express by wagon from Yreka to Humbug and Indian Creek along the Klamath River in northern California. He operated from the Wells, Fargo office at Yreka. The express was sold to Charles Prindle in 1863.



Chase's Express, Paid, Yreka - Deadwood & Indian Creek, colorless embossed ribbon frank on 3c red Nesbitt entire to San Francisco, entered mails with Sacramento City, California May 14 postmark, *ex Barkhausen*

(stock #123, \$2000)

Cherokee Express (ca. 1860 - ca. 1866)

An obscure short-line express that operated over the range between Oroville and nearby Cherokee diggings, 14 miles distant. The express connected at Oroville with Wells, Fargo. Although this express has been reported as in operation only in 1863, known use of earlier and later dated postal stationery precludes acceptance of such a restricted period of operation.



Cherokee Express Paid, printed frank on 3c red Nesbitt entire to Oroville, **conjunctive use** with blue Wells, Fargo & Co. Oroville Mar 9 oval datestamp, reduced at right just touching indicia, five reported examples of this frank, all from same correspondence, *ex Dale - Lichtenstein*

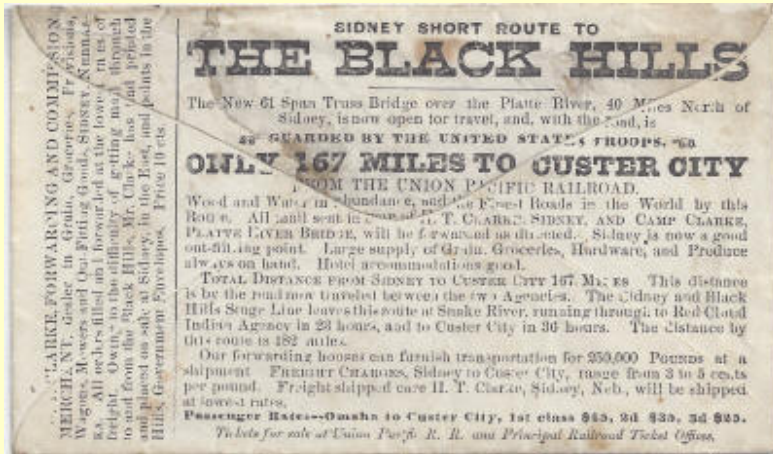
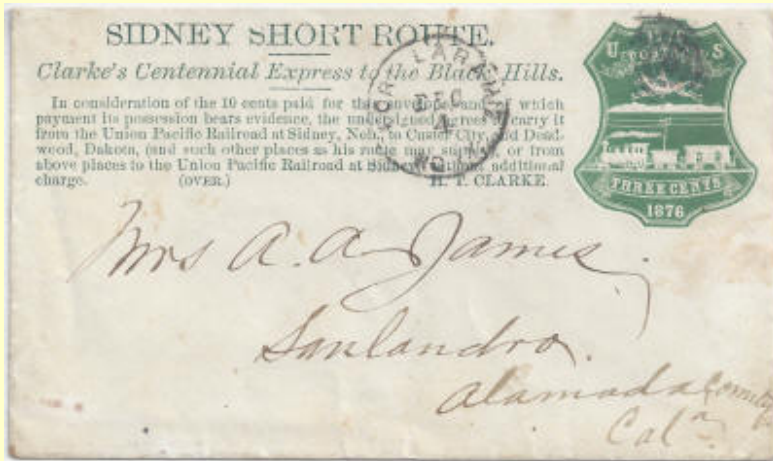
(stock #124, \$2000)

Clarke's Centennial Express (May 1876 - 1877)

Henry T. Clarke established his express into the Black Hills of South Dakota in the spring of 1876 to provide mail service to mining camps in what was considered to be Indian Country. With financial assistance, Clarke build a bridge over the North Platte River north of Sidney, Nebraska and established his "Sidney Short Route" with the completion of the bridge on May 10, 1876. The express operated into 1877.

Clarke's Centennial Express to the Black Hills, Sidney Short Route (Paid 10 cents) green printed frank (Persson type 8) on 3c green 1876 entire to San Leandro, California, all over reverse promotional text, atypically this entered the mails with Fort Laramie, Wyoming Dec 4 postmark rather than at Sidney, Nebraska, minor aging on reverse

(stock #246, \$1500)



Copley's & Co's Miners' Express (1855 - 1856)

This express operated from Marysville to the Gibsonville Ridge and the Feather River mines. It operated in 1855 and 1856.



Copley & Co's Miners' Express red ornamented oval handstamp on 10c Green Nesbitt entire used to Sempronius, New York, entered the mails with blue Marysville, California December 4 "Paid By Stamps" postmark and with matching grid cancel tying indicia, six recorded examples of this red handstamp, *ex Kapiloff and Salzer*

(stock #125, \$7500)

Cram Rogers & Co Express (1851 - Mar 1855)

Cram Rogers & Co's Express operated to the mines in the Shasta area and extending into mining areas in Oregon. Over the period of operation, from 1851 until March 27, 1855, they connected with Gregory's, Adams, and Newell & Co. expresses.



Cram Rogers & Co Express Yreka, blue oval handstamp on cover to San Francisco with 3c dull red (#11) tied by pencil stroke cancel, carried by Cram Rogers from the mines to Shasta, **conjunctive use** and carried by Adams & Co express onward to San Francisco, Adams Express Shasta Jan 18 (1855) red oval datestamp and red Adams Marysville Jan 20 datestamp, *ex Dale - Lichtenstein*

(stock #126, \$4500)

Cramer's Express (1867 - 1870)

This express, established by Charles Cramer and a partner, is reported to have operated between Susanville and Fort Bidwell in the northeast portion of California near the Oregon border. Evidence from a second cover suggest that they also ran to Reno, Nevada.



Cramer's Express attractive blue on violet ribbon frank on 3c pink 1864 issue entire used to San Francisco, Sender endorsement at left from "Susanville, Idaho (sic)" entered the mails with double oval "Susanville Cal Feb 27 1870" postmark which was doodled over after delivery, two types of frank are known, the only reported example of this frank and one of two reported uses of the company, *ex Dale - Lichtenstein*

(stock #127, \$5000)

Crooks' Express (1855 - Feb 1860)

A. D. Crook established his express to operate from Yreka to the mines along the Scott and Klamath Rivers. Crooks is believed to have connected with Wells Fargo at Yreka.



Crooks Express Scott River partially clear blue oval handstamp on 10c green Nesbitt entire, entered the mails to New York City with red "Scottsburg Jun 30" Collins style postmark, small tear at foot, three recorded examples, *ex Dale - Lichtenstein*

(stock #128, \$1000)

Deming & Wall Union and Eureka Express (ca. 1856 - 1857)

This express was founded by Byron Deming and William H. Wall and operated in Humboldt County, California between Union (Uniontown, now Arcata) and Eureka. In 1860 Byron Deming is listed in "Stimson's Express Directory" as an agent for Wells, Fargo in Uniontown.

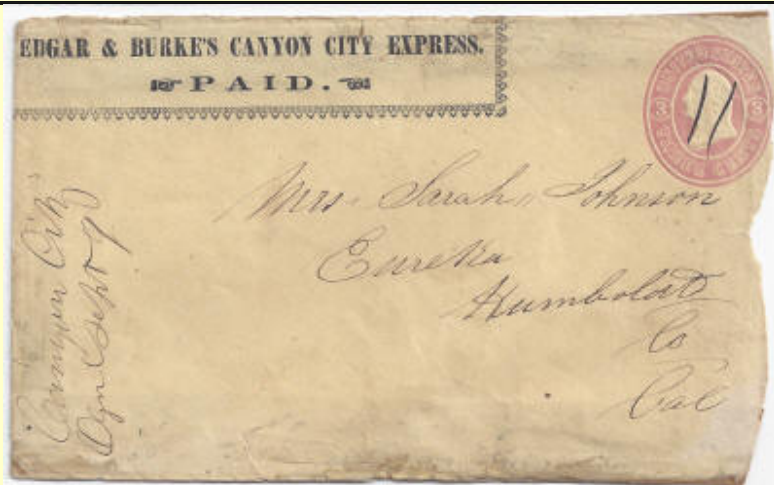


Deming & Wall, Union and Eureka Express, Paid printed steamboat and sailing ship illustrated frank, on cover to Bucksport (nearby in Humboldt county), the only known cover of this express company, illustrated in *Letters of Gold*, page 181, ex Haas, and Edwards

(stock #129, \$7500)

Edgar & Burke's Canyon City Express (Fall 1864 - 1865)

After Jones left Jones & Edgar's Express, Ad Edgar took in A.J. Burke as a partner and changed the name to Edgar & Burke's Canyon City Express. This express operated from Dalles, Oregon to Canyon City and points in Idaho between 1864 and 1866.



Edgar & Burke's Canyon City Express Paid rectangular printed frank on 3c pink 1861 issue entire to Eureka, California, entered the mails at Canyon City with manuscript "Canyon City Ogn Sep 9" postmark for onward transmission, cover opened roughly at right and faults, three reported examples of this frank, all opened roughly, ex Dale - Lichtenstein

(stock #130, \$1000)

(J.R.) English's Express (1865 - 1866)

This express operated briefly between Alpha, Omega, Washington and Nevada City where they connected with Wells, Fargo. It has been suggested that English sold out to Latta's Mountain Express which began operating over the same route in 1866.

English's Express, Paid rectangular frank on 3c pink 1861 issue entire addressed to Folsom, additional notation of sender "(Sing Lee is a China man)" at lower left, **conjunctive use** with Wells, Fargo Nevada Apr 19 blue oval datestamp for carriage to Folsom, the only reported example, an expertly rebacked front that appears extremely fine, illustrated in *Letters of Gold*, page 183, ex Haas and Kramer

(stock #131, \$750)



Eureka Express Co. (1878 - 1894)

This express operated from Eureka south to Nevada City, California between 1878 and circa 1894. It connected with Wells, Fargo Express at Nevada City.



Eureka Express Co. Nevada City, Paid printed frank on 3c green 1870 issue entire to San Francisco, **conjunctive use** with Wells, Fargo & Co Nevada blue oval datestamp, *ex Barkhausen and Pearce*

(stock #132, \$450)



Eureka Express Co., Paid printed frank on 3c green 1870 issue entire to San Francisco, **conjunctive use** with Wells, Fargo & Co Nevada faint blue oval datestamp, *ex Barkhausen and Pearce*

(stock #133, \$250)

Evans & Co. Jacksonville & Crescent City Express (1862 - 1863)

This express was apparently operated by Henry Evans and operated in 1862 and 1863. The route was between Crescent City, California and Jacksonville, Oregon.



Evans & Cos. Express, Jacksonville (Oregon), & Crescent City (California), all over lithographed frank design on 3c pink 1861 issue entire used to Jacksonville, with original letter datelined "Crescent City, Feb. 3, 1863", edges faulty, only two reported examples of this frank from same correspondence, illustrated in Nathan and *Letters of Gold*, page 183, *ex Parker, Haas and Edwards*

(stock #134, \$2500)

Everts & Co's Feather River Express (fall 1851 - 1853)

In mid 1851 Frank D. Everts began operating a one man express from Marysville to mining camps on the Yuba River and Feather Rivers. He connected with Adams Express at Marysville for steamboat service to Sacramento and San Francisco. In the winter of 1852-1853 the firm was superseded by Everts, Snell & Co's Express.



Everts & Cos Express Marysville, Connecting With Adams & Co., mostly clear blue double lined oval handstamp struck on brown on buff, embossed corner card cover of "Taaffe McCahill Dry Goods" used to Bidwells Bar, **conjunctive use** with blue Adams & Co San Francisco office Nov 9 (1854) datestamp struck twice, manuscript 25c express fee endorsement at top right, carried beyond Marysville by Everts, cover crease at right, three reported examples of this Everts marking, *ex Dale - Lichtenstein and Walske*

(stock #135, \$3500)

Everts, Snell & Cos. Feather River Express (1852 - Jul 1854)

In winter 1852-1853 Frank Darwin Everts, after operating his Everts & Co's Express since 1851 formed a partnership with John Adam Snell to better serve the mines of the Feather River area. They connected with Adams Express at Marysville for steamboat service to Sacramento and San Francisco. On July 25, 1854 the partnership was dissolved and Everts continued with his brother Henry from new headquarters in La Porte as F.D. Everts & Co. until he sold out to Adams in February 1855.



Evert Snell & Co's Feather River Express blue ornamented double oval handstamp on inbound cover addressed to Marysville, Albion, Michigan Dec 13 (1852) origin postmark and Roman numeral "X" postal rate, carried from the post office by Evert Snell & Co from Marysville to addressee at the mines, pencil "BrV" (Brownsville) notation of location at left and "1.25" express charges noted at top right, docketed as received January 24, 1853, *ex Edwards*

(stock #136, \$750)

Everts, Davis & Co Express (May 1855 - Jul 1856)
Everts, Hannon, Wilson & Co Express (Jul 1856 - Oct 1856)

Everts sold out to Adams Express shortly before their collapse in February 1855 and re-entered the express business. On May 19, 1855 the firm of Everts, Davis & Co. was organized and used Pacific Express Company for additional service.

In July 1856 new advertisements began to appear that announce that the company had recently purchased important new routes. Postal evidence suggests, with the appearance of new franked envelopes that include the name "Hannon," that Hannon actually joined the firm in July at the time of these purchases.

The "Davis" was dropped from the firm name in October 1856 and the last advertisement for Everts, Davis & Co. appeared on August 11; the August 19, 1856 advertisement was for the newly formed Everts, Hannon, Wilson & Co. Express. On October 8, 1856 the firm name began to appear in advertisements as only Everts, Wilson & Co.



Everts, Hannon, Wilson & Co. Daily Express, Paid rectangular frank on 3c red Nesbitt entire used to San Francisco shortly after the new firm was established, large oval **Everts, Davis & Co.'s Express, St. Louis** blue green oval "Jul 22" datestamp of precursor firm still in use, **conjunctive use** with "Pacific Express Marysville" blue oval "Jul 24" datestamp for transmission from Marysville to San Francisco, cover reduced at left, four reported used examples of this frank

(stock #137, \$2500)

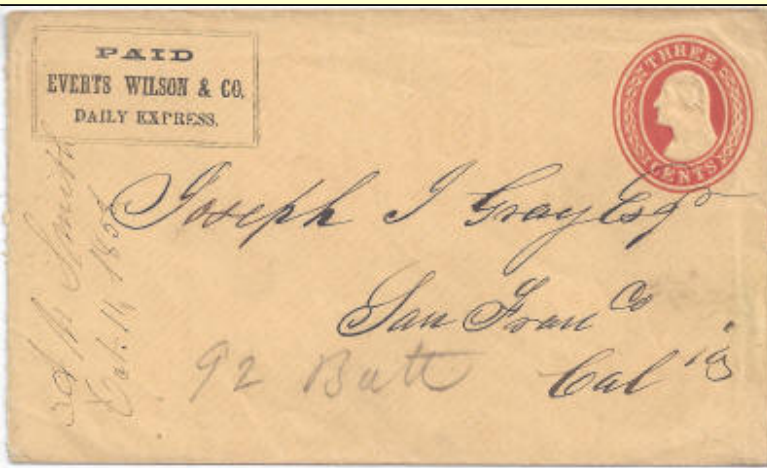
Everts, Wilson & Co Express (Oct 1856 - Aug 1862)

The first advertisement with the new Everts, Wilson & Co. Express firm name appeared on October 8, 1856. From their principal offices at Marysville, Rabbit Creek, St. Louis and Nelson Creek and Gibsonville they served regions north of the North Fork of the Yuba River and south of the North Fork of the Feather River. The express connected at Marysville with Pacific Express until Pacific Express failed in April 1857. The express connected with connected at Marysville with Wells Fargo thereafter. On September 1, 1862 the express business were sold to Holland, Morley & Company.



Everts, Wilson & Co.'s Express Paid frank in ornamented rectangle on 3c red Nesbitt entire used to San Francisco, large oval **Everts, Davis & Co.'s Express, Forbestown** blue green oval "Aprl 13" datestamp of precursor firm still in use, **conjunctive use** with blue Wells, Fargo & Co. Marysville Apr 14 double oval datestamp, minor ink smears at left, *ex Dale - Lichtenstein*

(stock #138, \$2000)



Everts, Wilson & Co.'s Daily Express Paid frank in double lined rectangle on 3c red Nesbitt entire used to San Francisco, docketed at left as containing a letter dated October 11, 1858

(stock #139, \$350)



Everts, Wilson & Co.'s Daily Express Paid black frank in ornately framed rectangle on 10c green Nesbitt entire used to Bells Landing, Alabama, entered the mails with red "La Porte Cal May 2" postmark

(stock #141, \$1500)



Everts, Wilson & Co.'s Daily Express Paid red frank in ornately framed rectangle with "Overland Via Los Angeles" below, on 10c green Nesbitt entire used to Newport, Kentucky, entered the mails with blue "Marysville, Cal Paid By Stamps Nov 1" partially clear postmark, matching grid cancel, the only reported example of this frank

(stock #140, \$6000)



Everts, Wilson & Co.'s Daily Express Paid red frank in ornately framed rectangle on 3c red Star Die entire used to San Francisco, carried by Everts to the mails at La Porte, entered the mails with "La Porte Cal Apr 22" postmark for carriage to Marysville and then **conjunctive use** with blue Wells, Fargo & Co. Marysville Apr 24 double oval datestamp for carriage to San Francisco, pencil "Recd 24" at left, a most unusual form of postal involvement in conjunctive use, cover opened roughly at right

(stock #141, \$1500)



Everts, Wilson & Co.'s Express Paid black frank in ornate frame on 3c red Star Die entire, expertly rebacked front, used to Port Wine, blue "Everts, Wilson & Co's Express Marysville" handstamp, toned, ex *Barkhausen and Hall*

(stock #142, \$250)



Everts, Wilson & Co.'s Express Paid black frank in ornate frame on 3c pink 1861 issue entire used to Port Wine, blue "Everts, Wilson & Co's Express Marysville" handstamp, slightly reduced at left

(stock #144, \$350)



Everts, Wilson & Co.'s Express Paid red frank in ornate frame on 3c pink 1861 issue entire used to Quincy, entered the mails with "Gibsonville Apr 30" postmarks, cover repaired at top

(stock #145, \$250)

Ford & Co's Express (Aug 1850 - Sep 1851)

Little is known about Ford & Co's Express and no advertisements have been found. The few known covers are addressed to, or from, Sacramento and Mormon Gulch and date between August 1850 and September 1851. It has been suggested that the express operated between Sacramento City and Greenwood.



Ford & Co's Express Forwarded blue roped oval express company handstamp, well struck, on August 29, (1851) miner's folded letter to Hopkinton, New York, entered the mails with orange red "Sacramento City, Cal Sep 29" datestamp and matching "10" due rate, letter dated simply "California" mentions: "I work for six dollars a day. Bord (sic) is 12 dollars a week so mornings and evenings I chop wood for my bord," small discoloration spot at top edge, three reported examples of this marking, illustrated in Nathan, *ex Clifford, Edwards and Straley*

(stock #146, \$2500)

Francis' Express (Nov 1859 - 1864)
Francis & Co's Express

Robert Francis founded his company in 1859 to operate from La Porte to Quincy via Gibsonville, Onion Valley and Nelson Point. J.S. Rump was taken as a partner in July 1862 and the firm was sold to N.O. Pauley Express in 1864.



Francis & Co's Express, Paid printed frank in fancy rectangle on 10c Green Nesbitt entire used to Greenfield, Massachusetts, entered the mails with La Porte Cal. Sep 5, 1860 postmark, indicia pen canceled, cover has been cleaned, two reported examples of this frank, *ex Barkhausen*

(stock #148, \$1000)



Francis' & Co's Express, Paid scalloped bordered, rectangular frank on 10c green 1861 issue entire used to Albany, New York, entered the mails with "Gibsonville Cal Mar 18" postmark and manuscript cancel o indicia, docketed on reverse as answered "July 3," bottom left corner torn away roughly, two reported examples of this frank

(stock #147, \$1000)

Freeman & Co's Express (Nov 1850 - Nov 1851)

John M Freeman bought out T. R. Hawley's interest in Hawley's Express on November 11, 1850. The route was between Sacramento City and San Francisco by steamboat with further steamboat service to river offices north to Marysville. Adams Express operated as Freeman's agent and expeditor in San Francisco. The express served as a trunk line connecting at Sacramento with Bower's Express for service to Nevada City and with Langton's Express for service to Downieville. After his purchase of Mumby's Express in June 1851, Freeman sold out to Adams & Co on November 8, 1851. After serving as an agent for Adams & Co for several years, he started a new Freeman's Express after Adam's failure in February 1855.



Freeman & Co's Express, Forwarded By, Paid, blue oval handstamp well struck on cover to Sacramento City, pencil note of date "Apl 11. 1852" at foot, minor wrinkle, ex Dale - Lichtenstein

(stock #149, \$250)

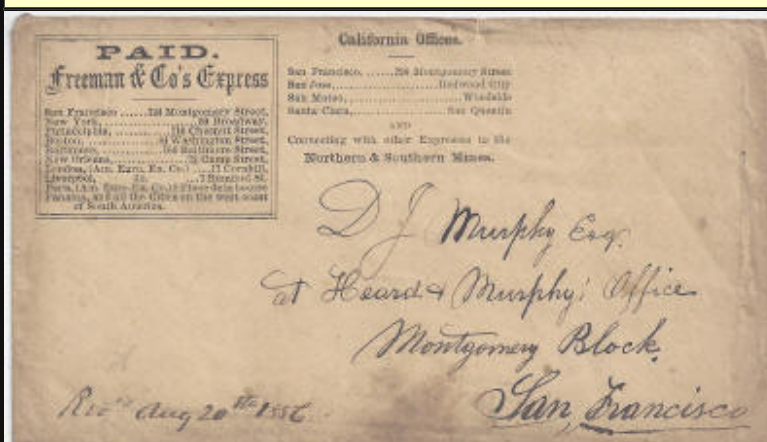


Freeman & Co's Express, Forwarded By, Paid, blue oval handstamp well struck on folded cover to Van Voorhies, Secretary of State, at Vallejo, **conjunctive use** with faint "Forwarded By Todd's Express" double oval at left faintly struck, manuscript 50 cts express rate at top, Vallejo served as the capitol of California briefly: first in 1852 for one week and again in 1853 for one month

(stock #150, \$300)

Freeman & Co's Express (II) (Jun 1855 - Apr 1860)

A June 15, 1855 newspaper notice announced that John M. Freeman, J. K. Stimson, J. Hoey and Josiah Hedden had purchased all Adams & Co interests in the California express business under the name Freeman & Co. This new firm opened offices in British Columbia in July 1858. The firm was sold to Wells, Fargo in April 1860.



Freeman & Co's Express Paid pair of covers to same addressee in San Francisco with large billboard frank listing their world-wide offices and additional text with list of their California offices, the first is a non-government cover docketed as received Aug 20, 1856, the second is the same frank imprinted on a 3c red Nesbitt entire docketed as received on August 29, 1856, first cover discolored and second with edge faults at right, the only reported examples of this frank, ex Dale - Lichtenstein

(stock #151 and #152, \$2500)



Freeman & Co's California, Atlantic States and European Express, Paid rectangular box printed frank on 3c red Nesbitt entire used to Victoria, Vancouver Island, red oval "Freeman & Co Express" handstamp and docketed in pencil "3 Letters Recd per (steamer) Panama, Aug 9/58," minor edge faults, fewer than ten reported examples of this frank which seems to have been used primarily, if not solely, on the Victoria - San Francisco route, an early use to Victoria following the Fraser River gold discoveries

(stock #153, \$1250)



Freeman & Co's Express Paid red scroll frank on 3c red Nesbitt entire with San Francisco address imprinted in same color, blue oval Freeman & Co Marysville Sep 1 datestamp, ex Dale - Lichtenstein

(stock #154, \$250)



Freeman & Co's Express Paid red scroll frank on 3c red Nesbitt entire used to San Francisco, bold "Freeman & Co Express Shasta" oval handstamp, minor edge tear at top

(stock #155, \$450)





Freeman & Co's Express Paid green scroll frank, different text at foot of scroll, on 10c green Nesbitt entire used to Washington, D.C., blue "Freeman & Co Express Healdsburg" oval handstamp, endorsed by sender "Overland Mail" at lower left, entered the mails with San Francisco Cal Aug 26 1859 postmark, address partially eradicated

(stock #156, \$500)

Garland's Express (1854 - 1872)

Richard E. Garland started his express in 1854 to serve mining camps between Oroville and Quincy, California. His routes were expanded in 1864 to include service to Taylorsville and Crescent Mills. In the same year he purchased J.P. Wharton's Express serving La Porte and Gibsonville.

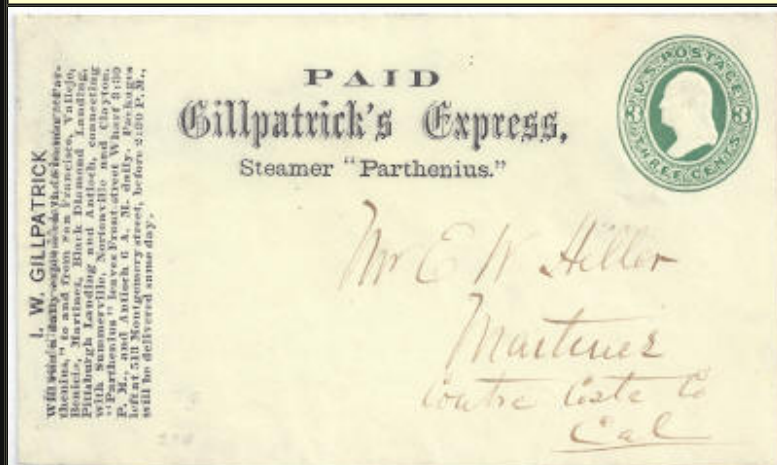


Garland's Express, Paid frank in double lined rectangle on 3c pink 1864 issue entire to Quincy, California, cover is noted on reverse as having contained a letter dated March 25, 1865, cover stain at lower left, the only reported used example, ex Haas and Edwards

(stock #157, \$2500)

Gillpatrick's Express (May 1874 - 1872)

J. W. Gillpatrick started his express in 1874 to serve San Francisco Bay ports by steamer. He utilized the steamer "Parthenius" which began service in May 1874 and is last reported in July 1875.



Gillpatrick's Express, Paid, Steamer "Parthenius" frank, with additional text at left which describes express service and routes, on 3c green 1870 issue entire used to Martinez, cover restored at left edge, the only used example reported, ex Dale - Lichtenstein

(stock #158, \$2000)



Gillpatrick's Express, frank on 3c green 1870 issue entire used to Jackson, entered the mails with San Francisco Jan 26 duplex postmark, opened roughly at left, fewer than five used examples of this frank are reported

(stock #159, \$500)

Greathouse & Slicer's Express (1855 - Nov 1857)

George and Ridgely Greathouse started an express from Shasta to Callahan in August 1854. Hugh Slicer was added as a partner in late 1855 and route was extended from from Yreka to Shasta where they connected with Wells Fargo at Shasta. This express company name disappears from the Sacramento newspapers in November 1857 but Greathouse & Co. appears again in the 1860s as an express operator in Oregon and Idaho.



Greathouse & Slicer, Yreka, Connecting with Wells, Fargo & Co blue octagonal handstamp on Wells, Fargo red franked 10c green Nesbitt entire, **conjunctive use** with blue Wells, Fargo & Co. Express Shasta and San Francisco oval company handstamps, paste-back portion with franking only, creases, ex Dale - Lichtenstein

(stock #160, \$4500)

Greene's Copper City Express (1864)

Thomas Greene formed his express line in 1864 to operate between Shasta and Copper City, California. His office is reported to have been located at Barber & Isman's Saloon in Copper City.



Greene's Copper City Express, ornate printed frank on 3c pink 1861 issue entire used to Weaverville, entered the mails at Shasta, California with their "May 27" postmark, cover has been restored, two reported used examples of this frank

(stock #161, \$750)

Greenhood & Neubauer Northern Express (1856 - Aug 1867)

Herman Greenhood and Joseph Neubauer began their express, based in Weaverville, in late 1856. After the purchase W. F. Rowe Express in 1858, the company connected with Wells Fargo at Marysville. The company's banking and express business failed in August 1867. The staging routes were taken over by G. I. Taggart's after that date.



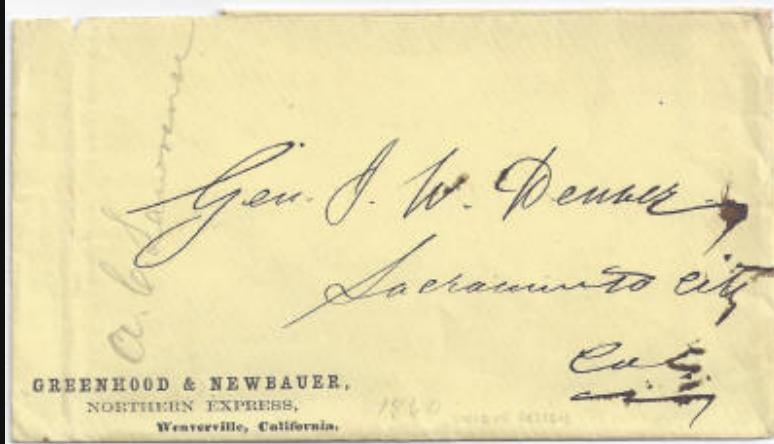
Greenhood & Neubauer Northern Express, Paid, pair of cover to same address in San Francisco, one (at left) with express company name in frank spelled "Neubauer" in error (at left above) and the other frank the scarcer correct spelling of Neubauer, each with clear company Greenhood & Neubauer Express Weaverville, Cal double oval handstamps, the correct spelling example is illustrated in Nathan and is *ex Jessup and Pearce*

(stock #162 and #163, \$1000)



Greenhood & Neubauer, Northern Express, Weaverville, California, three line impert at bottom left of cover addressed to Gen. J. W. Denver at Sacramento, original letter dated May 28, 1860 at Weaverville from A. C. Laurence seeking an office, cover crease at left and small edge chip, the only reported example, illustrated in "Letters of Gold" on page 193, *ex Haas, Edwards and Straley*

(stock #164, \$750)



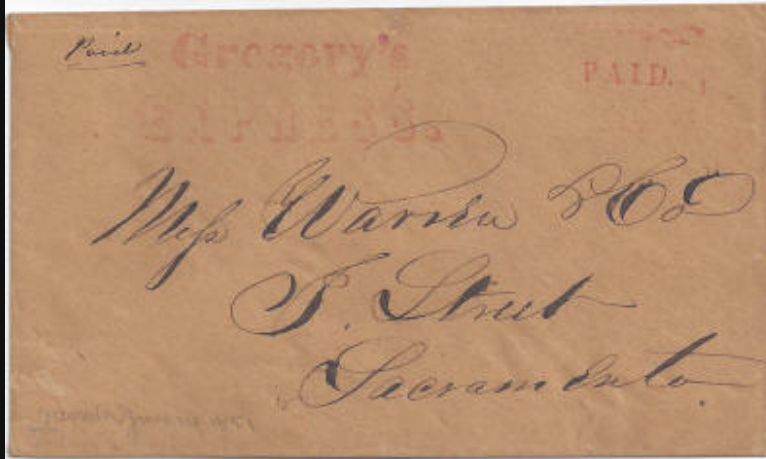
Gregory's Express (Nov 1849 - Feb 1855)

In addition to Joseph W. Gregory's Atlantic & Pacific Express ocean to ocean express begun in April 1850, he organized "Gregory's Express" to operate within California. His service began with offices in San Francisco and Stockton and soon expanded to Sacramento City and Marysville. Gregory quietly sold his express business to Wells, Fargo & Co. in 1852 and his last advertisement appeared in the November 20, 1852 "Daily Alta California."



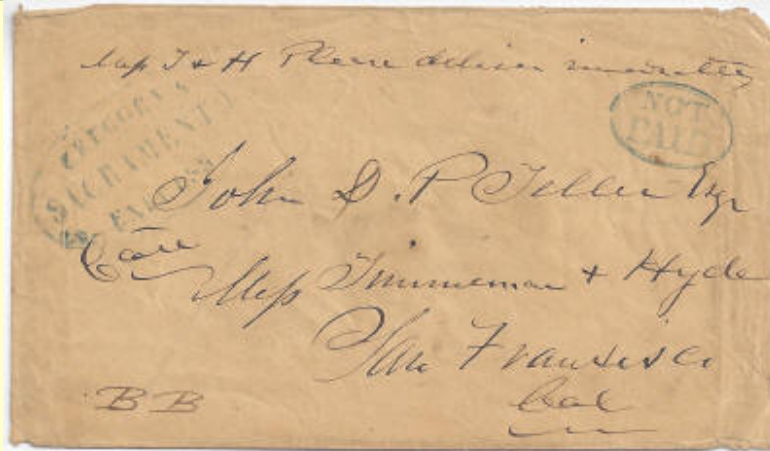
Gregory's Express Office, San Francisco, blue three line handstamp and oval "Not Paid" handstamp on cover to Sacramento, *ex Dale - Lichtenstein*

(stock #166, \$400)



Gregory's Express, red two line handstamp with "Express" in hollow letters and small straight line "Paid." handstamp on cover to Sacramento, pencil notation "Nevada, June 14, 1851" at lower left, *ex Dale - Lichtenstein*

(stock #165, \$400)



Gregory's Express Office, Sacramento, blue oval handstamp and matching "Not Paid" handstamps on cover to San Francisco, endorsed "Mess. T. & H Please deliver immediately" at top, addressed to Timmerman & Hyde (ship agents) dissolved their partnership December 31, 1851, *ex Dale - Lichtenstein*

(stock #167, \$350)

Gregory & English's Moore's Flat and Eureka Express (1866)

Formed in April 1866 this express operated from Nevada City to North Bloomfield, Lake City, Woolsey's Flat, Moore's Flat and Eureka. It connected with Wells Fargo at Nevada City. It was apparently in business only a few months.



Gregory & English's Moore's Flat and Eureka Express, Paid, ornamental frank with "Connecting with Wells, Fargo & Co. at Nevada City, Cal" text at foot on 3c pink 1864 issue entire to San Francisco, fancy eagle illustrated "Moore's Flat Express" greenish blue oval origin handstamp, **conjunctive use** with "Wells Fargo Nevada City Jan 11" oval datestamp, reduced irregularly at right into indicia, *ex Dale - Lichtenstein*

(stock #169, \$1250)



Gregory & English's Moore's Flat and Eureka Express, Paid, ornamental frank with "Connecting with Wells, Fargo & Co. at Nevada City, Cal" text at foot on 3c pink 1864 issue entire to San Francisco, entered the mails with "Moore's Flat Cal Oct 8" postmark, mostly clear "San Francisco Cal Advertised" datestamp on reverse, cover reduced irregularly at right into indicia, *ex Dale - Lichtenstein*

(stock #168, \$500)

Hall & Allen's Dutch Flat Express (1858 - 1859)

Hall & Allen operated their express in Auburn, Dutch Flat and Todd's Valley in 1858 and 1859. They also served as agents for Wells Fargo at the same locations.



Hall & Allen's Ditch Flat Express oval handstamp on Wells Fargo & Co. franked 3c red Nesbitt entire used to Sacramento, **conjunctive use** and carried by Wells, Fargo from Dutch Flat to destination, part flap, minor wrinkles, four examples reported

(stock #170, \$2500)

Hammond & Wilson's Express (1874)

Hammond and Wilson operated between Susanville, California and Reno, Nevada in 1874. They connected at Susanville with Wells, Fargo.



Hammond & Wilson's Express, Susanville & Reno, Connecting with Wells, Fargo & Co., fancy scroll frank on 3c green 1870 issue entire used to San Francisco, cover creases and minor soiling, about five examples known, *ex Dale - Lichtenstein*

(stock #158, \$750)

D. W. Harrier's Express (1864 - 1865)

D. W. Harrier served the mining camps from Nevada City, Moore's Flat to North Bloomfield. He operated from a base at Nevada City and connected with Wells Fargo there.



D.W. Harrier's Express Paid ornamental rectangle frank on 3c pink 1864 issue entire to San Francisco, **conjunctive use** with blue oval Wells Fargo & Co's Nevada Apr 12 datestamp, minor reduction at right, four reported examples of this frank used, *ex Dale - Lichtenstein*

(stock #172, \$1000)



D.W. Harrier's Express Paid red framed frank on 3c pink 1864 issue entire to San Francisco, **conjunctive use** with blue oval Wells Fargo & Co's Nevada Mar 4 datestamp, reduced into indicia at right, the only reported used example of this frank, *ex Dale - Lichtenstein*

(stock #173, \$1500)

Harrison's Susanville & Goose Lake Express Company (1872)

Harrison operated his California express in Siskiyou County between Susanville and Goose Lake in 1872.

**Harrison's Susanville & Goose Lake Express**

Company, Paid, red scroll frank on 3c green 1870 issue entire to Marysville, Cal, entered the mails with manuscript "Adinville Sept 1872" postmark and cancel, the only reported example of this frank, *ex Dale - Lichtenstein*

(stock #174, \$3500)

J. Hawes & Co's S.F. & N.Y. Express (Dec 1854 - Sep 1855)

J. Hawes and Co's San Francisco & New York Express was formed by Joseph Hawes and Charles Lumbard on December 13, 1854. They advertised for the Vanderbilt Independent Line steamer "Cortes" that departed on March 25, 1855 (cover below carried on this trip). Their last ad appeared on September 4, 1855.

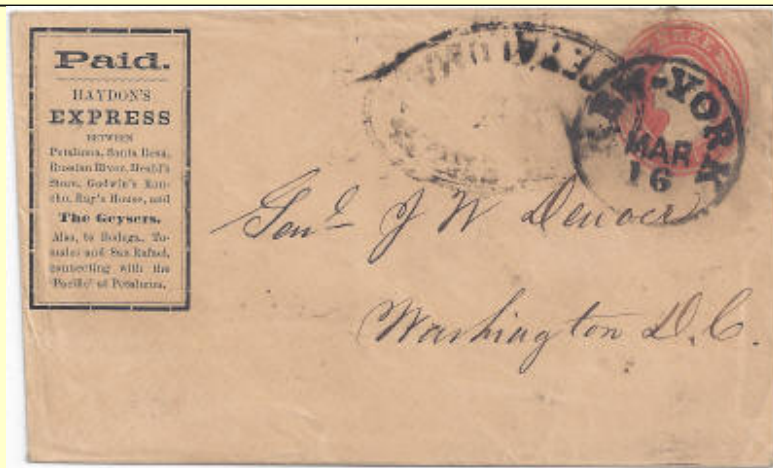


J. Hawes & Co., S.F. & N.Y., Express, double circle handstamp struck twice on reverse on 6c green Nesbitt entire to Boston, carried via Nicaragua by Vanderbilt Line steamers (*Uncle Sam* dep San Francisco April 9, arv San Juan Del Sur Apr 21; *Star of the West*, dep San Juan del Norte Apr 23, arv New York May 2, 1855), entered the Mails with New York, Ship May 3 arrival postmark, cover has been cleaned and restored, five reported examples of this express, *ex Knapp and Barkhausen*

(stock #175, \$2000)

**Haydon's Express (1856)**

S. C. Haydon, a merchant in Petaluma, established his express to handle mail in Sonoma and Marin County towns near San Francisco.

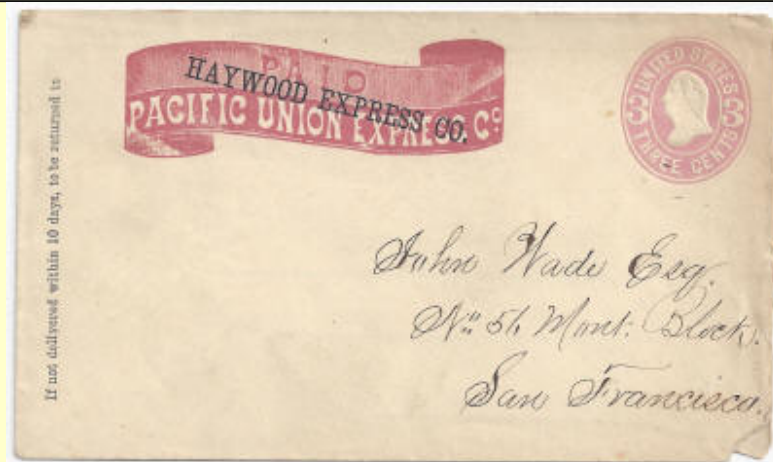


Haydon's Express, Paid frank in box at left with: "Between Petaluma, Santa Rosa, Russian River, Heald's Store, Godwin's Rancho, Ray's House, and **The Geysers**. Also, to Bodega, Tomales and San Rafael, connecting with the 'Pacific' (express) at Petaluma" text on 3c red Nesbitt entire addressed to Genl. J. W. Denver at Washington D.C., **conjunctive use** with Pacific Express oval "Petaluma" handstamp, carried by Pacific Express via Nicaragua by Vanderbilt Line steamers (*Cortes* dep San Francisco February 5, arv San Juan Del Sur mid February; *Northern Light*, dep San Juan del Norte March 5, arv New York March 13, 1856), entered the Mails with New York, Ship May 3 arrival postmark, posted after arrival in New York with their March 16 postmark, the only recorded example of Haydon's Express frank, illustrated in Nathan and *Letters of Gold*, Page 195, *ex Jessup, Pearce, Haas and Edwards*

(stock #176, \$9500)

Haywood Express Co. (ca 1869)

Little is known of the express company other than that it operated in San Francisco East Bay area in 1864. It apparently connected with Pacific Union Express.



Haywood Express Co. black straight line overprint on red "Pacific Union Express Company" franked 3c 1864 issue entire to San Francisco, cover minor faults at right, the only reported example of this frank, *ex Dale - Lichtenstein*

(stock #177, \$1750)

Hinckley & Co's Express (May 1860 - May 1861)

Hinckley's Express was founded in 1860 by C. S. Hinckley and John Sowers. It operated between the mining regions west of Denver, Colorado (then Kansas Territory) to Denver. It also operated east from Denver to St. Joseph, Missouri and later to Omaha, Nebraska via the Platte Valley route. It was purchased by the Central Overland, California & Pike's Peak Express Company on May 11, 1861.

Hinckley & Co's Express Mail via Denver, Paid Through, scroll frank, scarcer first type without additional text, on 3c red Nesbitt entire to Superior, Wisconsin, Hinckley's "Denver City Oct 29" datestamp, entered the mails with Saint Joseph, Missouri postmark, light soiling, *ex Frajola*

(stock #178, \$2750)



Hogan & Co's North San Juan and Humbug Express (1874 - 1876)

William Hogan operated from the Nation Hotel in North San Juan and ran his express from Cherokee, to Columbia Hill, Lake City and Humbug. The express connected with Wells, Fargo at North San Juan.

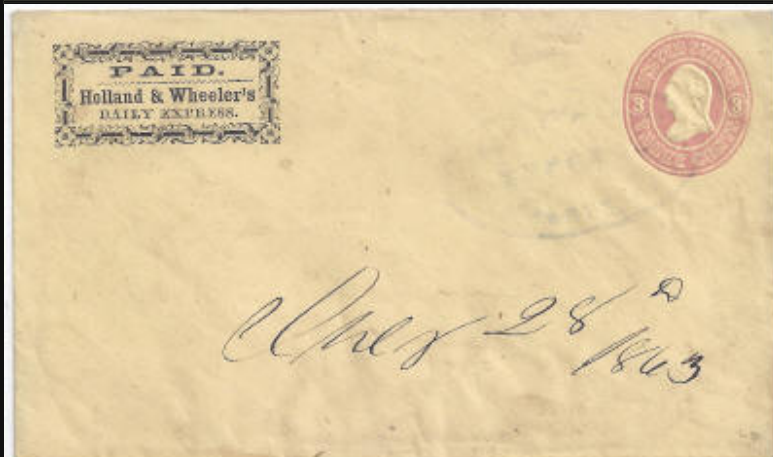


Hogan & Co.'s North San Juan and Humbug Express, Paid, Connecting with Wells, Fargo & Co., frank in plain rectangular form, on 3c green 1870 issue entire to San Jose, **conjunctive use** with blue "Well Fargo & Co. No. San Juan, Cal Apr 17" oval datestamp, two reported used examples of this style frank, one a rebacked front and this one, *ex Dale - Lichtenstein*

(stock #179, \$2000)

Holland & Wheeler's Express (late 1862 - 1863)

In late 1862 C. H. Morley sold his interest in Holland, Morley & Co. Express to Sam Wheeler. The new company served the mining camps along Gibsonville Ridge and the Feather River from a base in La Porte. They connected with Wells, Fargo at Marysville. Wheeler withdrew from the firm in mid 1863 and went into partnership with R. H. Rutherford to form Wheeler, Rutherford & Co.



Holland & Wheeler's Daily Express, Paid, rectangular frank on 3c pink 1861 issue entire, franking portion of paste-up only, manuscript date of "July 28, 1863, faint strike of "Holland, Morley & Co's Express La Porte Cal" oval handstamp used after the dissolution of the original Holland Morley & Company, two reported uses of this version of their frank, *ex Dale - Lichtenstein*

(stock #180, \$1500)



Holland & Wheeler's Express, Paid, ribbon frank on 3c pink 1861 issue entire, complete paste-up with two franked entires glued to back of legal size yellow envelope addressed to Oroville, triple rate use with additional postal rate paid with 3c rose (#65), address envelope portion with faint company "La Porte" double circle postmark, **conjunctive use** with Wells, Fargo Marysville blue oval "Oct 22" datestamp struck four times, image of reverse is [here](#),

(stock #323, \$2000)

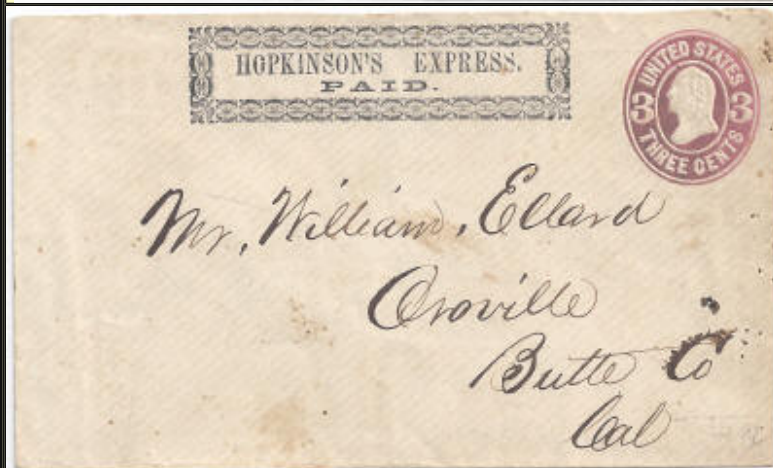
Hopkinson's Express (1862 - 1864, Feb 1865 - 1869)

In 1862 Emerson B. Hopkinson purchased a route that ran from Nevada City into the Dutch Flat area with service to Little York, Red Dog, You Bet, and Walloupa. In late 1864, he sold the route to J. A. Stone who sold the route back to Hopkinson in February 1865. All of the reported covers are dated in the period after February 1865 and the express operated until 1869. Hopkinson connected with Wells Fargo at Nevada City and Dutch Flat.



Hopkinson's Express, Paid red, ornately frame rectangular frank on 3c pink 1863 issue entire used to Nevada City, August 9, 1865 docket at left, two reported examples in red, *ex Dale - Lichtenstein*

(stock #181, \$2000)



Hopkinson's Express, Paid black, ornately framed rectangular frank, somewhat longer the pervious, on 3c pink 1863 issue entire used to Oroville, minor aging, illustrated in *Letters of Gold*, page 197, *ex Jessup, Haas, and Edwards*

(stock #182, \$1500)

Hopkinson's Express, Paid ornately frame rectangular frank, larger style than previous, in blue, on 3c pink 1863 issue entire used to Nevada City, September 24, 1866 docket at left, slightly reduced at right, the only reported example of this frank in blue, *ex Dale - Lichtenstein*

(stock #183, \$2000)



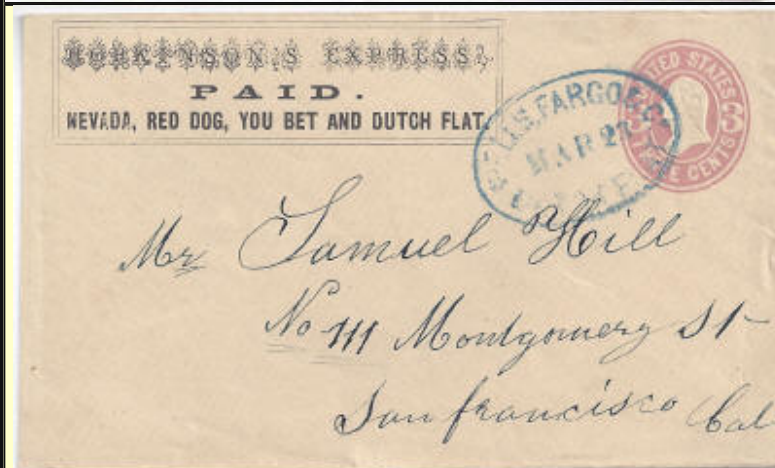
Hopkinson's Express, Paid black, shaded rectangular frank on 3c pink 1863 issue entire used to Nevada City, April 24, 1867 docket at left includes "S.P. Diggings" which likely indicates origin of this correspondence, *ex Dale - Lichtenstein*

(stock #184, \$2000)



Hopkinson's Express, Paid, Nevada, Red Dog, You Bet and Dutch Flat, black rectangular frank with ornate type font on 3c pink 1863 issue entire used to San Francisco, **conjunctive use** with Wells, Fargo, their blue oval "Dutch Flat Mar 23" datestamp, docket on reverse as being from Little York and received March 24, 1869, two reported used examples of this frank, *ex Chaloner and Jarrett*

(stock #185, \$5000)



Horn's Yreka, Fort Jones And Scott River Express (1874)

David Horn of Yreka, California began operating his express in 1874 connecting with Wells, Fargo at Yreka. It served the mining camps along the Scott River until early 1877 when Horn sold out to Tickner.



Horn's Yreka, Fort Jones And Scott River Express, Paid purple handstamped frank over-struck at left of Wells, Fargo frank on 3c green 1870 issue entire to San Francisco, **conjunctive use** with Wells, Fargo with their blue Yreka "Mar 2" datestamp, cover minor reduction at left,

(stock #186, \$900)

Humboldt Express Company (1864)

This company was created in August 1864 as a consolidation of Cutler & Westerfield and Blake & McCommons. They originally operated from Idaho City to San Francisco with pony express service to Star City, Nevada Territory and the Boise Basin. They connected with Wells, Fargo at Starr City. The express folded in 1865 due to the Paiute-Bannock uprising.

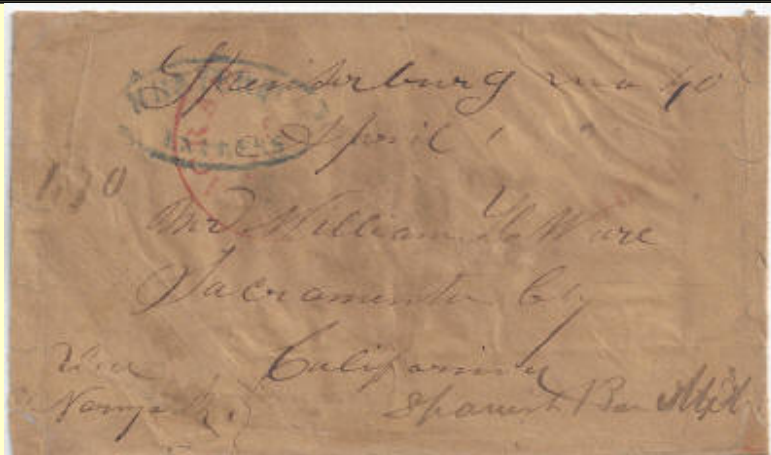


Humboldt Express Co. Paid - 50 Cents, two line imprint of 3c pink 1861 issue entire directed to Jamestown, California, conjunctive use with Wells, Fargo, their blue Starr City, N.T. (Nevada Territory) "Nov 16" oval datestamp, cover small piece missing at top taking away small part of imprint, the only reported used example of this frank, *ex Dale - Lichtenstein*

(stock #187, \$4500)

Hunter & Co's Express (Mar 1851 - Jul 1854)

Alexander Hunter launched his express service with a small newspaper notice in the March 27, 1851 Sacramento Transcript stating "will leave for Coloma, Placerville and towns in that vicinity." In April he appears listed by Palmer's Express as their conjunctive express serving the area. By May he advertised as serving all forks of the American River. He later allied with Gregory's and Adams expresses before selling to Wells Fargo & Co. in July 1854 and becoming their agent in Placerville.



Hunter & Co's Express, blue oval handstamp on cover inbound to the mines, manuscript Spencersburg, Missouri April 1 (1851) postmark and "40" due rate, faint red Sacramento City postmark and their "Adv." advertised handstamp, carried by Hunter's from the Sacramento City post office to the addressee in Spanish Bar with manuscript express notation of location and "\$1.70" express rate due, faults, fewer than five reported examples of this handstamp

(stock #188, \$350)



Hunter & Co's Express, horseman illustrated double oval handstamp on cover inbound to the mines, manuscript Spencersburg, Missouri July 8 (1851) postmark and red "10" due handstamp, carried by Hunter's from the Sacramento City post office to the addressee in Spanish B (ar) Mill with manuscript express notation of location and "\$1.35" express rate due, wrinkles, *ex Straley*

(stock #189, \$1500)

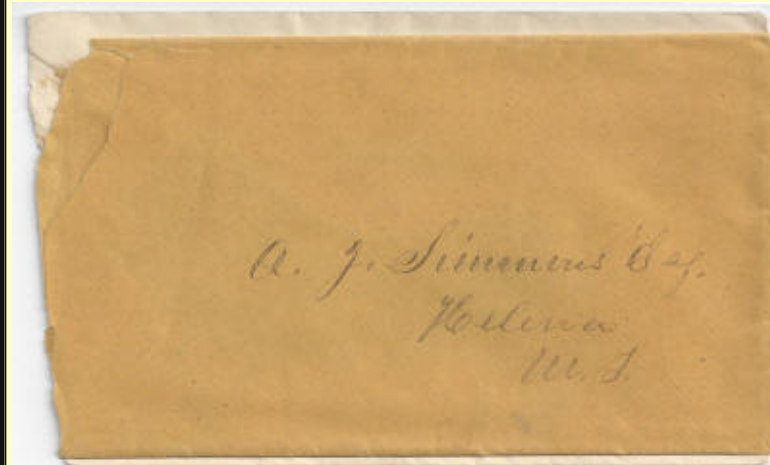
C.C. Huntley Stage & Express Line (1866 - 1869)

Huntley, previously a manager of the Northwestern Stage Company, established his express to serve Idaho Territory but expanded in 1867 to include service between Fort Benton and Helena, Montana Territory.



C.C. Huntley Stage & Express Line, Paid, purple printed fancy express company frank on 3c pink 1863 issue entire, manuscript cancel on indicia, a complete paste-up used to Helena, Montana Territory, indicia with manuscript cancel, roughly opened at right, three reported used examples of this frank

(stock #190, \$3000)



Ish & Hailey's Pioneer Line (fall 1863 - 1865)

William K. Ish and John B. Hailey formed the Oregon and Idaho Stage Company in 1863 to operate between Umatilla, Oregon and Boise, Idaho Territory. They also served the Idaho Basin and Owyhee mines. In July 1864 the firm briefly became Ish & Carr but on October 8, 1864 was Ish & Hailey. Ish sold out in 1865.

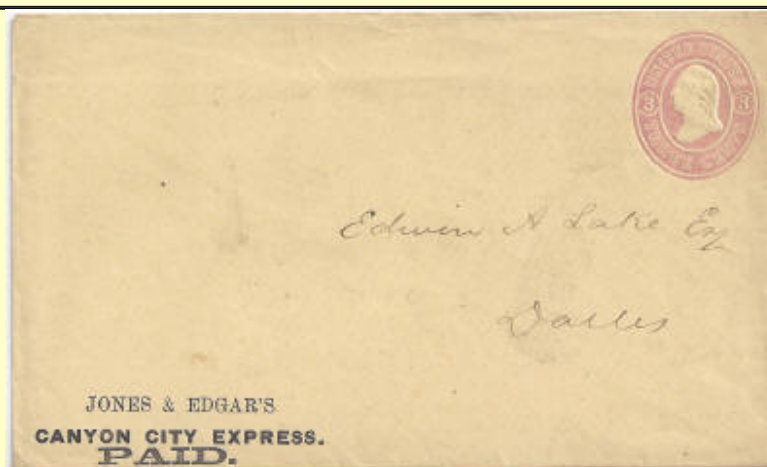


Ish & Bailey's Pioneer Line, Umatilla & Boise, Paid printed black on pink company frank, partner's name misspelled with "B" instead of "H" as always, on 3c pink 1863 issue entire addressed to "Lee's Encampment" (Oregon), roughly opened at right affecting indicia, two reported examples of this used frank

(stock #191, \$2000)

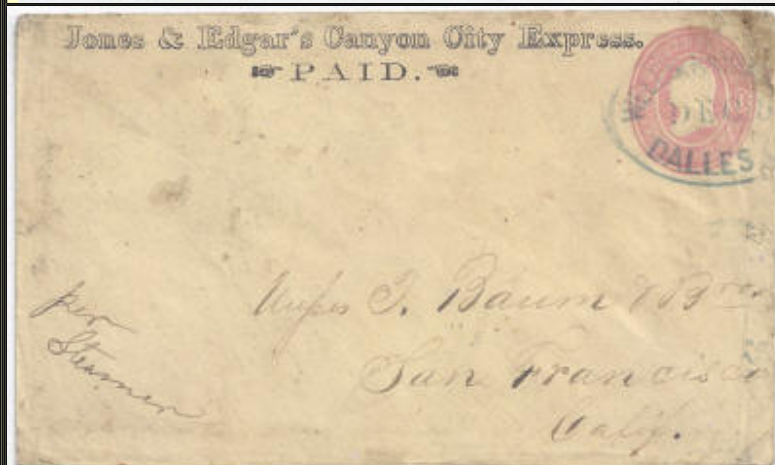
Jones & Edgar's Canyon City Express (1863 - 1864)

Horatio Jones and Addison Edgar operated express their between Canyon City and the John Day Mines in central Oregon to The Dalles on the Columbia River where they connected with Wells, Fargo. In 1864 Jones became an agent for Wells, Fargo and Edgar joined that firm in 1865.



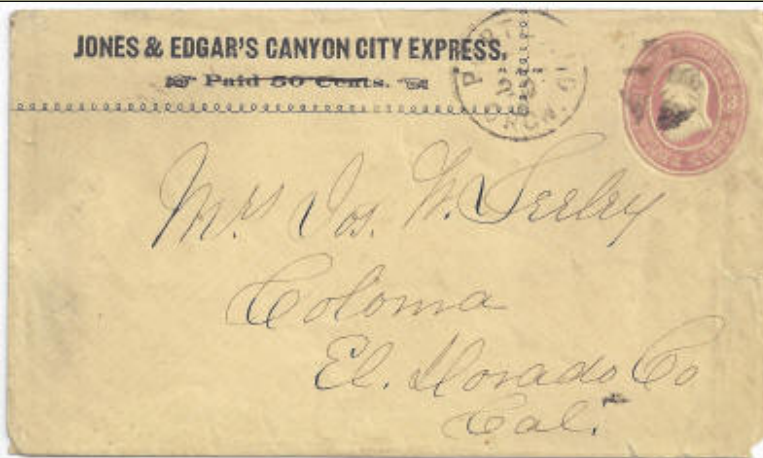
Jones & Edgars's Canyon City Express, Paid, three line frank at lower left of 3c pink 1861 issue entire to Dalles (Oregon), three reported examples of this frank used, *ex Dale - Lichtenstein*

(stock #192, \$3500)



Jones & Edgars's Canyon City Express, Paid, unframed frank at top of of 3c pink 1861 issue entire to San Francisco, **conjunctive use** with Wells, Fargo with their Dalles (Oregon) December 5 datestamp, cover somewhat soiled, three reported examples of this frank used, *ex Dale - Lichtenstein*

(stock #193, \$2000)



Jones & Edgar's Canyon City Express, Paid 50 Cents, framed frank with "Paid 50 Cents" lined through on 3c pink 1861 issue entire to Coloma, California, entered the mails with Portland, Oregon "Feb 20" postmark, cover edge faults at right, *ex Dale - Lichtenstein*

(stock #194, \$1500)

Jones & Russell's Pike's Peak Express Co (Jul 1859 - Feb 1860)

The Leavenworth City & Pike's Peak Express Company was formed in February 1859 by William Russell and John Jones. *The Jones & Russell's Pike's Peak Express Company name began to be used in June 1859 without any change in ownership of the express when their route between Denver City, Colorado (then Kansas Territory) and Leavenworth City was changed to the Platte River route. Jones and Russell continued to operate the company with the financial backing of Alexander Majors and William Waddell after October 1859. The last run before ownership changed again, this time to C. O.C. & P.P. Express, departed Denver for Leavenworth on February 23, 1860.*

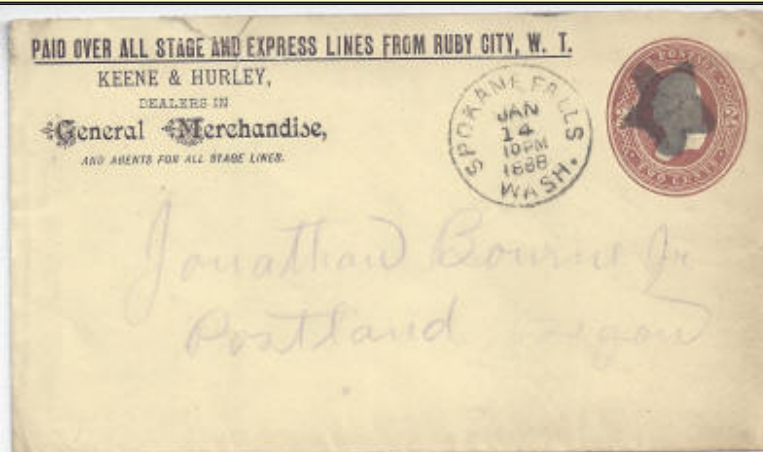


Jones & Russell's Pikes Peak Express Co., Denver City Sep 15 1859 circular datestamp on 3c red Nesbitt entire to Rushville, Illinois, sender manuscript ornamentation at foot, entered mails with Leavenworth City, Kansas Territory Sep 24, 1859 postmark, cover soiled and crease, *ex Salzer*

(stock #195, \$1250)

Keene & Hurley Express Line (1888)

Keene & Hurley served Ruby City in northwestern Washington by carrying mail to and from Spokane Falls.



(Keene & Hurley's Express) "Paid Over All Stage and Express Lines from Ruby City, W.T." frank over Keen & Hurley return card, "General Merchandise and Agents for All Stage Lines" on 2c red brown 1882 issue entire to Portland, Oregon, entered mails with Spokane Falls, Washington Territory January 14, 1888 duplex postmark, repaired edge tear at top, fewer than five reported examples

(stock #196, \$750)

Kennedy & Co's Half Moon Bay & Pescadero Express (1862 - 1864)
Kennedy, Long & Co's Express (1864 - 1866)

M. G. Kennedy and F. W. Utter found Kennedy & Co. express in 1862 to operate daily from San Francisco to Halfmoon Bay and Pescadero. In 1864, Kennedy added Long as a partner and changed the name of the firm which continued to operate until 1866.



Kennedy & Co.'s Half Moon Bay & Pescadero Express, blue rectangular frank with in fancy double lines on 3c pink 1863 issue entire to Santa Cruz, **conjunctive use** with Wells, Fargo blue oval handstamp, few light stains, three reported examples of this frank, *ex Dale - Lichtenstein*

(stock #198, \$750)



Kennedy, Long & Co.'s Express and Transfer Company, blue rectangular frank with different address, on 3c pink 1863 issue entire to San Francisco, reduced slightly at left affecting frank, fewer than five reported examples of this frank

(stock #197, \$350)

Kootenai Express (1864 - 1865)

E. L. James, a former partner in E.W. Tracy & Co Express in Oregon began his Kootenai Express in 1862 to operate between the new Kootenai (Kootenay) mining area that was located in the farthest northeast corner of Idaho, the farthest northwest corner of Montana, and into southeast British Columbia. The express connected with Wells, Fargo at Lewiston, Idaho Territory. The express is reported to have been out of business by 1864. Use of the frank with the "James & Co" obliterated indicates the express continued after James departed. An January 28, 1865 report in the Lewiston Radiator mentions receiving news from Fred Sherwood and Mose Drouillard of the Kootenai Express, likely the successor operators to James.



Kootenai Express vertical frank with "James & Co's" in line above inked out, on 3c pink 1863 issue Wells, Fargo franked entire to Dalles, Oregon, with Wells, Fargo blue Lewiston, Idaho Territory "Mar 3" oval datestamp, very light soiling, two reported examples, ex Dale - Lichtenstein

(stock #199, \$6000)

Lamping & Co's Express (1861 - 1865)

In 1861 P.A. Lamping and partners formed Lamping & Co's Express to operate from main office in Downieville, California north. In 1865 Langton's routes were purchased and service expanded to cover the Yuba River area to Marysville. Later that same year Lamping sold out to Wells, Fargo.



Lamping & Co Express, Paid, frank on 3c pink 1863 issue entire to San Francisco, black Lamping & Co's Downieville Express oval handstamp, **conjunctive use** with blue Wells Fargo & Co. Marysville May 22 double oval datestamp, illustrated in *Letters of Gold*, page 199, ex Parker, Jessup, and Haas

(stock #200, \$2500)



Lamping & Co Express, Paid, red **Collect** overprint before use, frank on 3c pink 1863 issue entire, adherences on reverse indicate use as a paste-back, pencil "Fraser & Cullen" notation possibly directing to charge their account, **conjunctive use** with blue Wells Fargo & Co. Sacramento Messenger Oct 8 double oval datestamp and matching "Paid" in rectangle handstamp, two reported examples, ex Dale - Lichtenstein

(stock #201, \$1250)

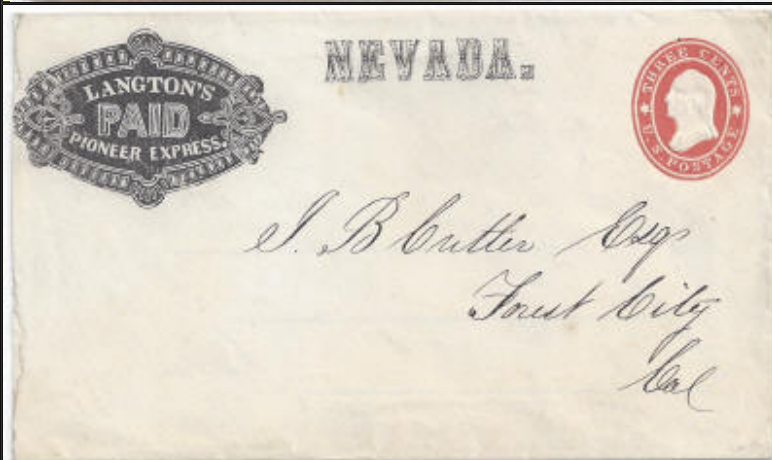
Langton's Pioneer Express (1855 - 1865)

Samuel W. Langton and N. W. Williams formed Langton's Pioneer Express in March 1855 following the collapse of Adams Express in February. Langton had already been in the express business on his own or with partners since 1850. When started his extensive routes from the mining areas included steamboat service from Marysville and Sacramento to San Francisco. He began connecting with Wells, Fargo at Marysville in 1857 and quit the steamboat route. In early 1865, after the death of Sam Langton in 1864, the firm was sold to Lamping & Co's Express.



Langton's Pioneer Express Paid, medallion frank on 10c green Nesbitt entire to Illinois, entered the mails with blue Marysville, Cal, Paid By Stamps Jun 4 blue postmark and grid cancel

(stock #310, \$800)



Langton's Pioneer Express Paid, medallion frank with additional **Nevada.** in shaded letters on 3c red star die entire to Forest City, California, *Langton's Pioneer Express Special And General Instructions* for 1860 lists five offices in Utah Territory (Nevada) including Carson City and Virginia City, cover reduced slightly at left just into indicia, the only reported example, *ex Barkhausen and Nathan*

(stock #202, \$9,500)



Langton's Pioneer Express Paid medallion frank on 3c pink 1861 issue entire used to San Francisco, bold strike of Langton's Pioneer Express Downieville oval handstamp in blue, **conjunctive use** with Wells, Fargo Marysville "May 25" blue datestamp, *ex LeBow*

(stock #203, \$1500)



Langton's Pioneer Express Paid medallion frank, in blue, on 3c pink 1861 issue entire used to San Francisco, blue Langton's Pioneer Express Downieville oval handstamp, **conjunctive use** with Wells, Fargo Marysville "Jan 19" blue datestamp, fewer than five reported examples of this frank in blue, *ex Dale - Lichtenstein*

(stock #204, \$3500)



Langton's Pioneer Express paid ornate frank on 3c pink 1863 issue entire used to San Francisco, **Lamping & Co. Express Downieville** oval handstamp and used after Lamping's purchase of Langton's Express with Langton's frank being honored, **conjunctive use** with Wells, Fargo Marysville "Feb 3" (1865) blue datestamp, two reported examples of this use showing three different companies, *ex Dale - Lichtenstein*

(stock #205, \$2500)



Langton's Pioneer Express ornate frank, in blue, on 3c pink 1863 issue entire used to San Francisco, blue Langton's Pioneer Express Downieville oval handstamp, **conjunctive use** with Wells, Fargo Marysville "Apr 13" blue datestamp, two reported examples of this frank in blue, *ex Dale - Lichtenstein*

(stock #206, \$4500)

La Porte Express Co. (1865)

Little is known of this express which operated from the Gibsonville Ridge area to La Porte and San Francisco in 1865.



La Porte Express Co., Paid printed frank on 3c pink 1863 issue entire to San Francisco with blue LaPorte Express Co, Laporte "Apr 25" datestamp, fewer than ten reported examples, *ex Barkhausen*

(stock #207, \$1500)

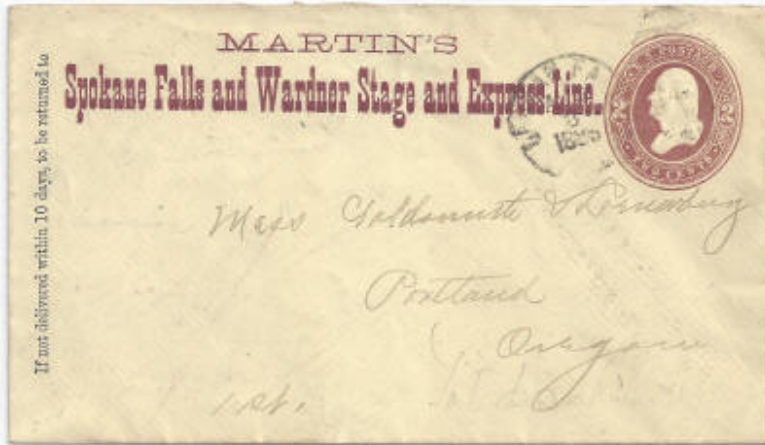
Richard Frajola (July 2012)

Collection of Western Express Covers formed by Steve Whittington

Offered by Richard Frajola ([email](#) to confirm availability and order)

Martin's Spokane Falls & Wardner Stage & Express Line (1884 - 1886)

According to Nathan, this express operated over the Mullen Road from Spokane, Washington, territory to Wardner, Idaho Territory via Coeur d'Alene and Kellogg, from 1884 to 1886.



Martin's Spokane Falls and Wardner Stage and Express Line, brown frank on 2c red brown 1882 issue entire to Portland, Oregon, entered the mails with Spokane Falls, Wash Aug 3, 1885 postmark, reverse with Wardner, Idaho sender's advertising oval, no flap, four reported examples of used frank *ex Dale - Lichtenstein*

(stock #209, \$1000)

Miners' Loon Creek Express (May 1870 - Jul 1870)

This short-lived express was founded by J.H. Hunter and four others on May 26, 1870 to operate from Idaho City, Idaho Territory to the Loon Creek mining camps. The express was sold on July 20, 1870 to Chares J. Tassel.



Miner's Loon Creek Express, Idaho City, I.T., J.H. Hunter, Messenger, Paid, blue five-line frank on 3c pink 1863 issue entire, entered the mails with Idaho City, Idaho Ida. Sep 24 postmark, 1870 docket, used after Hunter and sold to Tassel, cover reduced at left and age spot, two confirmed examples, the other reported example is postmarked the same day

(stock #210, \$1250)

Moore's Flat and Eureka Express (1864 - 1871)

Moore's Flat and Eureka Express operated under numerous owners: Wells & Company (1864), English and Wells (1864-1869), L. H. Wells (1870) and Wells & Herrings (1871). The Express operated over a route between Nevada City, Moore's Flat, and Eureka South. It connected with Wells Fargo at Nevada City.



Wells and Co.'s Moore's Flat & Eureka Express, Paid, ornate frank on 1863 3c pink 1863 issue entire to Antelope, California, **conjunctive use** with blue Wells, Fargo, Nevada, oval "Aug 3" datestamp, rough cover reduction at left and corner fault

(stock #212, \$200)



English & Wells Moore's Flat and Eureka Express, Paid ornate frank on 3c pink 1863 issue entire to Lin Eck Co., Placer County, conjunctive use with blue Wells, Fargo, Nevada, oval datestamp, Chinese docketing, slightly aged, fewer than seven reported examples, *ex Dale Lichtenstein*

(stock #211, \$500)

Morley, Caulkins & Co's Express (1853 - 1861)

This express started operations in 1853 running from La Porte to the Gibsonville Ridge mining camps. The partnership was dissolved in 1861 when Holland Morley & Company was formed.

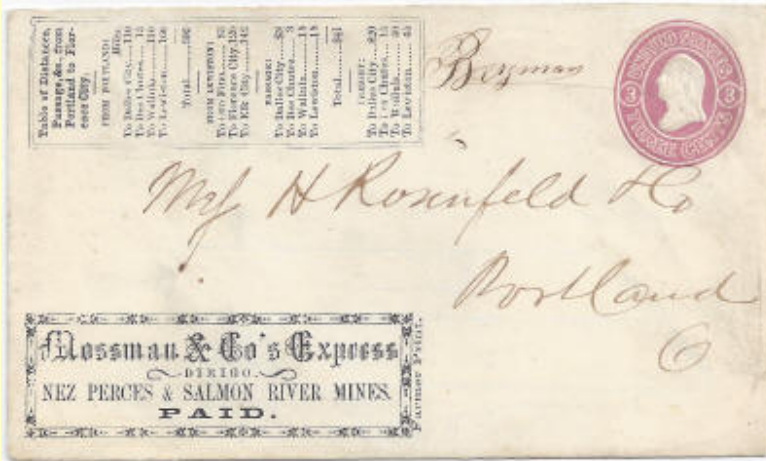


Morley, Caulkins & Co's Daily Express, Paid rectangular frank on 10c green Nesbitt entire to Middleport, Ohio, entered the mails with blue "Marysville Cal Paid by Stamps Jul 19" postmark, matching grid cancel, cover abraded affecting first line of address, three reported examples, all on 10c Nesbitt entires, *ex Dale Lichtenstein*

(stock #213, \$1000)

Mossman & Co's Express (Apr 1861 - Jun 1863)

Issac V.D. Mossman, a former pony express rider, started this express in April 1861 to run between Portland and Dalles, Oregon and from Walla Walla, Washington Territory to the Nez Perces, Salmon, John Day's and Powder River Mines of Idaho Territory. The express was sold to Wells, Fargo in June 1863.



Mossman & Co's Express, Dirigo., Nez Perces & Salmon River Mines, Paid., ornate frank with "Farmer Print" printer's identification at right and boxed "table of Distance" in rectangle above on 3c 1862 issue entire to Portland, Oregon, manuscript "Bergman" at top, no flap, cover restored, three reported examples in this format, *ex Bartels and Dale Lichtenstein*

(stock #214, \$2500)

Nevada City and Meadow Lake Express (1861 - 1864)

Little is known of this express that operated between Meadow Lake near the Yuba River and Nevada City, where it connected with Wells, Fargo.



Nevada City and Meadow Lake Express, Paid, black rectangular frank on 3c pink 1864 issue entire, part of a paste-up, **conjunctive use** with blue Wells Fargo & Co. Nevada oval date stamp, cover corner fault, the finest of three reported examples, *ex Dale - Lichtenstein*

(stock #216, \$1500)

Nichols & Co's Express (Oct 1857 - Jul 1858)

This express, which first advertised in October 1857, operated from San Francisco by steamer via Crescent City to Oregon and the Frazer River mines and to Bellingham Bay, Washington. They connected with Freeman & Co's Express and Alta Express. They sold out to American Express (the California company) in July 1858.



Nichols & Co's Express, Paid, frank with illustration including steamboat, safe, dog, and train crossing bridge, on 3c red Nesbitt entire used to San Francisco, partially clear Nichol's & Co's Express San Francisco blue oval handstamp, this frank uses the same cut as American Express frank, no flap, somewhat aged, five reported examples of this frank on postal entire, *ex Dale - Lichtenstein*

(stock #216, \$1500)

Northern Pacific Express Co. (1874 - 1890)

This express operated between British, Columbia, Washington Territory, Oregon and San Francisco between 1874 and 1887.



Northern Pacific Express Co., Paid Over All Routes ribbon frank on 2c red brown 1882 issue entire to San Francisco, magenta Astoria, Oregon straight line handstamp of originating office, 1887 docket on reverse, minor wrinkles at right

(stock #311, \$200)

North-Western Express Co. (1886 - Oct 1890)

This express was started in 1886 to handle express business on Puget's sound down to Gray's Harbor. Following the loss of a parcel containing \$1,000, the company announced they were going out of business on October 9, 1890. In November 1890, List and McIntyre purchased the assets of the company. The express business previously carried via the Seattle, Lake Shore and Eastern railway passed to the Northern Pacific Express while List & McIntyre continued on the Columbia and Puget Sound steamer route and the on the Puget Sound and Gray's Harbor Railroad route.



North-Western Express Co., side-wheel steamer illustrated frank on 2c green 1887 issue entire to Alexandria, Minnesota, entered the mails with received postmark of New Dungeness, Washington, five reported examples of this frank

(stock #219, \$750)

A. J. Oliver & Co's Bannack & Salt Lake Express City (1863 - 1866)

This express was organized by A.J. Oliver, E.A. Conover and Ed House in 1863-64 and operated under the name of A.J. Oliver & Company. They ran a line of stages carrying the U.S. Mail and passengers between Salt Lake City and Bannack City and into the mining camps of southwestern Montana. The line was sold to Holladay Overland Mail & Express Company in 1866.



A. J. Oliver, Bannock and Salt Lake City Express oval handstamp and boxed "T. D. Brown, Agent, G.S.L. City" (Great Salt Lake City) on cover to Murphy's Camp, California, entered the mails with 3c rose (#65) tied by Salt Lake City, Utah April 26, 1864 duplex postmark, cover minor edge flaws, the finest of the few reported covers from this express, ex Clifford

(stock #220, \$12500)

Organ & Tibbitts Excelsior Express (1865 - 1868)

This express operated between Meadow Lake and the Excelsior District of California. It is reported to have operated between 1865 and 1868.



Organ & Tibbitts Excelsior Express rectangular frank on restored 3c pink 1864 issue entire to Dutch Flat. Californial, embossed stamp and corner added, illustrated in Nathan and in *Letters of Gold*, page 206, the only reported used example of this frank, ex Parker, Jessup, Haas and Edwards

(stock #221, \$1000)

Oroville & Quincy Express Co. (1874)

This express operated briefly in 1874 between Oroville and Quincy, California. It also served Greenville, Crescent City and Taylorsville. It connected with Wells, Fargo at Oroville.



Oroville & Quincy Express Co., and Wells, Fargo & Co's Routes, Paid red and black, stagecoach illustrated frank on 3c green 1870 issue entire to Meridian, Connecticut, entered the mails with manuscript "Cana Sep 21" (Butte County) postmark, eight reported examples of this attractive frank, ex Lichtenstein, Clifford, Beals and Edwards

(stock #222, \$2000)

PAID.
Oroville & Quincy Express Co.
Wells, Fargo & Co's Routes.



*Rodriguez & Co.
5-29 + 5-31 Market St.
San Francisco*

Oroville & Quincy Express Co., and Wells, Fargo & Co's Routes, Paid red and black, stagecoach illustrated frank on 3c green 1870 issue entire used to San Francisco, **conjunctive use** with Wells, Fargo Oroville blue oval datestamp, eight reported examples of this frank, ex *Barkhausen, Clifford and Jarrett*

(stock #223, \$2750)

Pacific Express Co. (Mar 1855 - Apr 1857)

Russell G. Noyes and other employees of Adams & Company formed the Pacific Express Company, following Adams' failure in February 1855, with many of the old Adams' offices becoming Pacific Express offices. The company failed after about two years and several members re-formed into Alta Express.

PACIFIC EXPRESS



*Wm. A. A. Smith
Todd's Valley*

Pacific Express, Paid horseman illustrated frank, short hat type, on 3c red Nesbitt entire used to Todd's Valley, oval Pacific Express Sacramento Feb 19 datestamp, reduced slightly at left

(stock #313, \$150)

PACIFIC EXPRESS CO.



*Wm. J. W. Mandeville,
Sacramento,
Cal.*

Pacific Express Co., Paid horseman illustrated frank, with "Co." after name and shaded letters in "Paid," on 3c red Nesbitt entire used to Sacramento, red oval Pacific Express Sonora Jan 26 datestamp, reduced slightly at left

(stock #312, \$350)



Pacific Express Co., Paid horseman illustrated frank in blue, with "Co." after name, on 3c red Nesbitt entire used to San Francisco, blue oval Pacific Express Sacramento Aug 28 datestamp, cover has been cut, opened out and silked, three reported examples in blue

(stock #314, \$250)

Pacific Stage & Express Co. (1861 - 1864)

James McCue and Michael Rees operated this express between 1860 and 1864. It ran between San Francisco and Sacramento, to Virginia City, Nevada.



Pacific Stage & Express Co., Paid, printed frank, with six-horse stagecoach illustration and line of text at top that lists their principal offices in California and Nevada, this variant exists on westbound uses, on 3c pink 1861 issue entire used to San Francisco, entered the mails with Nevada City, California Oct 2 postmark, minor reduction at left, the finest of the four reported used examples of this frank, ex Dale - Lichtenstein

(stock #224, \$4500)

Pacific Union Express (1868 - 1864)

On December 18, 1867 Pacific Union Express Company was incorporated in California with stockholders A. K. Grim and Lawrence W. Coe appointed as managers for the express on the West Coast with A. K. Tilton in New York. Grim was named President. When service commenced on June 1, 1868, it was announced to include express matter and letters by every steamer via Panama and similar service to Hawaii, China and Japan. The company was set up "on the Wells, Fargo plan" to compete with them. Service to Nevada and Arizona was begun in 1869. On December 1, 1869 the company discontinued operations and its business transferred to Wells, Fargo.

Pacific Union Express, Paid, red scroll franks on 3c pink 1864 issue entires, two covers, horizontal frank on cover to Wisconsin that entered the mails at San Francisco and vertical frank on cover to San Francisco that entered the mail at Colchester, Connecticut, minor edge fault on first cover

(stock #324 and 325, \$250)



Pacific Union Express, Paid, black frank on 9c orange yellow 1864 issue, legal size entire to San Francisco, blue Pacific Union Express Co. New York September 16 datestamp, cover edge nick at top and partial flap, fewer than five examples of the black frank known all being east to west uses, the only reported example on 9c entire, ex Wunch

(stock #328, \$1750)

**Pauly & Nohrman's Express (1864 - 1868)
N. O. Pauly's Express (1868)**

Nicholas O. Pauly and G. H. Norman (Nohrman) formed Pauly & Nohrman's Express to serve the mining camps along Gibsonville Ridge in 1864. In 1868 they parted and Pauly continued on the route under his name for a short time.



Pauly & Nohrmann's Express, Paid, boxed frank printed on 3c pink 1861 issue entire to Vernon, New York, entered the mails with La Porte, California March 18 double circle postmark and target cancel, repaired edge nicks, illustrated in Letters of Gold, page 210, ex *Clifford, Haas and Edwards*

(stock #225, \$1500)



N. O. Pauly's Express, Paid, fancy boxed frank on 3c pink 1864 issue entire used to Mr. G. B. Taylor at Taylorville California, cover reduced at left and corner crease at top right, the only reported example of this style frank, ex *Dale - Lichtenstein*

(stock #215, \$1500)

Penman's Express (ca 1871 - 1882)

Penman's Express ran between Truckee and Quincy via Jamison, Mohawk, Eureka Mills and the Gibsonville Mines from 1871 to 1882. It was a small feeder express to Wells, Fargo.



R. Penman's Express Truckee, Jamison, Mohawk & Eureka Mills albino embossed frank on backflap of 3c green 1870 issue entire with Wells, Fargo & Co frank, entered mails to Flint, Michigan with faint R.P.O. datestamp, ink splatter and edge faults, the only reported example of this style of Penman's frank

(stock #234, \$1500)

(California) Penny Post Company (Jun 1855 - May 1856)

The California Penny Post was established by Henry L. Goodwin in San Francisco on June 25, 1855. The latest advertisement found appeared in the October 4, 1855 issue of Prices Current & Shipping List although the firm continued to operate. Exceptionally, this company operated only as a letter express and did not carry express matter. They provided city delivery via their local post. Goodwin ran afoul of the San Francisco postmaster as he usually used government mails for carriage between cities. The latest newspaper notice found, not related to lawsuits, appeared in the May 26, 1856 Sacramento Daily Union thanking the Penny Post for delivery of San Francisco news.



To The Penny Post Co., Penny Postage Paid 7, black frank (#34LU11B), with [imprint on reverse](#) listing the Penny-Post Company address and the several cities to which service was provided, on 3c red Nesbitt entire used to San Francisco, entered the mails with Pleasant Springs, California Jun 2 double circle postmark

(stock #228, \$3500)



To The Penny Post Co., Care Of, Penny Postage Paid 7, blue frank (#34LU11a var, unlisted in blue) on 3c red Nesbitt entire used during last month of operation of the post with Benicia, California May 12 (1856) postmark, three reported examples of this frank in blue, ex Dale Lichtenstein and Golden

(stock #226, \$8500)



From the Post Office, Care of the Penny Post Co, Paid 5, frank (#34LU3) on 3c red Nesbitt entire to San Francisco, dark blue "Sacramento Penny Post" handstamp, pencil note on verso "Please ask your correspondent to give the number of your store" applied by the company, heavy wrinkles

(stock #227, \$1500)

Transcontinental Pony Express (Apr 1860 - Oct 1861)

Summary of the Operational Phases:

I. Operated by the Central Overland California & Pikes Peak Express Company as a private express (Eastbound April 3, 1860 to April 14, 1861; Westbound through March 31, 1861)

II. Operated as a joint private operation of the Overland Mail Company and the Central Overland California & Pikes Peak Express Company with Wells Fargo acting as agent (Eastbound April 15 through June 30, 1861; Westbound April 15 through June 30, 1861)

III. A government mandated premium postal service operated by the Overland Mail Company in conjunction with their daily overland mail. Wells Fargo proved private service between San Francisco and Placerville (Eastbound July 1 through October 26, 1861; Westbound through October 31, 1861)



(Transcontinental Pony Express), Wells, Fargo & Co Pony Express \$1.00 red adhesive, margins two sides, tied to 10c green Nesbitt entire from Weatherbee correspondence to Westfield, Massachusetts, by blue oval Pony Express San Francisco Jul 6 (1861) running pony datestamp, two red Wells, Fargo franks over green Freeman & Co's frank, entered the mails with St, Joseph, Missouri Jul 18 (1861) postmark, illustrated in *The Pony Express, A Postal History* by Frajola, Kramer and Walske, census #E111, five reported examples of overprinted Freeman franks used with pony express, cover corner torn away at top right which could be easily repaired, *ex Dale - Lichtenstein and Walske*

(stock #231, P.O.R.)



(Transcontinental Pony Express), Wells, Fargo & Co Pony Express \$1.00 red adhesive, large margins and good color, tied to 10c green star die entire to Greenville, Maine by blue double oval Marysville August 21 (1861) datestamp, blue oval "Pony Express Sacramento" August 22 datestamp, entered the mails with St, Joseph, Missouri Sep 2 (1861) postmark, illustrated in *The Pony Express, A Postal History* by Frajola, Kramer and Walske, census #E145, cover minor corner repair at top right

(stock #229, P.O.R.)

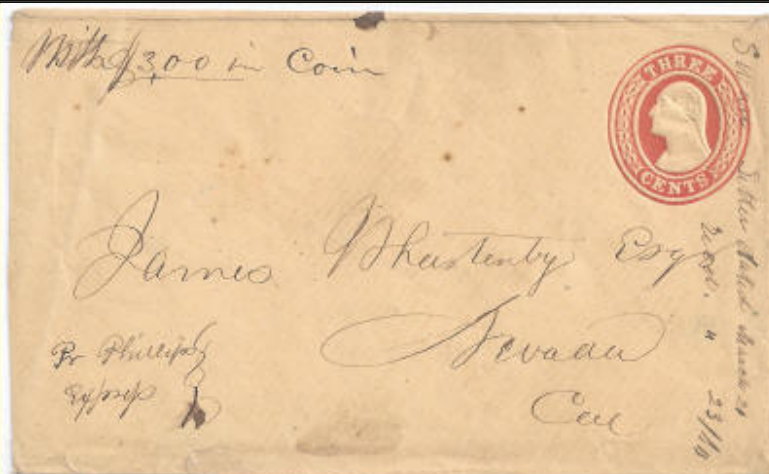


(Transcontinental Pony Express), Wells, Fargo & Co Pony Express 1/2 ounce Paid (\$1) from St. Joseph to Placerville Per Pony Express, red frank vertically at left of 10c green 1861 issue entire used to San Francisco, New York October 12 (1861) postmark and St. Joseph Pony Express double oval dated for October 17, 1861 departure, manuscript "received October 29, 1861" docket at top, this frank is only found on westbound mail carried in the fourth period, illustrated in *The Pony Express, A Postal History* by Frajola, Kramer and Walske, census #W65, carried on the westbound trip that departed St. Joseph on October 17 and the last through westbound pony trip departed just one week later, minor soiling and small edge tear at top, cover is one of the few pony covers that has not been cleaned or restored

(stock #230, P.O.R.)

Phillips Express Co. (1860)

Phillips Express is known to have operated between Nevada City and Dutch Flat, Alpha and Washington mining towns in 1860.

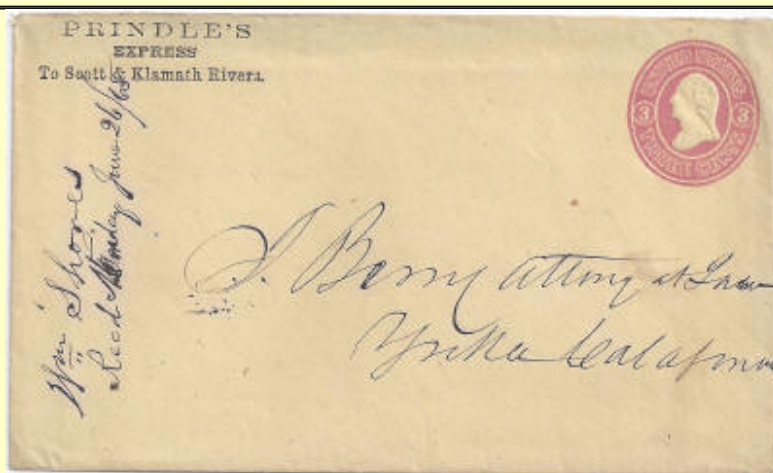


“Pr Phillips Express” manuscript endorsement and “With \$3.00 in coin” notation on 3c red Nesbitt entire to Nevada California, Mar 21, 1860 docketing, minor edge tear, the only reported use from this company and the basis for the Nathan listing, illustrated in *Letters of Gold*, ex Haas and Edwards

(stock #232, \$2000)

Prindle's Express (1860 - 1862)

Charles W. Prindle was successor to Crook's Daily Express and operated his route between Yreka and the Scott and Klamath River Mines from 1860 to 1862, and that Prindle had “several partnerships” and operated alone at various times between 1861 and 1866. , the few known Prindle's Express covers have an oval handstamp, this is only one of two examples of the printed frank known, from the Berry/Roseborough (attorneys) correspondence, illustrated in *Letters of Gold*.



Prindle's Express To Scott & Klamath River frank on 3c pink 1861 issue entire to Yreka, California, docketed at left as having been received June 26, 1865, illustrated in *Letters of Gold*, two reported examples of this frank, ex Jessup, Pearce, Haas and Edwards

(stock #233, \$2500)

Raum's Express (1871 - 1872)

In 1870 this express was operated by Mell Raum and a partner, Lovell, to serve Eureka and White Pine Counties, Nevada. Lovell left and Raum carried on alone until 1872.



Raum's Centerville, Ruby Hill and Shelburn Express frank on 3c green 1870 issue entire to Sacramento, entered the mails with Schellbourne, Nevada datestamp and target cancel, reduced slightly at right, five reported examples, ex Dale - Lichtenstein

(stock #235, \$1000)



Raum's Ruby Hill, Rubyville, Centerville and Shelburn Express, Agency White Pine Daily News frank on 3c green 1870 issue entire to Sacramento, entered the mails with Schellbourne, Nevada "Jul 28" datestamp and target cancel, reduced slightly at right, four reported examples, ex Dale - Lichtenstein

(stock #236, \$1000)



Raum's Ruby Hill, Schellburn and Rubyville Express, Agency White Pine Daily News frank vertically at left of 3c green 1870 issue entire with additional Wells, Fargo & Co frank used to San Francisco, **conjunctive use** with blue Wells, Fargo blue Humboldt Well's Feb 28 blurred datestamp, minor reduction and edge tear at left, the only reported example of this compound frank used, ex Dale - Lichtenstein

(stock #237, \$2500)

River Express (1874 - 1895)

This express operated on steamboats operating from San Francisco to Stockton and Sacramento. Known uses of the company franks and handstamps date between 1890 and 1895.



River Express Stockton & San Francisco, Paid, green frank on 2c green 1887 issue entire used to San Francisco, purple River Express Co, San Francisco Cal. 1893 datestamp

(stock #238, \$250)

Rockfellow & Co's Express (May 1863 - Oct 1863)

This express ran from Walla Walla to John Day Country in Oregon and to Boise Basin in Idaho following Wells, Fargo's withdrawal from the route on May 17, 1863. Later when Indian troubles lessened and production of bullion greatly increased, Wells, Fargo purchased the Rockfellow Express on Oct 17, 1863.



Rockfellow & Co's Express Paid 75c printed frank with elaborate scrolls and ovals on 3c pink 1861 issue entire used to Dalles, Oregon, a complete paste up, **a conjunctive use** with blue Wells, Fargo, Walla Walla Sep 7 oval datestamp, identical datestamp on unfranked reverse, pencil enclosure "Aug 23rd, Last eve a man by the name of Tony was accidentally killed by a pistol. He was from the Dalles, A. Butcher," five reported examples of this frank, *ex Dale - Lichtenstein*

(stock #241, \$2500)



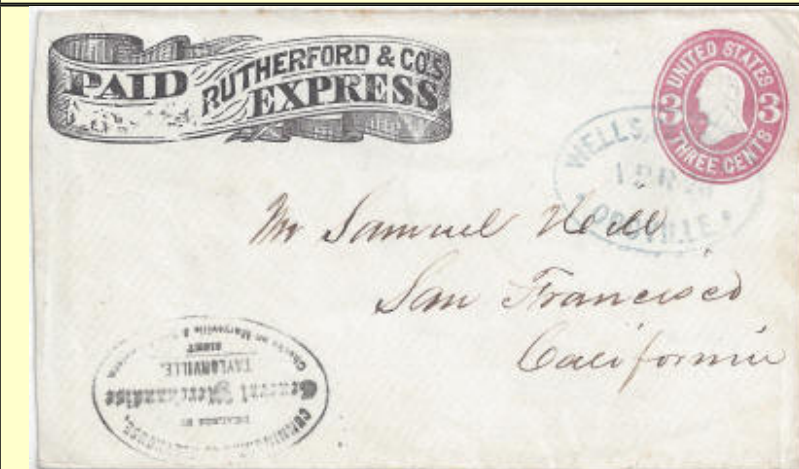


Rockfellow & Co's Express Paid 75c printed frank with elaborate scrolls and ovals on 3c pink 1861 issue entire used to San Francisco, a **conjunctive use** with faint, blue Wells, Fargo, Walla Walla Sep 2 oval datestamp, repaired tear at top, five reported examples of this frank, *ex Clifford*

(stock #240, \$1000)

Rutherford & Co's Express (1865 - 1867)

Rutherford & Co's Express was formed after the dissolution of Wheeler, Rutherford & Co's Express in 1865. From its Marysville office, where it connected with Wells, Fargo, the express served mining areas along the Feather River.



Rutherford & Co's Express, Paid frank (Wheeler, Rutherford frank with Wheeler name removed) on 3c 1864 issue entire to San Francisco, **conjunctive use** with blue oval Wells Fargo & Co's, Oroville Apr 20 datestamp, at lower left is advertising handstamp of Cunningham & Newhouse, Dealers in general merchandise, five reported examples, *ex Chaloner*

(stock #242, \$1500)

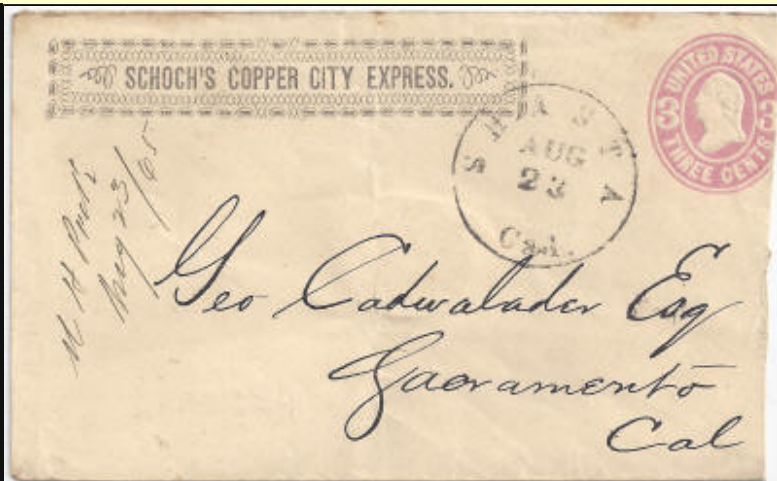
Schoch's Copper City Express (1863 - 1865)

This express operated between from a main office in Shasta to Buckye, Churntown, Pittsburgh and Copper City between 1863 and 1865.



Schoch's Copper City Express fancy frank with side ornaments on 3c pink 1861 issue entire to Catherine Raum at Prairie, California, entered the mails with Shasta, California Nov 3 postmark and manuscript "Due 6" for second weight rate unpaid (double penalty), cover left edge restored, four reported examples of this frank

(stock #243, \$1500)



Schoch's Copper City Express fancy rectangular frank on 3c pink 1864 issue entire to Sacramento, entered the mails with Shasta, California Aug 33 postmark, 1865 docket at left, opened roughly at right, three reported examples of this frank, *ex Dale - Lichtenstein*

(stock #244, \$1500)

Shepherd's Express (1863)

After Cooper withdrew from Shepherd, Cooper & Co's Express, J. M. Shepherd ran an ad a July issue of the Daily Oregonian: "Shepherd's Express To Auburn, John Day and Boise Mines. Leaves Walla Walla (Washington) every Monday and returns ... connecting with Wells, Fargo & Co's Express at Walla Walla." having sold his business over the summer to Wells, Fargo, Shepherd began working again for Tracy & Co. Express in the Boise Basin until those lines were sold to Wells, Fargo in November 1863.



Shepherd's Express, Auburn, John Day's and Boise Mines, Paid, frank overprinted on Tracy & Co. Oregon Express frank on 3c pink 1861 issue entire to Three Oaks, Michigan, with printed "Boise Express / Paid 50 Cts." at bottom left, entered the mails with double circle Portland, Oregon Sep 6, 1863 postmark, stains and reduced at right into the indicia, the only known example, illustrated in Forster, *ex Risvold*

(stock #245, \$4000)

W. E. Singer & Co's Feather Express (1855) Singer & Morrow Feather River Express (Fall 1855 - Fall 1857)

William E. Singer operated an express between Marysville and the mining camps along the Feather River between 1850 and 1857. During that period five different expresses bore his name. After Singer, Dean & Co's Express dissolved in 1855 he operated by himself for several months before taking Morrow as a partner. In late 1857 Morrow withdrew and was replaced by Meeker.

W. E. Singer & Co's Feather River Express, connecting with Wells, Fargo & Co., sharply struck blue oval handstamp on 3c red Nesbitt entire used to Bidwell's Bar, April 15, 1855 docket on reverse, illustrated in Wiltsee, *ex Parker, Haas and Jarrett*

(stock #248, \$1000)



Singer & Morrow's Feather River Express printed frank with fancy frame on 10c green Nesbitt entire used to Plymouth, Massachusetts, entered the mails with Bidwell's Bar, California May 16 (1856) postmark, small repaired nick away from indicia, four reported examples, illustrated in *Letters of Gold*, page 216, *ex Haas and Edwards*

(stock #247, \$3500)



Southern Express Co. And Texas Express Co. (1880s)

Little is known of this combination. The Texas Express Co. had been operating since 1870 and the Southern Express Co. even longer.



Southern Express Company and Texas Express Company, Paid, green printed frank on 2c brown 1882 issue entire to Shelbyville, Illinois, entered the mails with "New Orleans La. Dec 12 11 AM 1887" duplex datestamp, originated west of the Mississippi River, probably in Texas, slightly reduced at right, five reported examples, *ex Dale - Lichtenstein*

(stock #249, \$375)

Stanton & Co. Sacramento & Folsom Express (ca 1855 - 1856)

Nothing is known of this express operating. The railroad design of frank may suggest a planned or actual connection with the Sacramento Valley Railroad which was completed between Sacramento and Folsom in February 1856. Both reported uses entered the mails in the East.



Stanton & Co. Sacramento & Folsom Express, Paid, train illustrated frank vertically at left of 3c red Nesbitt entire used to Wisconsin, additionally franked with 3c dull red 1851 issue adhesive for 6c rate, entered the mails with Fall River, Massachusetts "Nov 4" postmarks tying, edge faults and light staining, two reported examples

(stock #250, \$1750)

Swart & Co's Express (1854)

Swart & Co's Express advertised briefly in 1854. Their route was by steamer from **San Francisco to Oakland, Clinton, Alameda, Union City, San Pablo and Martinez.**



Swart & Co's Express Oakland, faint red oval company handstamp on 5c green Nesbitt entire used to East Corinth, Vermont, entered the mails with San Francisco October 16 (1854) postmark, edges restored, two reported examples of this handstamp in red

(stock #251, \$500)

Swift & Co's Express (1855 - 1859)

Swift's from a base in San Francisco this express operated to **Bodega, Petaluma and Santa Rosa.** **Swift** connected with **Wells Fargo** for additional service.



Swift & Co's Express, Paid, frank on 3c red Nesbitt entire used to San Francisco, McKay correspondence, **conjunctive use** with "Wells, Fargo & Co. Express Steamboat" blue oval handstamp, partial backflap, illustrated in Nathan and Letters of Gold, two reported examples of this style frank, ex *Barkhausen, Lichtenstein* (1950 Costales sale), *Haas and Edwards*

(stock #253, \$2500)



Swift & Co's Express, Paid, medallion frank on 3c red Nesbitt entire used from Santa Rosa to San Francisco, McKay correspondence, **conjunctive use** with Wells, Fargo Petaluma blue oval datestamp, "From Santa Rosa House, Santa Rosa" imprint at lower left, no backflap but still one of the finest examples of this frank

(stock #252, \$500)

Thomes & Skaden's Express (1870 - 1874)

Walter M. Thomes and Hiram N. Skadden formed their express in 1870. The firm operated between Reno and Susanville, Nevada until 1874.



Thomes & Skaden's Express, Susanville & Reno, Connecting with Wells, Fargo & Co, Paid, embossed and printed frank on 3c green 1870 issue entire to San Francisco, **conjunctive use** with blue Wells, Fargo Reno oval datestamp, cover slightly reduced at right, ex Dale - Lichtenstein

(stock #256, \$1250)



Thomes & Skaden's Express, Susanville & Reno, Connecting with Wells, Fargo & Co, scroll frank with small "Paid" above on 3c green 1870 issue entire to Sacramento, **conjunctive use** with blue Wells, Fargo Reno oval datestamp, edges soiled

(stock #254, \$1100)



Thomes & Skaden's Express, Susanville & Reno, Connecting with Wells, Fargo & Co., scroll frank with large "Paid" above on 3c green 1870 issue entire to San Jose, **conjunctive use** with blue Wells, Fargo Reno oval datestamp, opened roughly at right

(stock #255, \$1100)

Thompson & Co's Express (1857)

This express operated between Petaluma and Santa Rosa in 1857. It connected with Wells, Fargo at Petaluma.

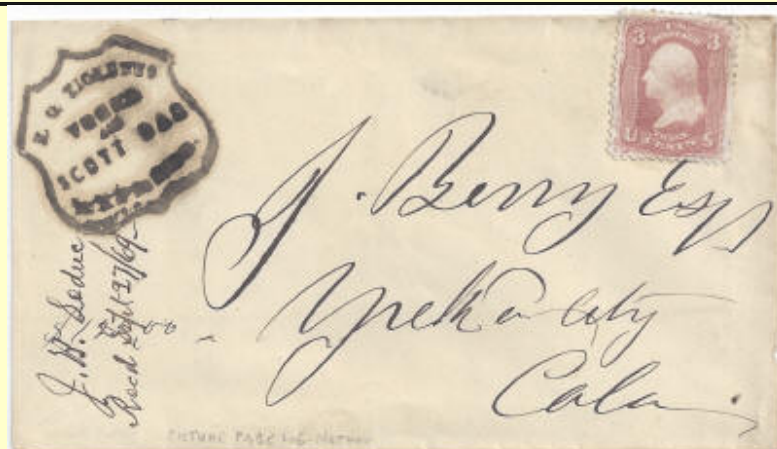


Paid Over Thompson & Co.'s & Wells, Fargo & Co.'s California Routes, printed frank on 3c red Nesbitt entire to San Francisco, blue Thompson & Co.'s Express San Francisco oval handstamp, **conjunctive use** with blue Wells, Fargo Express Petaluma handstamp, flap missing, the finer of two reported examples, *ex Risvold*

(stock #257, \$4500)

H. C. Tickner's Yreka and Scott Bar Express (1860 - 1869)

H. C. Tickner and his family operated express in the Siskiyou and Klamath Mountains between 1860 and late 1870s. In 1866, H. C. Tickner began operating from his headquarters in Yreka to the mining camps of the Scott River Valley.



H.C.Tickner's Yreka and Scott Bar Express bold shield handstamp on cover to Yreka Cal., uncanceled 3c rose 1861 issue adhesive, minor perforation faults, paying required postage, neatly docketed with Sep 27, 1869 receipt date, the only reported example, illustrated in Nathan and *Letters of Gold*, page 219, *ex Parker, Jessup, Pearce, Haas and Edwards*

(stock #258, \$7500)

Todd & Co's Express (Jul 1850 - Oct 1851)

Alexander Todd was one of the first express men in California. In July 1850 he took E. W. Colt as a partner under the Todd & Co's Express name. They operated between San Francisco and Stockton mines until Todd joined with Reynolds to form Reynolds, Todd & Co's Express in October 1851.



Todd & Co. Express shield handstamp on inbound cover addressed to "Sutters Mines, Calaveras County, California," Boston, Massachusetts red November 11 (1850) origin postmark and matching "40" rate handstamp, manuscript sender's endorsement "Todd & Co. Express from San Francisco" & light "2.00" pencil express rate due, some minor wrinkles, *ex Jessup, Pearce and Walske*

(stock #260, \$1500)

(C.A.) Todd's Express (Apr 1852 - Sep 1853)

C. A. Todd, no relation to Alexander Todd, purchased Reynolds, Todd & Co's Express on April 22, 1853. He operated his express between San Francisco and Stockton by steamer and ran daily stages from Stockton to the mines along the Moquelumne and Stanislaus Rivers. He he sold the company to Wells, Fargo & Co on September 1, 1853.



Forwarded By Todd's Express San Francisco, clearly struck blue oval handstamp and matching, octagonal "Not Paid" handstamp on cover to Tuttletown, near Sonora, California, illustrated in *Letters of Gold*, page 221, *ex Haas and Edwards*

(stock #249, \$1000)

Tracy & Co's Express (1859 - Nov 1863)

Edward W. Tracy began serving as a Wells Fargo's General Agent for the Washington and Oregon Territories in July 1859. He also formed a partnership with E. Norton and E. L. James to operate an express service to the interior. The partnership with Norton and James was dissolved in March 1862. Tracy sold out to Wells, Fargo in November 1863.



Tracy & Co.'s Express, Paid printed frank with Old English type and ornate frame on 3c red Nesbitt entire to Salem Oregon, blue company handstamp of the Portland office, slightly reduced at sides, sealed tear at top, *ex Dale - Lichtenstein*

(stock #261, \$1250)



Tracy & Co.'s Express, Paid printed frank in Old English type with ornamental frame on 3c red Nesbitt entire to Walla Walla, Washington Territory, blue "Tracy & Cos. Express Dalles oval handstamp, August 1860 docketing on reverse, small sealed tear at top, *ex Dale - Lichtenstein*

(stock #262, \$3500)



Tracy & Co's Oregon Express, Paid, printed four line frank on previously franked Wells, Fargo 3c red Nesbitt entire to "Fort Walla, Near Walla Walla City," Washington Territory, blue Tracy & Co. Express Portland oval handstamp, *ex Dale - Lichtenstein*

(stock #263, \$3500)



Tracy & Co. Oregon Express, Paid printed frank in waving banner design on 3c red Nesbitt entire to Walla Walla, Washington Territory, blue "Tracy & Cos. Express Portland" handstamp, cover wrinkles, *ex Dale - Lichtenstein*

(stock #264, \$1250)



Tracy & Co. Oregon Express, Paid banner frank and two line **Boise Express Paid 50 Cts** surcharge on 3c pink 1861 issue entire addressed to "Agent, O.S.N. Co, Umatilla (Oregon)" and redirected to Dalles, printed frank overstruck by blue "Wells, Fargo & Co. Bannock City I. T." (Idaho Territory, now Montana) dateless oval, second strike of same handstamp with May 10 date ties indicia, slightly reduced at right, used after Wells, Fargo purchased Tracy & Co's Express, *ex Dale - Lichtenstein*

(stock #265, \$5000)

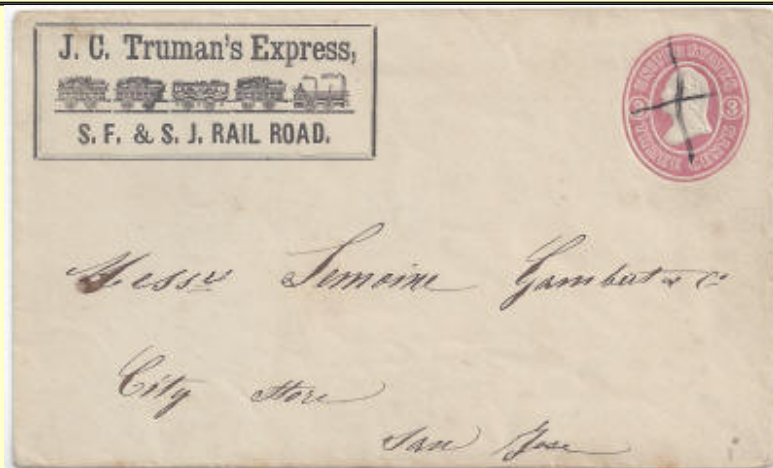


Tracy & Co. Oregon Express, Paid banner frank and two line **Salmon River Express Paid One Dollar** surcharge on 3c pink 1861 issue entire, paste-back only, **conjunctive use** with blue Wells Fargo Walla Walla (Washington Territory) Sep 8 oval datestamp, matching "Collect" in oval handstamps penciled through, slightly soiled, two reported examples of this frank used, *ex Dale - Lichtenstein*

(stock #266, \$3500)

J. C. Truman's Express (Jan 1864 - Feb 1864)
Truman & Chapman's Express (Feb 1864 - 1865)
Truman & Co's Express (1865 - 1868)

James C. Truman began his J.C. Truman Express in January 1864 soon after arriving in San Francisco. He took Chapman as a partner on February 16, 1864 and after Chapman withdrew in 1865, he formed Truman & Co's Express. It operated from San Francisco to San Jose by rail and to Watsonville and Santa Cruz until 1868.



J.C. Truman's Express, S.F. & S.J. Rail Road, train illustrated frank from the first iteration of the express on 3c pink 1861 issue entire to San Jose, ink cancel on indicia, six reported examples, *ex Jessup and Pearce*

(stock #272, \$1500)



Truman & Chapman's Express, S.F. & S.J. Rail Road, train illustrated frank from the second iteration of the express on 3c pink 1861 issue entire to San Jose, pencil cancel on indicia, cover repairs at left edge, fewer than ten reported examples from this express, ex Clifford

(stock #270, \$450)



Truman & Co's Express, train illustrated frank portraying a more modern train, with "Office in S.F. Corner Front and Washington Sts, Prepaid Envelopes \$7.00 per Hundred" text below, from the third iteration of the express on 3c pink 1864 issue entire to San Jose, lightly aged

(stock #267, \$250)



Truman & Co's Express, train illustrated frank portraying a more modern train, in blue, with "Office in S.F. Corner Front and Washington Sts, Prepaid Envelopes \$7.00 per Hundred" text below on 3c pink 1864 issue entire to San Jose, manuscript April 7, 1865 express cancel with date, minor corner stain, five reported examples of the blue frank, all dated between February and April 1865, ex Dale - Lichtenstein

(stock #271, \$1250)



Truman & Co's Express, rectangular box frank with new address below, "Merchants Exchange Building, Battery Street, Opposite the Post Office," on 3c pink 1864 issue entire to Santa Cruz, manuscript September 1867 express cancel with date, cover edge repair at foot

(stock #269, \$250)

**Truman & Co's Express, S.F. & S.J. R.R.**

Express, rectangular box frank with railroad line of text above and address below on 3c pink 1864 issue entire to San Jose, manuscript cancel, "Please Delivery Early" endorsement at left cut away when cover was reduced, eight reported used examples of this variety of frank

(stock #268, \$250)

Tucker's Siskiyou Express (1868)

A short-lived express that operated from Shasta to the mining camps in the Siskiyou area on the California - Oregon border in 1868.



Tucker's Siskiyou Express, gray black handstamp with fancy letters in double line box tying 3c pink 1864 issue entire addressed to "Southside Siskiyou Mountain, Oregon, endorsed "With \$142.50 coin" and "Tucker" written by same hand, original note of William Hoffman dated Jacksonville (Oregon) August 3, 1868 mentions the amount of coin, reduced at left and rather badly stained, from original find of six by Bartell, with copy of his letter about the find, six reported examples, *ex Parker Lyon and Dale - Lichtenstein*

(stock #273, \$750)

Tucson and Tombstone Stage Line (1874 - 1880)

This line is reported to have started operations in 1874, preceding the Tombstone and Patagonia Express Line of 1880 that was also operated by J.D. Kinnear.



Tucson and Tombstone Stage Line, four horse stage illustrated design cover with "Doing A General Stage And Express Business, J.D. Kinnear, Proprietor," text below on 3c green 1870 issue entire to Providence, Rhode Island, Tucson, Arizona Territory February 22 postmark (1880?), two reported examples, *ex Dale - Lichtenstein*

(stock #274, \$4500)

Vera's Express (1855)

After working with Meek serving the Feather River mines, J.N. Vera became a partner in Meek & Power's Express. Meek sold out to Vera in 1855 and became a partner in Singer, Meek & Co's Feather River Express. Vera operated to Oroville where he connected with Wells, Fargo and evidently quit the business circa 1857.

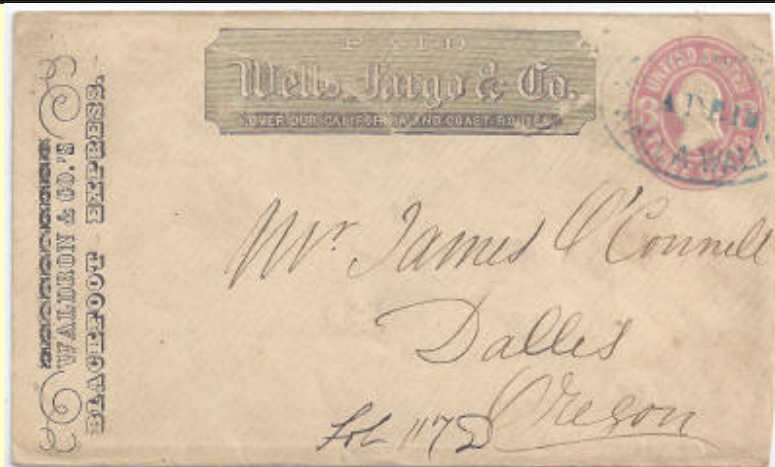


Vera's Express, Paid ornate frank printed vertically at left of Wells, Fargo franked 3c red Nesbitt entire addressed to Marysville, endorsed "Paid Pollard 4/-" reflecting express charges paid to agent for valuable letter, black on orange Wells, Fargo label at top with "Oroville, Cal" handstamped office at foot, indicia "tied" by red wax seal at corner with indicia was originally bent back and affixed to the reverse with the same wax seal, the printed Vera frank partially torn away at left, but has been professionally restored, illustrated in Nathan and *Letters of Gold*, page 222, five recorded examples of frank, ex Clifford, Haas and Edwards

(stock #275, \$3500)

Waldron & Co's Blackfoot Express (1866 - Nov 1867)

In April 1866 Dave Waldron, Sam A. Buchanan and W. Edgar established this express. It ran a weekly service from Walla Walla, Washington Territory to Helena, Montana Territory. In 1867 they confined operation to Montana area serving Phillipsburg, Helena, Dear Lodge and Blackfoot. The firm connected with Wells, Fargo express lines. In November 1867 L.S. Perry took over the Montana lines and the Idaho lines ceased to exist.



Waldron & Co's Blackfoot Express ornamented, two-line printed frank vertically at left of Wells, Fargo franked 3c pink 1864 issue entire to Dalles, Oregon, conjunctive use with blue Wells, Fargo Walla Walla "Apr 13" oval datestamp, slightly reduced at right, two pinholes in indicia, the only reported example, ex Dale - Lichtenstein

(stock #276, \$4500)

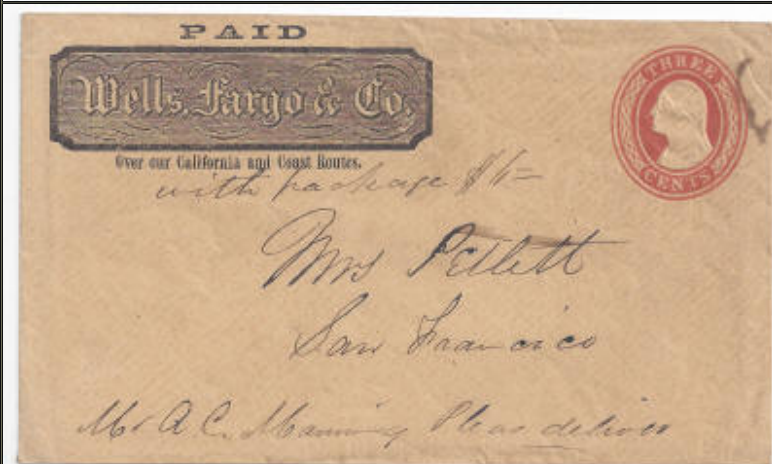
Wells, Fargo & Co. (Jul 1852 - present)

The famous bank and nationwide express was formed by Henry Wells and William Fargo on March 18, 1852 when other directors of American Express did not wish to open offices in California. Agents of the new firm arrived in California in July 1852 and after a long series of acquisitions, including Gregory's Express, Todd's Express, and Hunter's Express, they had 24 branch offices in operation by January 1855. With the collapse of Adams & Company in February 1855, and after surviving the financial panic of that year, Wells Fargo emerged as the dominant banking force and leader in the express business.



Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, Steamboat, mostly clear blue oval handstamp on cover to San Francisco, pencil "Paid Kelley" above address, use from pre 1855 period, ex *Barkhausen and Clifford*

(stock #277, \$500)



Wells, Fargo & Co. first style frank with "Paid" above and "Over our California and Coast Routes" (45mm) beneath on 3c red Nesbitt entire used to San Francisco, endorsed "with package \$1" at top and "Mr A.C. Manning Please deliver" at foot authorizing delivery for additional fee to be paid by recipient, minor stain to right of indicia

(stock #315, \$1000)



Wells, Fargo & Co. first style, red transcontinental frank with "Paid" above and "Through our Atlantic and California Express" beneath on 10c green Nesbitt entire used to Vergennes, Vermont, carried by Wells, Fargo via Panama and entered mail at New York with their "Nov 30" postmark, docketed as received December 1, 1855, cover tear at top, and early use of this frank, ex *Parsons Todd*

(stock #321, \$700)



Wells, Fargo & Co. second style, red transcontinental frank with "Paid" above and "Through our California and Atlantic" beneath on 10c green Nesbitt entire used to Clevestown, Ohio, carried by Wells, Fargo via Panama and entered mail at New York with their "Dec 17" (1855) postmark, cover slightly aged and wrinkles

(stock #281, \$350)



Wells, Fargo & Co. frank on 3c red Nesbitt entire used to Placerville, six horse wagon advertising illustration of Booth & Company (B&C marked on load) vertically at left, blue Wells, Fargo Sacramento Apr 8 double circle datestamp

(stock #278, \$500)



Wells, Fargo & Co. frank on 3c red Nesbitt entire used to San Francisco, blue Wells, Fargo Express Stockton oval handstamp, light cover crease

(stock #320, \$50)



Wells, Fargo & Co. frank on 3c red Nesbitt entire used to Sacramento, blue Wells, Fargo Express San Francisco double circle datestamp

(stock #316, \$125)



Wells, Fargo & Co. frank on 3c red Nesbitt entire used to state Senator Berry at Sacramento, blue Wells, Fargo Express Yreka oval handstamp, manuscript "March 8" date at top, John Berry was elected to the senate in September 1857 to serve from Siskiyou County, perhaps 10 known of this frank in blue on 3c Nesbitt, ex Dale - Lichtenstein

(stock #279, \$1750)



Wells, Fargo & Co. red frank on 10c green Nesbitt entire used to Plymouth, Indiana, entered the mails with New York Dec 28 postmark for onward transmission, light creases

(stock #319, \$300)



Wells, Fargo & Co. red frank on 10c green Nesbitt entire used to Lancaster, Ohio, entered the mails with New York Jan 30 postmark for onward transmission, cover wrinkles at right, ex Percy Doane

(stock #322, \$300)



Wells, Fargo & Co. frank overprinting red Freeman & Co. Express frank on 3c red Nesbitt entire used to Folsom, additional frank vertically at left, blue Wells, Fargo San Francisco Jun 5 (1861) double circle datestamp, these overprints were distributed following the purchase of Freeman & Co's Express in 1860, minor cover edge tear at top

(stock #318, \$400)



Wells, Fargo & Co. red frank overprinting green Freeman & Co. Express frank on 10c green Nesbitt entire used to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, blue Wells, Fargo San Francisco double circle datestamp, entered the mails with New York Aug 24 duplex postmark, docketed "Recd Aug 26/61," these overprints were distributed following the purchase of Freeman & Co's Express, all of the few known uses of the overprinted 10c seem to be dated between June and August 1861, fewer than ten reported examples not counting Pony Express uses, minor edge wear

(stock #282, \$1500)



Wells, Fargo & Co. red frank on 10c green star die entire used to Philadelphia, endorsed "Per St. Louis - Via Panama" at lower left, blue Wells, Fargo San Francisco double circle "Apr 11" datestamp, after carriage via Panama, Wells, Fargo delivered to Blood's Local Post for delivery and with their "May 1" double circle datestamp and "2 cts" due, minor soiling, ex Dale - Lichtenstein

(stock #283, \$1750)



Wells, Fargo & Co. vertical frank on 3c pink 1864 issue entire with all-over design advertising of J.C. Meusdorfer, Dealer in Hats & Caps, Sacramento in pale brown, blue Wells, Fargo double circle datestamp, 1868 docketing at left

(stock #290, \$300)



Wells, Fargo & Co. vertical frank with red "W.F & Co." large overprint on 3c pink 1864 issue entire with all-over design advertising of Meagher & Taaffee, Fancy Goods, San Francisco, in pink, used as a paste-back, blue Wells, Fargo San Francisco oval datestamp, the only reported example of this style overprinted frank

(stock #291, \$1750)



Wells, Fargo & Co. vertical frank on 3c green 1870 issue entire with all-over design advertising of **W.L. Pritchard's Fast Freight Line**, "Palisade to Pioche via Mineral Hill, Eureka & Hamilton ...," in pale brown, addressed to San Francisco, blue wells Fargo palisades (Nevada) oval datestamp, reduced irregularly at right, one of the finer of the few known examples of this design which Nathan classified as an express company frank

(stock #292, \$850)

Wells, Fargo & Co. (Surcharged Franks)

Several Wells, Fargo franked entires bear surcharges. These are generally associated with additional fees for premium service, by pony express for example, or for carriage on difficult or dangerous routes. On some few, the actual service has not been determined.



Wells, Fargo & Co., Paid 50 Cts. surcharged frank on 3c red Nesbitt entire used to San Francisco, blue Wells, Fargo Stockton "Aug 3" oval datestamp, service unidentified, minor creases, the only reported used example of this surcharge and the only surcharge type reported used on any Nesbitt entire, *ex Dale - Lichtenstein*

(stock #280, \$1750)



Wells, Fargo & Co., Paid 25 Cents. surcharged frank on 3c pink 1861 issue entire addressed to Dalles, Oregon, blue Wells, Fargo Walla Walla "Mar 6" oval datestamp, premium service from Oregon and Idaho Territory mines, opened irregularly at right, four reported examples, *ex Dale - Lichtenstein*

(stock #286, \$2500)



Wells, Fargo & Co., Paid 25 Cents. surcharged frank on 3c pink 1861 issue entire addressed to San Francisco, blue Wells, Fargo Carson City (Nevada Territory) "Dec 21" oval datestamp, 1863 docket at lower left, considered to be premium service for carriage by **Virginia City Pony Express** operating at this date from Nevada to California for 25c fee, six reported examples of this surcharge used from Carson City, *ex Jarrett*

(stock #289, \$2500)



Wells, Fargo & Co., Salmon River & Nez Perces, Express, Paid 50 Cents. surcharged frank on 3c pink 1861 issue entire addressed to Yreka, California, blue Wells, Bannock City (Idaho Territory, now Montana) "Dec 3" oval datestamp, premium service to the Idaho and Montana mining areas, minor creases, illustrated in *Gold Fever*, fewer than seven reported examples, ex *Lichtenstein, Barkhausen and Kutz*

(stock #287, \$3500)



Wells, Fargo & Co., Salmon River & Nez Perces, Express, Paid 50 Cents. surcharged frank on 3c pink 1861 issue entire addressed to Dalles, Oregon, blue Wells, Bannock City (Idaho Territory, now Montana) "Dec 17" oval datestamp clearly struck, premium service to the Idaho and Montana mining areas, one of the finest of the fewer than seven reported examples, ex *Dale - Lichtenstein*

(stock #288, \$7500)



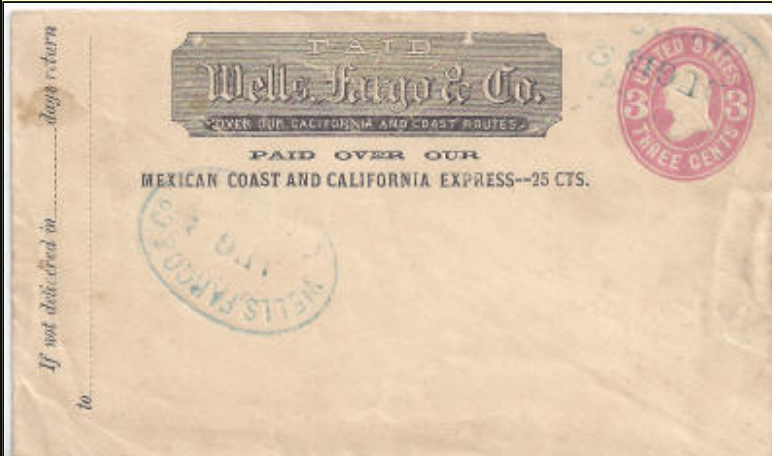
Wells, Fargo & Co., Salmon River & Nez Perces Express, Paid 75 Cents. surcharged frank on 10c green 1861 issue entire addressed to Fort Edward, New York, carried overland by Wells, Fargo and entered the mails with Atchison, Kansas May 26 postmark, premium service to the Idaho and Montana mining areas, cover has been restored, fewer than four reported examples

(stock #284, \$3500)



Wells, Fargo & Co., To Salmon River & Nez Perces Mines blue frank with additional line of text beneath on 3c pink 1861 issue entire addressed to Dalles, Oregon, blue Wells, Fargo Marysville "May 12" double oval datestamp, light vertical crease, three reported examples, ex *Dale - Lichtenstein*

(stock #285, \$2500)



Wells, Fargo & Co., Paid Over Our Mexican Coast And California Express, pair of past-backs without address envelopes, **25 Cts** surcharge on 3c pink 1864 issue entire with blue Wells, Fargo Guaymas (Mexico) oval datestamp, the second with **35 Cts** surcharge on 10c green 1861 issue entire also with Guaymas datestamp

(stock #326 and 327, \$350)



J.P. Wharton's Express (1862 - 1864)

James P. Wharton purchased William Ford's Express in late 1862. The express operated from Gibsonville to La Porte and Jamison City and Plumas County camps. The express was sold in 1864 to Garland's Express.



J.P. Wharton's Express, Paid, ornate boxed frank on cover to San Francisco, franked with 1861 3c rose, faulty, tied by blue **Wheeler's Express La Porte** handstamp, black on orange **Wells Fargo & Co.** Express from Marysville label affixed over top edge of cover, cover carried by Wharton's to Gibsonville and by Wheeler's Express to Marysville and then passed to Wells, Fargo for ultimate delivery, cover lightly soiled and light adhesive stain from label placement, an extremely rare **triple conjunctive use**, two reported used examples of Wharton's frank, both with adhesive frankings, illustrated in *Letters of Gold*, page 224, ex Hackett, Jessup, Haas, and Kramer

(stock #293, \$9000)

Wheeler's Express (1863 - 1864)
Wheeler, Rutherford & Co's Express (1864 - 1865)

In late 1863 Sam Wheeler, possibly along with his brother, formed an express to serve the mining area along the Feather River and the Gibsonville Ridge area from a base at La Porte. It connecting with Wells Fargo at Marysville. After R.H. Rutherford joined the firm in 1864, the name was changed to Wheeler, Rutherford & Co. Express. This new firm continued operating into 1865.



Wheeler's Express, Paid, boxed, two-line printed frank on 3c pink 1861 issue entire to Morristown California, no markings, reduced into indicia at right, the only reported example of this frank

(stock #295, \$1500)



Wheeler's Express, Paid, ribbon frank on 3c pink 1861 issue entire used to Oroville, faint La Porte company handstamp ties indicia, **conjunctive use** with blue Wells, Fargo Marysville "Dec 24" oval datestamp, illustrated in Nathan and in *Letters of Gold*, page 224, ex Parker, Jessup, Haas

(stock #294, \$1500)



Wheeler, Rutherford & Co's Express, Paid, ribbon frank on 3c pink 1864 issue entire used to Morristown, California, company's Marysville double circle handstamp ties indicia

(stock #296, \$750)

Whiting & Co's Feather River Express (1857 - 1868)

Fenton B. Whiting, and partners Henry C. Everts, G. W. Morley, and E. E. Meek, formed Whiting & Co's Feather River Express 1857. The express became the leading operator in northern Plumas County originally operating from its base in Quincy. Whiting's operation was sold to Garland & Company in 1868.



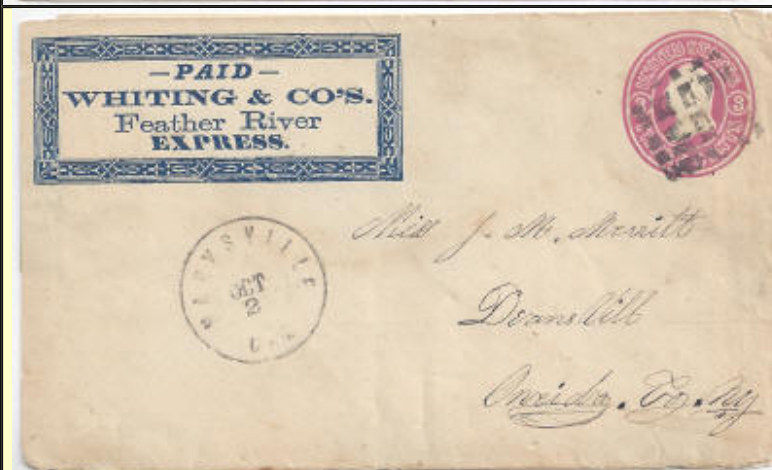
Whiting & Co.'s Feather River Express, Paid, boxed frank on 10c green Nesbitt entire addressed to East Longmeadow, Massachusetts, entered the mails with Bidwells Bar, California "Sep 18" postmark, cover repaired at right after rough opening, four reported examples of this frank on 10c Nesbitt entires, ex Dale - Lichtenstein

(stock #297, \$1000)



Whiting & Co.'s Feather River Express, Paid, ornately framed boxed frank on 3c pink 1861 issue entire to San Francisco, company's Quincy "Aug 26" double circle datestamp, **conjunctive use** with blue Wells, Fargo Marysville "Aug 28" double oval datestamp, cover reduced irregularly at right into indicia, four reported examples of this style frank

(stock #299, \$600)



Whiting & Co.'s Feather River Express, Paid, boxed frank, elongated format in blue on 3c pink 1861 issue entire used to Deansville, new York, entered the mails with Marysville, California postmark, cover edge worn, two reported examples in blue ex Dale - Lichtenstein

(stock #300, \$700)



Whiting & Co.'s Feather River Express, Paid scroll frank on 3c pink 1864 issue entire used to Whitby, Canada West, supplement franking of 10c green adhesive (#68), "Crescent Mining Co., Indian Valley Jan 15, 1866" sender's origin datestamp, entered the mails with Quincy, California postmark, red "U.S. 10cts Paid" exchange, Whitby backstamp, cover stains and reduced at right

(stock #298, \$750)



Whiting & Co.'s Feather River Express, Paid scroll frank in purple on 3c pink 1864 issue entire used to Oroville, California, fewer than five reported franks in this color

(stock #301, \$800)

G.H. Wines & Co's Express (1855 - 1857)

G. H. Wines express was founded in 1855. In addition to service to mining areas from their office in San Francisco, the company developed a trans- Atlantic service. They were the primary transport for Walker's filibuster troops to Nicaragua and evidently hoped to gain had Walker been successful in his take-over attempt. They were out of business by mid 1857.



Wines & Co's Express, black straight line handstamp with pencil "No 2 Bolin Green" on small cover from California to Baltimore, Maryland, reverse with light strike of blue oval "G.H. Wines & Co's, California Express, No. 2 Bowling Green, New-York," pencil note on reverse, indicates "letter dated 1/31/1856," carried by Wine & Co's express via Nicaragua on Vanderbilt Line steamers

(stock #302, \$7500)

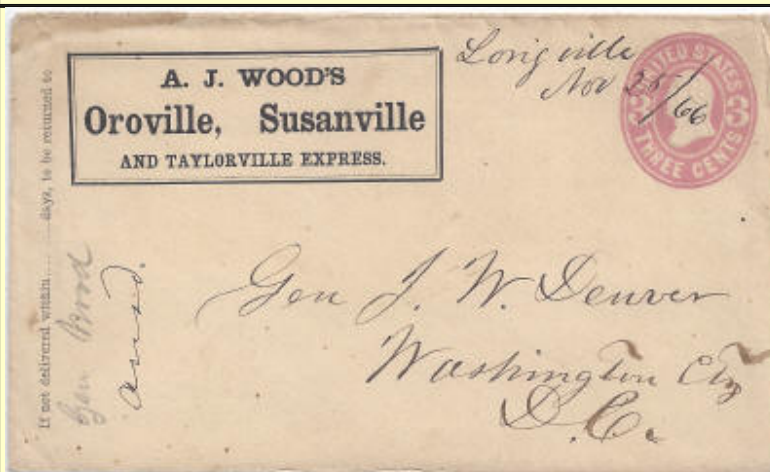


Wines & Co's Express, Paid, fancy spread eagle illustrated frank on 3c red Nesbitt entire used to from San Francisco to Sacramento City, cover minor edge faults, ex Walske

(stock #303, \$4500)

**A.J. Wood's Oroville, Susanville And Taylorsville Express (1864 - 1866)
Wood & Co's Express (1866 - 1868)**

Allen J Wood operated his express in Plumas County, California. The primary route: Oroville, Susanville and Taylorsville, was specified by the earlier name of the express. He connected with Wells, Fargo at Oroville and sold out to them in 1868.



A. J. Wood's Oroville, Susanville and Taylorville Express boxed frank on 3c pink 1864 issue entire to Genl J.W. Denver at Washington, D.C., entered the mails with Longville November 25, 1866 manuscript postmark, docketed as being from "Gen. Wood" at left, three reported examples, illustrated in *Letters of Gold*, page 228, ex Vogel, Haas (who paid Vogel \$1200 in 1976), and Edwards

(stock #304, \$3500)



Wood & Co's Express, fancy segmented ribbon frank on 3c pink entire used to Cleveland, Ohio, entered the mails with Longville July 1868 manuscript postmark vertically at left, reduced at left and soiled

(stock #305, \$1000)

Overland Mail Directives & Propaganda Covers



Overland Mail Via Los Angeles, three line imprinted directive on 3c red Nesbitt entire used to Downieville, California, San Francisco Jul 30, 1859 postmark, evidence of a label having been glued over the directive which would not have been applicable to a cover send from San Francisco to Downieville

(stock #309, \$500)



Per Overland Mail Via Los Angeles, four horse stage illustrated cover with "Geo. H. Bell, Stationer, 153 Montgomery St, San Francisco" imprint below on cover to Skowhegan, Maine, 10c green (#35) tied by Columbia, California August 2 1860 postmark, cover reduced irregularly at left, ex Kramer

(stock #307, \$1500)



Via Visalia & Los Angeles, Overland Mail To All Parts Of The Union, four horse stage illustrated cover used to San Francisco, Visalia, California Oct 1 postmark and "Paid 3" handstamps, 1861 docket at left, use after daily mail service over the Central Route had started, illustrated in *Letters of Gold*, page 249, ex Jessup, Pearce, Haas and Kramer

(stock #308, \$2000)



*Wm B. Hawley Jr
New Springfield
Calif*


Per Overland Mail Stage, Via Placerville, In hope of the (train), train illustrated propaganda cover with "Published by E.B. Davidson, Bookseller, 4th St, Sacramento" imprint, pair 3c rose (#65, right stamp damaged by file fold, repaired) tied by Sacramento City, California March 5 postmark, a scarce design with Central Route directive used after daily mail service over the Central Route had begun, cover restored at right and cleaned, *ex Knapp, Wiltsee, Foote and Beals*

(stock #306, \$2500)

Unused Franks

**Wells, Fargo & Co.'s
EXPRESS NOTICE.**

OUR PIONEER EXPRESS
....FOR....
YOKOHAMA AND HONGKONG,

 **WILL BE DESPATCHED BY**
Pacific Mail S. S. Co.'s Steamer
COLORADO,
On Tuesday, January 1, 1867,
AT 12 O'CLOCK M.

Packages and Parcels will be received until 9 o'clock
A. M. of day of sailing.
Freight will be received until 10 o'clock P. M. of night
prior to sailing of steamer.
Letters under cover of our franks will be dispatched for
the above ports in Japan and China.

de7-41 **WELLS, FARGO & CO.**

Wells, Fargo & Co. advertisement from December 13, 1866 San Francisco Bulletin, announcing service, via first trip of PMSS mail Steamer Colorado to Japan and China. Note the last sentence reads: "Letters under cover of our franks will be dispatched for the above ports in Japan and China."

Wells, Fargo service on China & Japan route may have ended after this first trip as no additional ads have been found for the next trip.



Wells, Fargo & Co, Paid, China And Japan Express, printed frank on 10c green 1861 issue entire, unused, no used examples known

(stock #503, \$4500)



Wells, Fargo & Co, Paid, China And Japan Express, printed frank on 30c yellow green 1864 issue entire (#U72a), unused, creases, no used examples known

(stock #505, \$4500)



Wells, Fargo & Co, Paid, China And Japan Express, printed frank on 40c pink 1864 issue entire (#U73), unused, tiny stain, no used examples known, ex *Barkhausen*

(stock #506, \$4500)

Richard Frajola (July 2012)