

April 5

I understand Jeff Davis and part of his army started for Dansville and the other part for Lynchburg! I saw Mr. Ashcroft today who went with General Gordon to Richmond night before last. He said he rode behind Jeff Davis's horses and with others had an introduction to General R.E. Lee. Says our men have Reb prisoners in Libby prison so close they can't hardly move! Also says the inhabitants act well as if they were not sorry to be out of Jeff's hands!

April 6

Reb deserters who came in today report that Longstreet is between the Mattafory and Pamunky rivers and is without supplies. Report sounds reasonable to me.

April 7

Reported that our Army captured at Burkesville yesterday 15,000 prisoners, 9 Generals and 60 guns. A large haul! I understand President Lincoln goes to Washington tonight.

April 9

General Fry, General Townsend, General Delafield, Hon. Preston King, Hon. Holt and Vice President Johnson were here this PM. The "Arago" with Henry Ward Beecher and others on board arrived here about six PM. Glorious news again tonight. General Lee and his army have surrendered to General Grant.

April 10

It is said that Lee's army numbered about 40,000 men. Officers and men were paroled to go to their homes and remain there until exchanged. Tonight I sent a dispatch to General Grant's Headquarters signed W.P. Sherman, Major General which reads as follows: "On Monday at daylight all my army will move straight on Joe Johnson, supposed to be between here and Raleigh and I will follow him wherever he may go." Another dispatch of the same date reads: "... I will push Joe Johnson to the death. W.P. Sherman, Major General"



April,

SATURDAY, 15.

1865.

morning for a time of absence
but no answer yet. I am very sorry
as I had hoped to have got off on
the boat this afternoon.

Horrible news came
this forenoon. Last night as the
President was in a private box at a
theatre in Washington, a man fired
at him with a pistol and the ball
entered his head. The President fell
senseless and breathed his last
this morning about 7.30 A.M. The man
who shot him, after shooting, exclaimed
"Die Temper Tyrannus"; "Virginia is
now avenged" and brandishing a dagger
appears to have got away without
any trouble. At about the same time,
an assassin (or assassins) entered Secy
Seward's room and stabbed him
three times. Secy (or he) also stabbed
Secy Seward's son. It is thought that
Secy Seward will recover but that
his son will die of the wounds he
received. It is thought & suspected
that an assassin is on for Sherman
trouble had grant if there is, he,
the assassin may meet with the
death he deserves & not succeed
in his wicked purpose. The killing
of Mr Lincoln is horrible; I do hope
the murderer may never find a
moment here on earth.

Four Civil War Diaries kept by U.S. Telegraph operator Charles Douglas from November 1861- April 1865. Hundreds of closely written pages clearly written. Reports of battles, capture by Confederates and escape, action around headquarters, various Generals including Grant & Sherman who came there, several sketches, half page entry on the assassination of Abraham Lincoln. Fifteen pages typed of important excerpts.

Charles Douglas
Arlington
Va.
1861

INTERESTING EXCERPTS
FROM FOUR CIVIL WAR DIARIES
KEPT BY CHARLES DOUGLAS OF EVANS MILLS, N.Y.

Douglas was a U. S. Military Telegraph Operator
during the Civil War. Diaries cover the period
from November, 1861 to April, 1865.

Camp near Rockville Md

Sunday April 24th 1861

It rained steadily until about 4 pm
I went when it cleared up &
the sun set very low for a
pleasant lamp. I went
to the place from which I
went from Evans Mills
in the morning. I saw
a yellow-billed cuckoo
in the yard. I saw
the reflection of the
sun in the water.



Telegraph Office, Camp near Rockville Md

Saturday April 25th

It has been a beautiful day, the
rather cool in the shade. It is a
pleasant evening. Stars & moon out
bright. Much blowing past. I
letter home (addressed to Albany)
also letter to a friend
with the book enclosed. It was
all quiet, as usual.

Sunday April 26th

It has been a delightful day. I am
not pleased. Not much news. The
news seems to be all in northern
part of Va. Captured a train on
A. & O. R. R. I eat our first
of mackerel. It is a very fine
night but rather cool. Had a
good dinner. All quiet
around here.

Monday April 27th

Been very pleasant today. It is a
splendid night. I am out
finely. Reported that earth works are
being done at Aquia Edwards
Very nice it got to be. But little
business today. This evening I went in
on the telegraph engine. I had two
pockets in my pants. All quiet
tonight with the exception of the frogs.
They are quite musical. I heard
fields begin to look quite green.
Very good country around here. But
and I to relate, your ladies
seem to be a severe party.
I wonder what the halley of home,
and about now I wonder if I shall
be at home next July. I am sure I
like to be of it. I hope I shall be
well by that time. Let you work
from Washington to Winchester Va
and I can work very well with Winchester



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REMEMBER THE MAINE - TO HELL WITH SPAIN!

Cover above was mailed at Havana, Cuba April 17, 1899. It bears the censor of a Lieutenant of the famed 7th cavalry. The stamp is from the 1898 issue, overprinted for use from Cuba - CUBA/2½ c/de PESO. It was used and sold as a 2 cent stamp. Cover below bears the five cent stamp of the 1898 issue on a **Censored Prisoner of War Letter** via the Navy to Spain - July 29, 1898.



GUAM - SPANISH AMERICAN WAR 1898

GUAM was the largest of the MARIANA ISLANDS, located in the Pacific Ocean, about 1500 miles east of the Philippines. It was captured by the U.S. Navy, following the Battle of Manila Bay, on June 20, 1898. GUAM was ceded to the U.S. at the treaty of Paris on Dec. 10, 1898. The other 14 Islands were retained by Spain and later sold to Germany. The post office was operated by Navy personal from July 7, 1899, until March 28, 1901, when they were replaced by the U.S. Postal Service. Up to this time U.S. stamps of the 1898 issue were overprinted GUAM and used by the Navy until the U.S. postal agent arrived. After that date regular U.S. stamps were supplied, although the overprints remained in use for several years.



POSTAGE RATE, at the time, was 2 cents per oz. to the U.S. & possessions and 5 cents to foreign countries, plus 8 cents for registered letters, for both. Thus the cover was 3 cents short & there is no evidence that it was collected. It just passed through the mails at the domestic rate of 2 cents plus 8 cents for a total of 10 cents.

Cover shown bears 2 copies of the U.S. issue of 1898 overprinted GUAM, tied by a dark violet oval of dots with star to a registered cover with a small matching postmark, "MARIANAS 17 AUG" and boxed "CERTIF" No 6 D.2078, to "Aue, Saxony, Germany", showing German transit register label "Vom Auslande über Altmunsterol-Mulhausen (Els)/Eingeschrieben". On reverse a red "MIL. Sta. No. 1 Philippina Isls, REGISTERED, SEP 14 1899", the transit mark of "HONG KONG SP 17 99" and the arrival postmark of "AUE 21 10 99". This is the first U.S. mail from Guam and bears the usage of the Spanish postmark captured by the U.S. Navy, in use August to October 1899. Probably the earliest registered cover out of U.S. GUAM.



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A. Lincoln

HIS LIFE AND TIMES

MOURNING BADGE AND MAGNUS LETTER

SHEET EXPRESSING THE NATION'S GRIEF.



The Nation Mourns.



From all churches
Sad and slow,
Toll the bells
The knell of woe.

Hark! their sad and solemn notes attend
Abraham Lincoln to his last way's end.

Dead silence mutely hovers
Above grave's dreary strand,
With sable pall it covers
The Leader of Our Land.

Despairing men are wringing
In vain their hands here wound,
The Orphan's wail is winning
No solace from its ground.

The nightingales' caroling
Sounds never in its womb;
True Patriots tears are rolling
But on the mossy tomb.

Published by Geo. Maguire & Co. Franklin, N.Y.



ABRAHAM LINCOLN,

16th President of the United States,

Born in Hardin County, Kentucky,

JULY 12, 1809.

Died at Washington City, D. C.

APRIL 15, 1865,

AGED 56 YEARS.

HIS COUNTRY MOURNS.

OFFICE UNITED STATES MARSHAL,
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI,

Jefferson City Dec. 11th 1867.

United States of America, }
Western District of Missouri, } ss:—

To Mr. *R Campbell & Co*
of *St Louis* County of *St Louis*
and State of *Mo* Creditor of *Warner & Samuel Livingston*
Versailles Mo Bankrupt:

You are hereby notified that a Warrant of Bankruptcy has been issued out of the District Court of the United States for the Western District of Missouri, against the Estate of *Warner & Samuel Livingston* ^{the latter} adjudged a Bankrupt, upon his own ^{of their creditors} Petition: That the payment of any Debts, and the Delivery of any Property belonging to said Bankrupt, to him, or for his use, and the Transfer of any property by him are forbidden by Law: That a Meeting of the Creditors of said Bankrupt, of whom you are named as one, for \$ *1950.00* to Prove their Debts, and Choose one or more Assignees of his Estate, will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy, to be holden on the *9th* day of *January* A. D. 1868, at *ten o'clock A. M.* at *the Registers office* in the City of *Jefferson, Cole Co Mo* before *Wm Blair* Register.

Thos. S. Wallace

U. S. Marshal, as Messenger,
Western District of Missouri.



Robt. Campbell, & Co.
St Louis,
Mo.

~~Jefferson City, Mo.~~

Return if not called for in Ten Days,
TO THOMAS R. WALLACE,

Bankrupt Notice
Return to Mr. Wall
Dec-12/62

Bankrupt Notice

No 65.

Camped near the Cattaheuta river
July 6th 1844

Dear Mother

There is a mail going out to day & I think
I would write a few lines to let you know
that I do not have much to bring, it is
one month to day, since I received your last
letter, it is longer than I ever saw done with
out some other work in the country, I know
you write but for some cause it do not get away
I think you had better direct your letters to the
Post Division 15 Corps, I will be well & fit to
set to my I have not seen Tom, for nearly two
years, I hope to see him if it is all right



"All manner of pleasant fruits, new
and old, which I have laid up for thee,
O my beloved."—Soc. Song xli. 12.



Mrs Mary C. Shibly
Oswego
Windall County Ill

Box 2/5
Oct 20 7

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dependent from what they expected, we got one
dressed in town for party, we have taken several
pictures here, at this place, I expect we will
be glad to see you when you come.

Sept 23 1862

Dear wife I have a few leisure
moments to writ to you and
will improve the opportunity
V^o man got here this morning
to find out to see him, for I had
not herd from home since
I left & it has seemed like a
long time I was glad to hear
that you are all well I have



Mrs. Mary C. Shibly
Wyoming
Iowa County
(Iowa)

An eagle stirreth up her nest, Suttereth
her young, spreadeth abroad her wings.
—Psalm 124: 11

And as the bird each food endowment tries
To tempt her new fledgling offspring to the skies,
Employ each art, reverse each dull delay;
Alone to brighter worlds, and lead the way


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to the post office to, they will find
them selves mistaken

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I have been sick a great deal (with a fever) on the evening
 of the 21st of the month & I was very
 ill & I was very much distressed
 but I am now better & I am
 very glad to hear from you
 and I hope you are well
 I have been very busy
 but I will write you as soon
 as I can
 I have been very busy
 but I will write you as soon
 as I can
 I have been very busy
 but I will write you as soon
 as I can

Sunday 22/10



UNION!

I have been very busy
 but I will write you as soon
 as I can
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 but I will write you as soon
 as I can
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 but I will write you as soon
 as I can



"I had many things
 to write, but I will not with
 ink and pen write unto thee:
 But I trust I shall shortly see
 thee, and we shall speak
 face to face. Præse be to
 thee. Our friends sa-
 lute thee."

Mrs. Mary Shilly
 Clonmel
 Cedar Co.
 Iowa

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him in to the house but he was dead
 I think he died in a fit

MAIL SERVICE IN THE KLONDIKE.

Postmaster Charles U. Gordon of Chicago, in response to a request from the CHICAGO RECORD for information regarding the sending of letters to the Klondike region, replied:

"Letters cannot be sent by United States mail to Dawson City, Forty Mile or other towns in British territory. Mail matter for Dawson City, Northwest territory, not being a known postoffice, should be addressed 'via' some United States postoffice, viz: Dyea, Alaska; Unalaska, or Circle City, Alaska. Sent to one of these Alaskan postoffices, it goes to Circle City by way of Dyea, over the overland route; by way of Unalaska by the Yukon route.

"A mail steamer leaves Seattle every five days for Juneau, 120 miles from Dyea, and every fourteen days from Sitka for Unalaska. A Canadian Pacific steamer will leave Victoria for Dyea, by way of Juneau, every few weeks during the fall. The route overland by way of Edmonton, Northwest territory, is not feasible, as yet, although there appears to be some travel coming this way."



Office 112 Yesler Way,
SEATTLE, WASH.

KLONDIKE GOLD RUSH

Gold was discovered June 3, 1896 on Dominion Creek about 50 miles S.W. of Dawson in what became known as the Klondike Gold Field. Little is known about the NUGGET EXPRESS which operated out of Dawson in 1899. There are four or five covers known of this Gold Rush Express. This cover was carried from Dawson by the express to Seattle where it entered the U.S. mails. The "1-" in manuscript was probably the express charge?





EXPRESS LEAVING DAWSON Nov. 16, 1899

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Red Church	19
College Point	24
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Donaldsonville	36
Plaquemine	32
Raton Rouge	20
Port Hudson	23
Waterloo	6
Hoguen Sarr	6
Red River	40
Fort Adams, Miss	40
Natchez	55
Robroy	45
St. Joseph, La	32
Grand Gulf, Miss	45
Hard Times, La	3
New Carthage, La	27
Vicksburg, Miss	29
Young's Point or Yazoo River	12
Mulkin's Bend	13
Lake Providence, La	20
St. Charles's Landing, Miss	12
Princeton, Miss	12
Grand Lake Landing, Ark	4
Point Worthington, Miss	37
Greenville, Ark	18
Galena's Landing, Ark	39
Sally's, Miss	15
Napoleon, Ark, river	15
White River, Ark	23
Fry's Point, Miss	68
Hellins, Ark	15
Commerce	32
Memphis, Tenn	38
Greenock, Ark	17
Bansdolph, Tenn	43
Fulton	13
Genesda, Ark	17
Hale's Point, Tenn	39
New Madrid	65
Hickman, Ky	27
Columbus	16

MEMORANDA.

Steamer City of Memphis left St. Louis Wednesday, April 28th, at 12 o'clock, a. m. In port for New Orleans, steamers New Uncle Sam, Imperial, Philadelphia, Crescent City, St. Nicholas and Maria Deane. Same day met steamer L. M. Kennett at Duck yr. Thursday, April 29th—met Wm. M. Morrison at Sater's Island; laid by at Cairo 9 hours. Night of 19th, met Ed. Walsh at Columbus. Friday, April 30th, met John J. Ross at Forked Deer Island; J. C. Swen at Island 25; Chamellor at Island 37. Saturday, May 1st, met steamer Nashville at Friar's Point; Sequelama at Island 66; Albeck Scott at Island 63 Sunday, May 2d, laid up 24 hours at Lake Providence; while those steamers Antelope, Pennsylvania, R. J. Lackland, Flying Cloud, East Port, James Johnson, Belfast and Woodford, passed up. Monday, May 3d, met Edward Howard and Henry Chastain at St. Joseph, Haywatha at Fairchild's Island, Calverto at Satchez, A. T. Lacey at Ellis Cliffs. Tuesday May 4th, met Calverto at Ivola Landing, then Franklin a Plaquemine; met several boats at night, names unknown. River falling at Cairo but rising from Memphis down.

MANIFEST OF STEAMER CITY OF MEMPHIS.

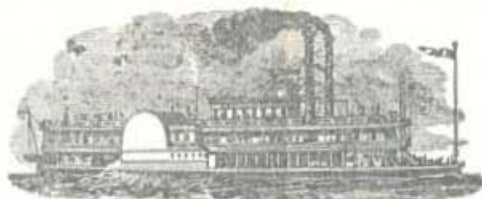
Horrell, Gayle & Co	305	sacks wheat
Do	2431	bbls flour
Do	23	casks bacon
Do	8	bbls barrelhoon
Do	2	bbls eggs
Do	791	sacks bran
Do	500	sacks oats
John Duffey & Co	141	sacks wheat
Do	5	casks bacon
Fred Lombardo	18	kegs do
Do	45	bbls eggs
Do	100	do lime
Do	1165	bbls flour
A Thompson & Co	1496	sacks wheat
Do	3	bbls bacon
Do	1	barrel

Steamer City of Memphis Reporter.

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" SUNDAY, JUNE 27TH, AT 10 O'CLOCK, A. M.	" TUESDAY, JUNE 8TH, " " "	" THURSDAY, JUNE 17TH, AT 5 O'CLOCK, P. M.
" SATURDAY, JULY 17TH, AT 10 O'CLOCK, A. M.	" MONDAY, JUNE 28TH, " " "	" WEDNESDAY, JULY 7TH, AT 5 O'CLK, P. M.
" FRIDAY, AUGUST 6TH, AT 10 O'CLOCK, A. M.	" SUNDAY, JULY 18TH, " " "	" TUESDAY, JULY 27TH, AT 5 O'CLOCK, P. M.

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 ISAAC WYMAN, "

46. (Naval hanging) Letter from naval officer Andrew A. Harwood (later Rear Admiral in Civil War), 3 1/2 closely written pages (transcript included) from U.S. Schooner Shark, Naples, July 5, 1836 to R.I. Includes a gruesome eyewitness account of a naval hanging of sailor convicted of murder -- "The Squadron were all drawn up in line -- the trembling wretch was swung to the fore yard - committed to the sea--". Address leaf has NEW-YORK (C-30-red), SHIP and ms. "58 1/4" (ship 2 plus 18 3/4x3 triple rate). Third page has several small holes not seriously affecting text--- 501024 150.00

*The ship signed at the ...
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 for you been a ...
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*Mr. Titch with blank
 change the ...
 letter to ...
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SHIP

NEW YORK

*Ms. Andrew A. Harwood
 Care of Henry Wood Esq
 Newport R. Island
 U.S. of America*

Via Florida

*... the ship is ...
 we can be the ...
 now as ...
 I have ...
 The ...
 that they ...
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Letter from Naval Officer Andrew A. Harwood - (1808-1884) - Rear Admiral
in the Civil War. - to his wife in Newport, R.I.

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U.S.Schr. Shark,

My Beloved Wife,

Naples, July 5, 1836.

I send you a long letter which I wrote at Leghorn. I am afraid to read it over for I know I should tear it up if I did and that would seem too much like labor lost. I have written you since while on a transient visit on board the Adams at Civita Vecchia (?). We have just received a bag of letters among which was two from you and my heart beat as I opened them in hopes of hearing about your confinement, but they were not Havre letters nor of as late a date as those which I received at Leghorn, one of them was a melancholy February 19th letter, the other April 26th forwarded by the Lyceum. My dear Sarah I frequently think of our dear boy and always sadly but I have never grieved for him impatiently or without a feeling of perfect resignation to the will of the Almighty. It is a light cloud darkening for a moment a worldly prospect but the sun shines through it all. We have received letters from the Department acknowledging the receipt of my allotment ticket, this news relieves my mind as it was only necessary for one to arrive and if Henry wrote to the Auditor as he proposed to do the affair must have been arranged a long time ago. I sent a triplicate not that I think it necessary but to show you that I have not left even a chance untried. One of the Lieuts. of the Adams has got leave of absence and if Com. Elliot is insistent I shall be relieved from the Shark, particularly as the 2nd Lt. is my friend and has generously declared that he will not object to my coming on board on the level of my rank. I am senior to him. I shall endeavor to make some arrangement which will not try his friendship so far. In all cases, be satisfied my health is perfectly restored since the warm weather and I have every hope of getting a more comfortable berth soon. I hope you did not neglect to beg Mrs. Totten to write by the Havre packet with regard to your health, there is no other good way of writing in the summer except by a vessel of war coming directly out. We expect the United States daily. The Fourth Auditor has treated me shabbily; will not allow my sea pay to commence until the day on which I reported myself on board the Potomac though I was on duty within three weeks or little more of the time that all the others were and they receive their pay from the day that reported themselves to Com. Elliot at New York. He has refused my inland travelling expenses but I will have a lawsuit with him for the 30 dollars which will be the difference. I am glad you are not

mouth-kansas river

March 18th 1829

Dear Sir Since I wrote the enclosed letter
I have been called on for money which
I did not expect to pay for six months
it is for corn and poach purchased
from one of the citizens in the neigh-
borhood my pay I have exhausted in
purchasing some stock, If you will
do me the favor to except of a draft
payable on the first of June next you
will do me a singular favor and you
shall be paid if I have to live on bread
and water untill I can settle it, you
must pardon this liberty, you will please
write me soon on this subject

and oblige your friend

John Campbell

Col

Pierre Menard

1829 March 18-

My dear banknote

Requesting me to

acquit a draft

The Draft for \$1000

for the 1st August

of Mr Campbell

March 18 1829



State of Illinois

Kaskaskia

Col Pierre Menard

Col Pierre Menard

March 3rd 1829

Inclosure
19th Dec. 1829

THE WESTERN MAILS

Campbell Papers
Risvold Collection

[John Catron to Robert Campbell]

Lexington Oct. 13, 1832

Dear Sir

Mr W. H. Vanderburg^m the Clerk of the American Fur Co. drew a Bill of Exchange on P. Cheauteau Agt. for said Company in favour of George Ennis for the Sum of \$473.50 cts payable at sight--This money was for furs my Brother sold to the Am. Fur Cop^y and the draft was in Ennis's favour, but with instructions to pay me the money- Mr Cheauteau has refused payment, and the Bill is returned protested by the Notary --

Now Sir, Mr Ennis informs me that you had a draft or Bill of Exchange drawn by same Vanderburgh as Clerk of Am. Fur Co. on same Cheauteau for a large amount - I will thank you to let me know whether Mr Cheauteau has protested your Bill also-- or has he paid it? -- Be pleased to advise me what steps to take to get my money from them as they certainly have my Bro's furs-- Is Vanderburgh the Clerk for Said Company and has he power or authority to draw on the Agent of the Company for money? If you got your money from the Company, be so good as to let me know what means you used, so that I may resort to the same-- I write to you, because Mr George Ennis says--you will do any thing in your power for a man imposed on as I have been--Please write to me as soon as possible Your friend

John Catron

Mr Robert Campbell

Brother of Minatree [?] Catron

[Addressed:] Mr Robt. Campbell

St. Louis

Missouri



WHITE SWAN & PLUCK This was a small sidewheeler, of only * 36 tons, built at Brainerd on the Upper Upper Mississippi in 1878 and named the WHITE SWAN. Because of low water the boat was cut in two lengthwise and transported by railroad to Fargo in October of the same year. She was rebuilt and put into the Red River Trade for the Alsop Line. The Pluck was dismantled in 1886.

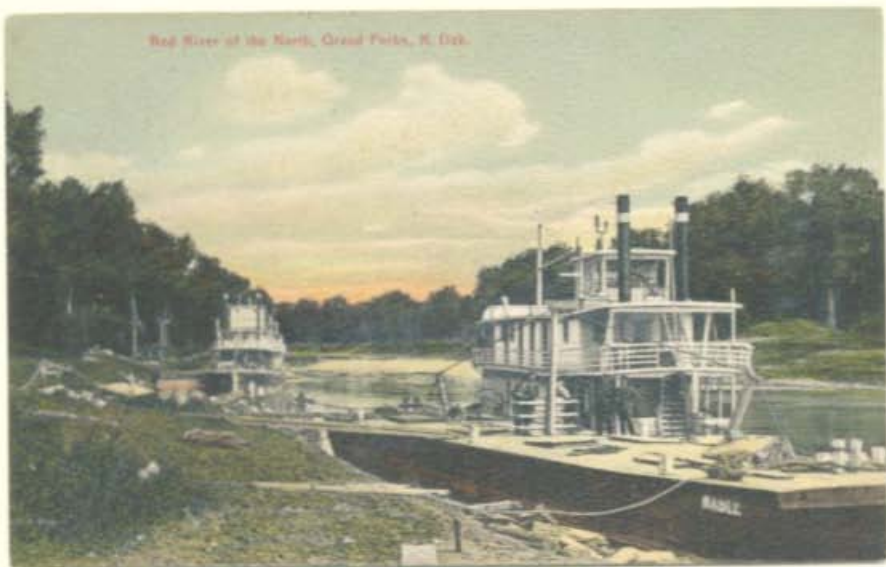
The little white boat in the picture post card is the PLUCK.

The cover shown below was used from Fargo, Dakota Territory about 1878/79 at the time the boat went into service under the new name PLUCK.

*The Upper Upper Mississippi was all of the river north of St. Anthony Falls.



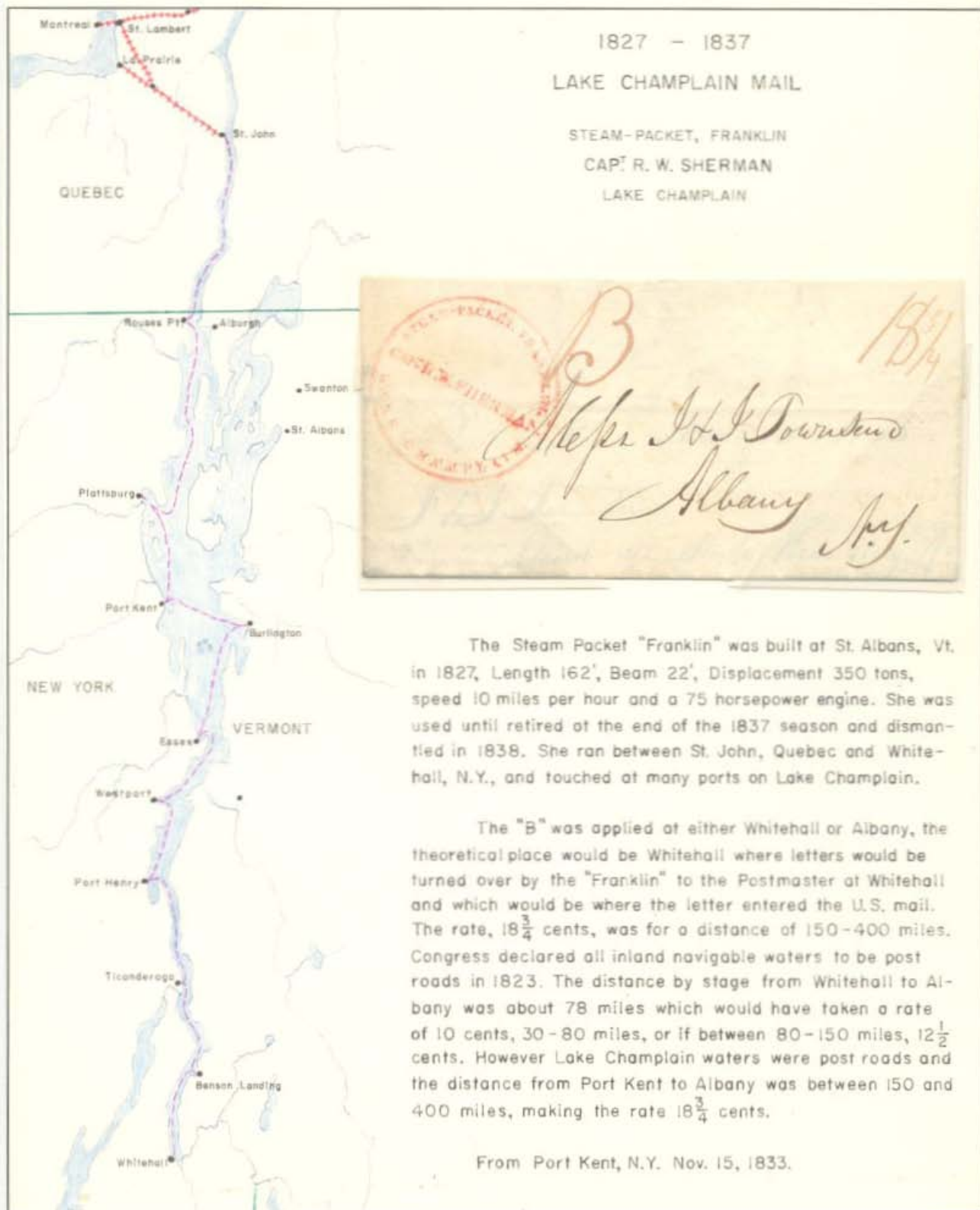
Red River of the North, Grand Forks, N. Dak.



STEAMER CHANCE ON WISCONSIN RIVER, ATYON, MISS.



INLAND WATERWAY MARKINGS



1827 - 1837
LAKE CHAMPLAIN MAIL

STEAM-PACKET, FRANKLIN
CAPT. R. W. SHERMAN
LAKE CHAMPLAIN

The Steam Packet "Franklin" was built at St. Albans, Vt. in 1827, Length 162', Beam 22', Displacement 350 tons, speed 10 miles per hour and a 75 horsepower engine. She was used until retired at the end of the 1837 season and dismantled in 1838. She ran between St. John, Quebec and Whitehall, N.Y., and touched at many ports on Lake Champlain.

The "B" was applied at either Whitehall or Albany, the theoretical place would be Whitehall where letters would be turned over by the "Franklin" to the Postmaster at Whitehall and which would be where the letter entered the U.S. mail. The rate, $18\frac{3}{4}$ cents, was for a distance of 150-400 miles. Congress declared all inland navigable waters to be post roads in 1823. The distance by stage from Whitehall to Albany was about 78 miles which would have taken a rate of 10 cents, 30-80 miles, or if between 80-150 miles, $12\frac{1}{2}$ cents. However Lake Champlain waters were post roads and the distance from Port Kent to Albany was between 150 and 400 miles, making the rate $18\frac{3}{4}$ cents.

From Port Kent, N.Y. Nov. 15, 1833.



THE WESTERN MAILS

The FAR WEST also used this same envelope as illustrated. Both of the covers are from the same correspondence, Sept. 5 and 10, 1871. Note on the FAR WEST refers, most likely, to the F. V. Hayden surveying expedition of 1871. Probably written onboard the boats and dropped off at Fort Sully, D. T. See the only two other covers known from the FAR WEST in this collection. The FAR WEST cover reproduced here is from the Ken Stack collection.

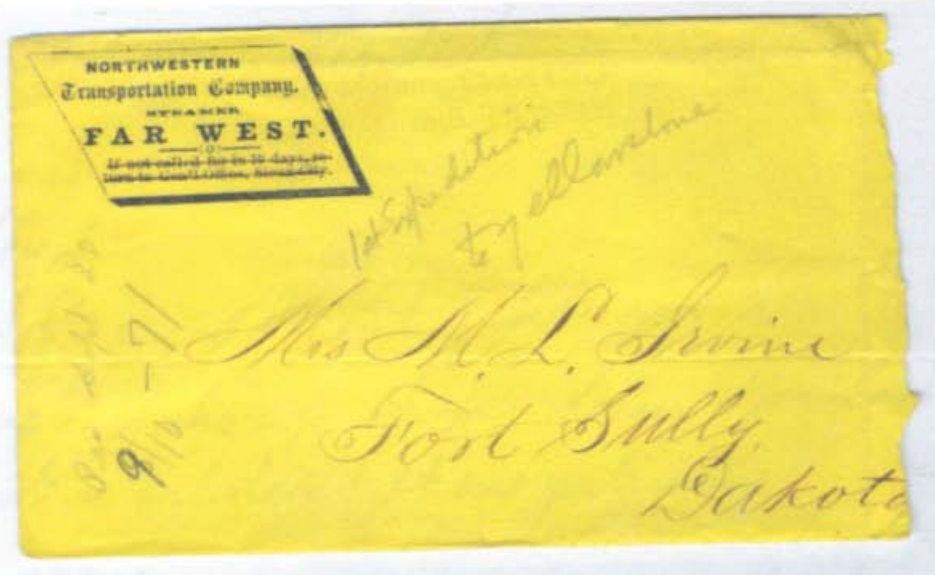


NELLIE PECK, was one of several mountain steamboats, owned by the Northwest transportation Co including the famed FAR WEST. These boats are also listed under ownership of the Missouri River Transportation Co. and the Peck Line.



Steamer BIG HORN. This was a stern-wheeler, owned and operated by the Missouri River Transportation Co., in the upper Missouri trade. It was the 4th steamboat to bear the name. Sunk on the upper Missouri, near the mouth of the Poplar River May 8, 1883. Postmarked at Bismark. Dakota Territory Aug. 25, 1882. Addressed to E. B. Vincent at Ft. Sully. SEE FAR WEST cover and letter to the same man, both apparently, in the same hand, regarding "wood" taken on at "Bull Berry Island".

Corson County



no cancel (9-10/71)

"Northwestern Transportation Company Steamer Far West" corner card



Grand River, Dak. (Oct 7, 1872)

Send us your
pictures

1864

On Board Steamer Albany
Minnesota River April 7
Midnight "I was midnight
in his guarded tent the Turk
was dreaming of the home"



The Winnebago Indians are on
three of our Steamers going
down the river and to the Missouri

Steamboat **ALBANY** was a sternwheeler of 42 tons, built at Ottawa, Minnesota in 1860. Its home port was Saint Paul, operating on the Minnesota River. Abandoned in 1882. Letter was written by Albert Clifford, an officer or crew member, to his brother. The following is from the letter datelined "On Board Steamer **ALBANY** Minnesota River April 7 Midnight [1864]". After personal matters, he goes on "there are several R.R. [rail roads] in process of construction of and will be for several years now unless the Indians scalp us - our Emigration has commenced we bring up loads of emigrants every trip up this valley. ----I left Mankato this evening we are laying up it is so dark our Steamboat so heavily loaded we dont consider it safe to run it tile day light....Albert".

NOTE on cover - "The Winnebago Indians are on three of our Steamers going down the river and to the Missouri." Folwell in his HISTORY OF MINNESOTA says "On May 4, 1864 the steamer **DAVENPORT** took on 770 head...the following day 540 persons were put on board the steamboat **NORTHERNER**. In all there were 46,880 Sioux, Chippewa, Menominee, of which 2,000 were Winnebagos. Most were taken to Crow Creek, Dakota Territory.

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Unusual illustrated cover of a mail contractor used from Washington, D.C., April 30 1868 to Carthage, Illinois. Because it is addressed to a postmaster it was carried FREE.

Lloyd's EVENING POST,

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Vol. X.]

BRITISH Chronicle.

[Numb. 720.

To be continued every MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, and FRIDAY.

From MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, to WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1762.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23.
COUNTRY NEWS.

Liverpool, Feb. 23.

LAST night about ten o'clock, a fire was discovered in the warehouse of John Williamson, Esq; Mayor; and at the time this Paper went to press, the export oil beer warehouse, at the bottom of Chapel-street, were entirely consumed. The wind blowing very fresh westerly, alarms us with the dreadful apprehension of that neighbourhood being destroyed. *Liverpool Advertiser.*

Bristol, Feb. 20. Thursday was committed to Newgate, William Dyer, and Roger Purnell, charged with having violently assaulted and ravished Mary Linpenty, in the parish of All Saints in this city.

L O N D O N.

Letters from Berlin of the 2d inst. advise, that the Prussian officers have orders to spare no money, to the end that the regiments may be completed as fast as possible; the King having resolved to take the field early, or at least to be in action before his enemies.

It is said a nobleman of the first distinction will shortly be sent to Peterburgh, to congratulate the new Emperor on his accession to the throne.

The Court of Vienna goes into mourning only for three weeks for the death of their dear and valuable friend the Empress of Russia; and that of Sweden, who had not by many degrees the same obligation to her, put on the sable pomp for as many months.

Lord George Lennox is made Aid de Camp to the King, and raised to the rank of Colonel.

The Captains of a Dutch ship arrived in the Texel from the West-Indies, says that he met the Brill fleet about 100 leagues from the Land's End of England, steering W. S. W.

They write from Leghorn of the 20th ult. that an English privateer having taken a French ship from Marseilles for Constantinople, and carried her in there, the English Consul discharged that privateer with notice to all the British ships at Cagliari and in the Mediterranean of the declaration of war with Spain.

The following East India ships, viz. the *Boscawen*, *Brand*; the *Earl of Eglin*, *Evans*, the *True Briton*, *Creighton*; the *Royal Captain*, *Tanner*; and the *Calcutta*,

Thomson, for Bombay; the *Norfolk*, *Mac Conohie*, for Madras and Bengal, were all well at Bahia the 27th of August, 1762, and would in a few days sail on their respective voyages.

A ship laden with flour is arrived for the new bridge at Black Friars, and the Masons will immediately proceed to build the first pier up to high-water mark. Three other ships will those for the second pier are now on their passage.

Mr. Pitt's Answer to the Cork Address.
"SIR, *St. James's-Square, Jan. 25.*

"I have received the very great honour of a letter from you, having the common seal of the city of Cork affixed to it; and most intreat the favour of you to represent for me, in the most expressive terms, to the Mayor, Sheriffs, and Commonalty of that great city, the just sentiments of respect and gratitude, with which I receive marks so highly honourable, of the favourable interpretation of my conduct.

"As I am truly sensible how very little my feeble endeavours can have contributed to that series of successes, which (under Providence) are owing to happy national concord, and to unexampled spirit and conduct in the British arms, I can only attribute to unlimited partiality, the unmerited testimony of public approbation, which that eminent trading city has been pleased to confer upon me.

"Under the warmest impressions of repeated obligations, and full of unfeigned attachment, I shall ever cherish with pride the pleasing remembrance of such favour; and form unceasing wishes for the trade and prosperity of the city of Cork.

"Give me leave, Sir, to add the expressions of my sincere acknowledgments for the trouble you have so obligingly taken on this occasion. I am, with great truth and regard, Sir, your most obedient and humble servant.
WILLIAM PITT."

The Lord Bishop of Rochester, hath appointed Mr. Cleeve, to be Coroner of the city of Westminster, in the room of Mr. John Feary, deceased.

It having been advertised, that if any one in the county of Surrey should be choak'd by ballot for a Militia-man, persons would undertake (on 10s. 6d. being paid down) for three years, to find a substitute to serve in their room, or pay the 10s. directed by the Act to excuse any one, upwards of 3000 persons have already subscribed to the said scheme.

On Friday last information being given of some French prohibited goods being lodged at a house in Cecil-street in the Strand, the proper officers attended, and found a large quantity of rich and valuable goods, consisting of gold and silver brocaded silks cut out for Lady's facks, and several hundred ounces of gold and silver lace, trimmings and embroidery. The Frenchman in whose lodgings they were found, treated the officers with the greatest contempt, and had the impudence to make very free with the names of some of the greatest personages, by pretending those goods were their property. These fellows are by profession hair dressers to persons of distinction; and when they stand in that capacity, take an opportunity of producing patterns of the above commodities, and have sold very great quantities to an immense value, to the great detriment of woollens, lacemen, weavers, embroiderers, wire-drawers, and a number of other tradesmen dependent on them.

A receipt of the late Dr. Ward, for a cure throat, which may be depended on as genuine — Take eight dried figs, and put them in a quart of spring water, and let it simmer over the fire till it comes to half a pint; then let the patient gargle his throat, and if he can swallow some of the figs the better.

NORTH WALES CIRCUIT.

Honourable Daines Barrington, Esq; James Hayes, Esq;

Merionethshire, at Pals, Monday, March 29.
Caernarvonshire, at Conway, Saturday, April the 10.

Anglesea, Betws-y-Coed, Tuesday, April 9.

A man well dressed, crossing the fields, as supposed, by the Foundling-hospital, in the great storm and fall of snow on Sunday night, perished by the inclemency of the weather, and was found dead yesterday morning.

On Monday morning last early, the cart which brings the Scotch and North mails to town, was found with the mails in it in the open road between Warmford and Stamford; the snow which fell the preceding evening lay so thick on the ground, that the two horses could not draw it any further, on which the lad took them from the cart, and rid to a place of shelter, otherwise the boy and horses must have perished.

Early yesterday morning a foreigner dropt down dead near St. James's House.

On Saturday a journeyman cabinet-maker was committed to Lindwell, for abusing his master, and refusing to work the usual hours, and for the usual terms of wages.

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GENERAL POST OFFICE.

Feb. 22, 1762. THE Post Bag carrying the Mail which was dispatched from this Office, ...

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ALL his genuine and valuable

Colchester retiring from ...

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ANTHONY TODD, Str.

By Command of the Postmaster General, ...

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Abingdon,	20s to 22s 10s,	16s to 17s 6d,	10s to 12s 6d,	5s to 7s 6d,	16s to 17s 6d,
Reading,	19s to 21s 14s,	15s to 16s 6d,	9s to 11s 6d,	4s to 6s 6d,	15s to 16s 6d,
Salisbury,	18s to 20s 10s,	14s to 15s 6d,	8s to 10s 6d,	3s to 5s 6d,	14s to 15s 6d,
Windsor,	17s to 19s 14s,	13s to 14s 6d,	7s to 9s 6d,	2s to 4s 6d,	13s to 14s 6d,
Wiltshire,	16s to 18s 10s,	12s to 13s 6d,	6s to 8s 6d,	1s to 3s 6d,	12s to 13s 6d,
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RURAL FREE DELIVERY.

R. F. D. MAY 12 1903 GENEVA, IOWA to Basel, Switzerland, where it arrived May 26th, as per postmark. It was fourteen days in transit. A postal history GEM!



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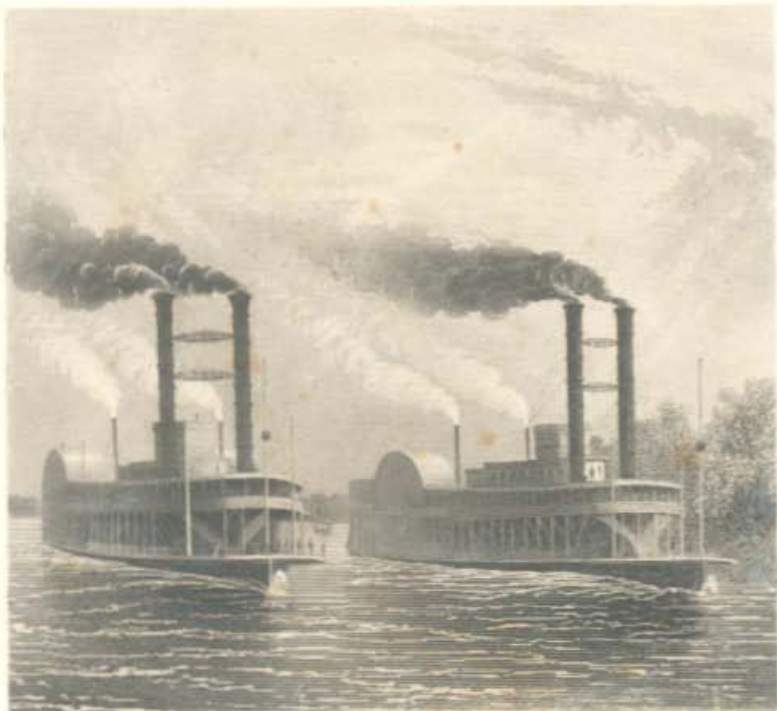
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RAMPART, ALASKA. Located on the Yukon River about 165 West Southwest of Fort Yukon . The post office was established July 2, 1898 . Cover shown was used AUG 16 1905.



OHIO & MISSISSIPPI RIVERS



DIANA. Side-wheeler of 563 tons. Built at Jeffersonville, Indiana in 1857. Operated in the Louisville-New Orleans trade. Ran a race with the BALTIC in March of 1858 which is one of the classics in the history of steamboating. The Baltic won the race by 1 hour and 45 minutes. The Diana was abandoned in 1867.

Cover shown was postmarked at Cairo on the Mississippi April 15, 1858 the month following the race with the Baltic. Reverse of cover bears a forwarders handstamp of "N.W.GRAHAM & CO/ Freight Agents/. Illinois Central R.R./Cairo, Ill."



UPPER MISSOURI RIVER



Regular Missouri River Passenger Steamer

"BENTON,"

T. D. MARINER, Master.



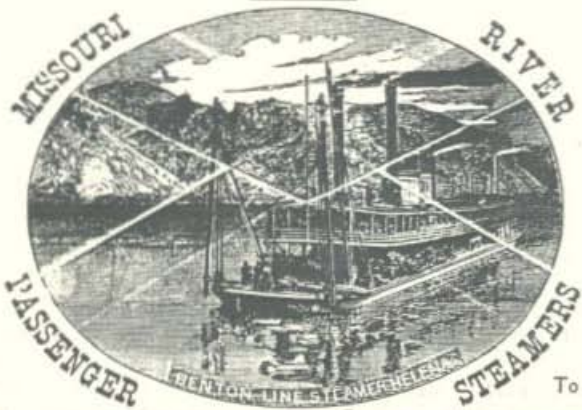
Capt. J. C. Barr
Encl Agt } *Bismarck*
Benton Line } *D.T.*

BENTON Stern-wheeler of about 400 tons. Built at Pittsburg in 1875. This was one of the famed "mountain boats" owned and operated by T.C. Power & Bros. Block P Line. It had a long and remarkable career during the Indian Wars and the pioneer days in the Dakota and Montana Territories. She sank on July 18, 1897 after running into the drawbridge at Sioux City.

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Benton & Helena
STAGS LINE,

To All Points in

Great Salt Lake City
Utah Ter Oct 12th 1862

Dear sister

I wrote you
a few lines from Denver
informing you of my
intention of starting
for Salmon River
we left there on the 4th
and arrived here the 10th
inst, we have



Miss Ann M. Woodruff

Newton
Jasper Co Iowa

Dear sister with 4 more ladies

Winnipeg City

Jan 14th 1863

Dear Sir

your letter was
- could letter being date
of receipt was read by
you by last year. I was
not looking for an answer
a long time a letter from
you & from London always



Miss Ann M. Woodruff
Newton
Wingham 45
Jan 23
Davenport Co
Iowa

1863

THE WESTERN MAILS

U. S. S. WACHUSETT OFF CALLAO, PERU

"15th August 1880. My dear Mother, Last monday I went to Lima in the 11 oclock train and returned at 2 P.M. While there I had my picture taken, made a few purchases and arranged for a trip over the Oroya R. Road for tuesday, the company furnishing us transportation gratis. The next morning we had our coffee and eggs at 5:30 and left the ship at 6. The "Favorite" a regular locomotive in miniture with the tender turned into a crystal cab which will seat 10 persons came down to Callao and at 7 we start. At Lima we are reinforced by 3 officers and an American gentleman, Mr Scofield, who acted as guide, this gave us a party of 9 - at 7:30 we are off. To Santa Clara the road runs through a rich valley - the water being of the Rimac river being used for irrigation, here is a large sugar mill and a plantation of 20,000 acres. At Chosica is a very nice hotel with an American landlord, a decided change has taken place in the climate though only 2800 feet above the sea, the mist and moisture of Lima has given way to blue sky and lovely temperature, a cup of coffee and chat with some of the boarders and we are off again. Cocachacra is an Indian town not directly on the line of the road and we donot stop. San Bartolome is of the same character the station being about 2 miles from the town, here we turn our engine around and, our hard climbing really begins; in this locality about 7000 persons died during the construction of the road from the Oroya malarial fever caused by turning up the new ground, Eucalyptuc trees were planted and the trouble at once stopped. Since leaving home I have seen several places where the planting of these trees have entirely eradicated all kinds of malarial troubles, and their introduction at some of our infected points might prove a great advantage. The road now winds up the side of the mountain and we shoot through tunnels and around curves shorter than any I have ever gone over under steam before, in fact there is not a straight piece of track to be found on this end of the road and the grade rises $4\frac{1}{2}$ feet in every 100 and in two place 5 feet. The Viaducto Agua de Verrugas, Supported bridge over the water of Verrugos, is the second highest bridge in the world, it was built by a Baltimore company the iron being made at Phoenixville Pen. - it is 620 feet long and 254 feet high, At this season of the year the river is a unservable little stream not over 2 feet wide, but in January it becomes a rushing mountain torent, the structure is a masterpiece of Engimeering skill. Surco is a very pretty Indian town located in a rich valley a short distance back from the road and as seen from an elevation two hundred feet higher is one of the prettiest views on the road. 10:30 and we are at Matucana. This is a large town with a good Hotel kept by a Conneticut Yankee with a French woman for a wife, our ride and the pure air of 7788 feet has given us an appetite and eleven of us (our Engineers and the road Master join in) sit down to a breakfast that I had ordered by telegraph the day before, and of which there was nothing left, we had 7 courses, 2 bottles of claret and 2 of beer, the bill for the whole thing amounting to \$4.80, considerably cheaper than it would have been at Mount Washington the top of which is 1554 feet lower. At 11:45 we start again still going up the mountain by a winding path till we reach Tambo de Viso (Inn of the elevated spot) the only Inn I saw was a water tank, here our assent changes the mountain side is laid out in inclined terraces and the track come together forming a Y with a switch so that you go ahead up one side and back up the other, there are 5 of these Ys to reach Chicla. The town of San Mateo lies in a valley some two hundred feet below the track

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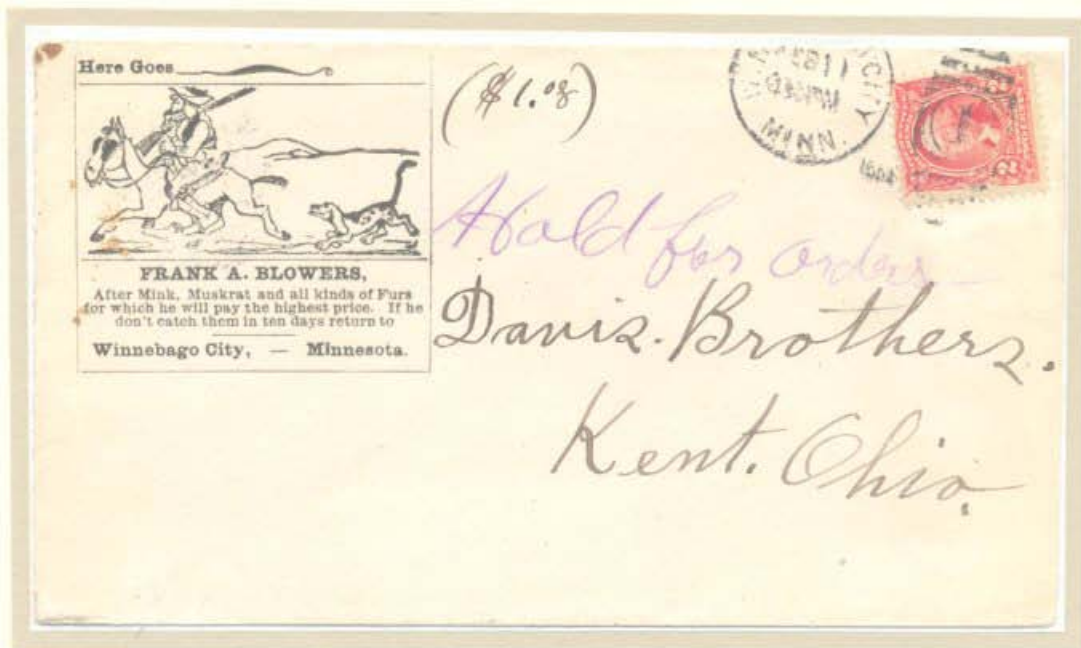


Str. IRON CITY No data on this boat but it was operating on the Missouri in 1866. Corner card and illustration of a sidewheel steamboat indicates that it was a SAINT LOUIS AND ARKANSAS RIVER PACKET. Used from FORT RICE DAK MAY 17 - no year date but in the 1860 period.

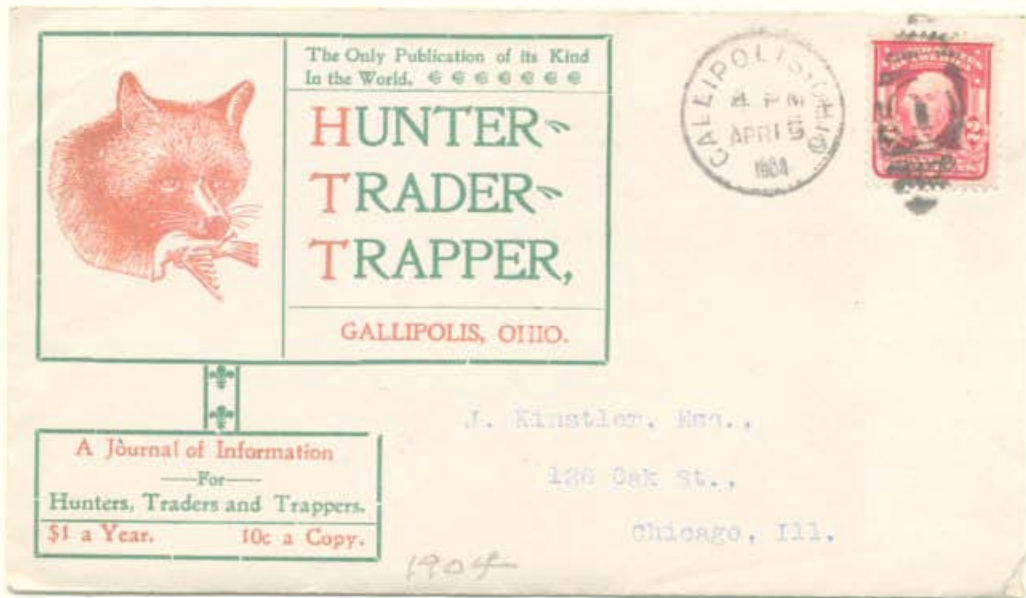
IDA STOCKDALE. This was a sternwheeler of 377 tons, built at Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1867. The cover and letter were written onboard the Steamboat **LUELLA** en route up the Missouri to Fort Benton - "Str Luella July 1st/67.... Very unexpectedly I have a chance to send you a letter... We have just met and hailed a boat [IDA STOCKDALE] on her return trip, we will be together for a few minutes. I am about 300 miles below Fort Benton, will get there some time this summer - if our future luck is to be like our past has been I cant say when I will reach Benton but I hope in 8 or 10 days. ...". Thus the cover was carried by the IDA STOCKDALE to FORT RICE DAK where it entered the mails "Jul 8" 1867.



MINNESOTA



WINNEBAGO CITY, Fairbault County. Post Office established February 13, 1857, Name changed to WINNABAGO February 28, 1905. Cover bears the corner card "If he don't catch them in ten days return to", Frank Blowers a fur trader. Postmarked February 11, 1901.



THE WESTERN MAILS



POST OFFICE



George E. Bartlett's famous trading post at Wounded Knee, 1886

The figure on the right is postmaster Bartlett.



WOUNDED KNEE, DAKOTA TERRITORY

Post Office was established December 22, 1886, at the trading post of George E. Bartlett, on Wounded Knee creek, Shannon County, in present day South Dakota. It was the site of the massacre of the Big Foot band of Sioux Indians by the 7th Cavalry on December 29, 1890. Geo. Bartlett was the first postmaster and a Deputy U.S. Marshall. At the time, Wounded Knee consisted of only a few scattered Indian houses and the log trading post, bearing the sign over its door - **POST OFFICE**. See photo above. The cover shown was used Dec. 28, 1888 - almost two years to the day when this tragedy ended the thirty years war for the western plains, which began at New Ulm, Minnesota and came to a climax in the screaming and gunfire that was Wounded Knee. The day of the buffalo and the Indian were passing into history. "BURY MY HEART AT WOUNDED KNEE" could very well be their epitaph on the monument that marks their grave at Wounded Knee.

THE WESTERN MAILS

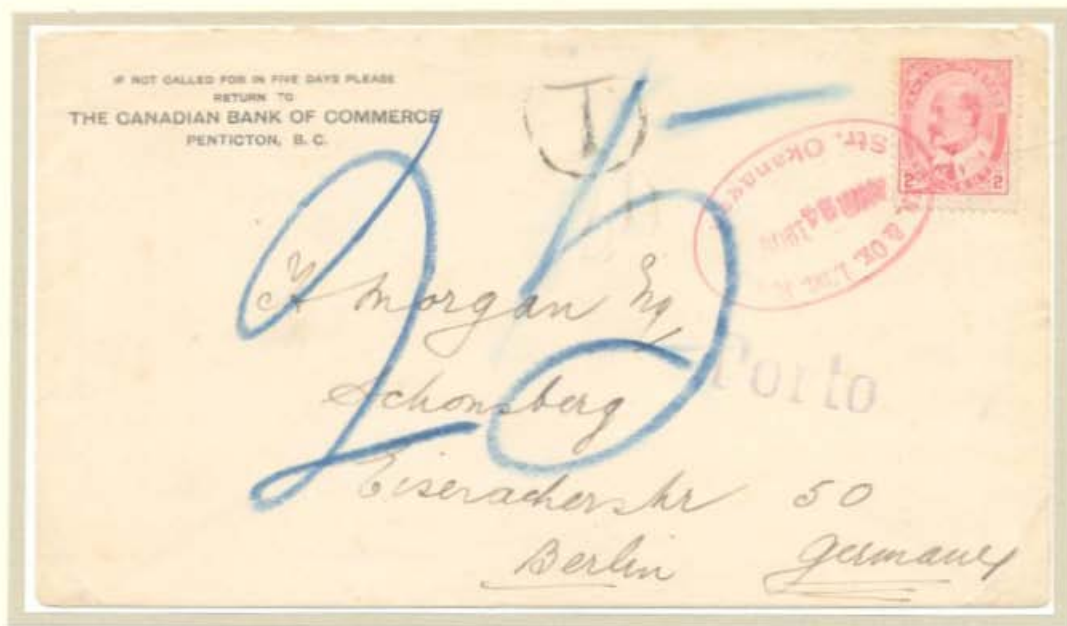


STEAMBOAT OKANAGAN

The OKANAGAN was built in 1907 and operated for the Columbia & Okanagan Steamboat Company. She was the biggest and best-appointed of the upper Columbia River fleet. On the night of July 8, 1915, while lying at anchor at Wenatchee, the NORTH STAR caught on fire. Within a very few minutes the OKANAGAN, COLUMBIA and the CHELAN also went up in flames. All four boats were a total loss and put the Columbia & Okanagan Steamboat Company out of business.



The cover shown *below* bears the only recorded marking of the steamboat OKANAGAN. It apparently was placed on board the boat at Penticton, British Columbia where it was canceled as illustrated above which spells out PENTICTON & OKANAGAN LANDING, R.P.O. [River Post Office]. On entering the regular mails it was forwarded to Berlin, Germany collect.





Charles Long m.d.
April 9 1838

66

Mr. John Abbot.
District Court

Paid 5

West Buffalo, Ia
Nov 11

Glen Dale Ia
June 26 1839

Fried
Mather N. Bosworth
Call

Mason Road

J. A. F.
Clark

W. Mary Reed

Clarks Square

Clark's Ferry

Scott County Ia.

N.Y.

Scott County

Established and organized Dec. 21, 1837. County seat is Davenport but only after hotly contested efforts on the part of Rockingham and Buffalo failed. This page is unusual, in exhibiting examples of all three earlier names of the post office serving Buffalo. Several Iowa offices have been known by two or three but seldom four names. Mather N. Bosworth was the first and only postmaster of **Clarks Ferry** (12 Apr 1838) and **Glen Dale** (26 Jun 1839), succeeded by Caleb H. Gardner when the office became **West Buffalo** (4 Oct 1841). Changed to Buffalo 15 Jul 1857.

In 1833 Captain Benjamin W. Clark, a native of Virginia, who had settled and made some improvements on the Illinois shore, moved across the Mississippi and commenced a settlement. He made the first "claim", erected the first cabin, broke the first ground, and raised the first produce in the county. His nearest neighbors at this time, upon the Iowa shore, then called the "Black Hawk Purchase", were at Burlington and DuBuque. In 1836, Captain Clark laid out the town of Buffalo, it being the first town regularly laid out in the county. He succeeded in building up quite a village; but there was much need of flouring and lumber mills, and in 1836 he erected, near the mouth of Duck Creek, the first saw mill in this part of Iowa.

JENNIE LUIKEN,
AGENT, P. M.



HENRY LUIKEN, P. M.
STEAMBOAT ROCK, IOWA.

Sept 26, 1887

*Friend
Enclose
\$1.25*



*Received
May 18/86*

*My dear friend
Love Falls Iowa*

*lover
in
Iowa*



Forwarded by the
**United State
EXPRESS CO**
FROM
Steamboat Rock, Iowa

*Chgt. U. S. Ex
Deep River
Iowa*

Mr W. B. Bent
Santa Fe

July 17th 1847

(ARMY OF THE WEST.)

MASSACRE OF GOV. BENT AND OTHER AMERICANS AT TAOS!

BATTLES OF CANADA, EL EMBODA, TAOS, AND MORO!! AMERICANS VICTORIOUS.

On the 13th of January 1847

territory of New Mexico, left Santa Fe, where the friends of two Pueblo Indians, who them, to which he replied, that although Governor one confined by law, until they were under all the Americans in Taos, together with the Government, or were favorable to American releasing the prisoners and barbarously Loyal, Circuit Attorney; Cornelio Vigil, among but one American named Elliott, who, the following men fortified themselves ordered: Simeon Turly, Albert Cooper, Marshall, Wm Austin, Mack Head, and massacre, has been estimated at 300.



CHARLES BENT
First Governor of the Territory



B. R. Bales, M. D.,
149 W. Main Street,
Circleville, Ohio.

New Mexico
Annexed by the United States August 22, 1846, as a result of the war with Mexico. The first assassination of a United States Governor was committed by insurrectionists on January 19, 1847.

... reports reached this place of the advance of the enemy and their near approach. In consequence of these reports, Col Price determined to march out of Santa Fe and meet them in the ... He took with him 340 ... composed of Capt Angroy's Battalion of Infantry, portions of six companies of the 21st Regiment, and a com

... counting in the total
The battle lasted about a half hour but the pursuit was kept up for two hours.

The march was resumed on the next day, and met with no opposition until the evening of the 3d of February, at which time they arrived at the Pueblo de Taos where they found the Mexicans and Indians strongly fortified. A few rounds were fired by the Artillery

di S Lewis, J. H. Calaway, John Nigle, J. J. Sights, Henry Fender, Johnson, P. R. Hewitt, H. Waser, Ducong, J. Moon, Gibbons, J. L. Linneman, S. Blodgett, Crain, R. Duets, G. T. Sickonberga, Hagenbaugh, Anderson, Beach, Hutson, Hillman, W. Keiser, Schneider, Shry, Near, Bremen, Bieffeldt, Jod, Kohn. On the 25th ult, Capt. Hendly (of Col. Wadsworth's Battalion) who was in command of the grazing parties on the Rio Moro, marched with 80 men, to the town of Moro to suppress the insurrection there, and arrest the murderers of Messrs Culver, Waldo, Noyes & others, who were massacred at that place.

He found a body of Mexicans under arms prepared to defend the town, and

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1861-1865



HOME MADE PATRIOTIC COVER, POSTMARKED "PORT ROYAL S.C. APR 22 64."



VIEW OF FORT SUMTER IN CHARLESTON, S.C. HARBOR, FROM ROUNDOUT TO EAST DAVENPORT, N.Y. THE CONFEDERATE ATTACK ON APRIL 12, 1861, MARKED THE BEGINNING OF THE CIVIL WAR.

A. Lincoln-

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THE NAVY

1860-1865

U.S. Steam Sloop PAWNEE.
Cover prepaid with the
3 cent stamp of the 1856
issue and postmarked
at BALTIMORE Md SEP 14 -
STEAMBOAT. No year date.



U.S. Sloop of War JAMESTOWN.

Cover addressed by Guy H. Avery who was acting Master U.S. Navy from Oct. 14, 1861 to Aug. 6, 1862, when he was dismissed - no reason given in Register U.S. Navy 1782 to 1882. Carrier rate paid with 1¢ and 3¢ stamps of the 1861 issue. Postmarked at PHILADELPHIA Pa JUN 2 1862.

MICHIGANS FIRST TWO POST OFFICES

Rev. Isaac McCoy was an Indian agent and Baptist missionary who spent his life working for the Indians. The letter is in reference to a shipment of provisions and other articles on board the Schooner Genl. Jackson. That the boat had lost its anchor and main cable and was unable to land the freight. The writer Charly Noble, had seen the Governor at Detroit "who appeared pleased with the flattering condition of your establishment and commended in the highest terms the zeal with which you engaged in so great a work", building an Indian mission on the Grand River.



FRENCH TOWN, M.T. was established on the River Raisin April 1, 1808, under orders of the Postmaster General. It was the second post office established in the Michigan Territory, Detroit being the first. This is the only cover recorded with the name spelled with two words in RED, postmarked on December 5, 1823 - rated 12½ postage.

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NO. 22.

The United States,

To *C. B. & W. A. Card*

DP

1863

DOLLARS CENTS

May 26th

For Service rendered as Scouts going from
Murfreesboro Tenn via Bridgeport to Chattanooga
and bringing important information of the
position and movements of the enemy from May
5 to May 20 (1863).

351 07

GENERAL PHIL SHERIDAN'S APPROVAL ON BILL
PRESENTED BY THE CARD BROS., FOR SCOUTING
FROM MURFREESBORO TO CHATTANOOGA TENN.
AND REPORTING MOVEMENTS OF THE ENEMY,
MAY 5 TO 20, 1863.

Approved
Wm. A. Card
Major Gen
Cavalry

account is correct and just; that the services were rendered as stated; and that they were
vice.

W. H. Sheridan
Major Gen
Cavalry

Murfreesboro Tenn the *26th* of *May* 1863

C. B. & W. A. Card Quartermaster U. S. Army,
\$ *Three Hundred* Dollars

cents, in full of the above account.

W. A. Card

C. B. Card



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Sioux City Iowa Oct 26th 1863

Hon James Wright
Secretary of State _____

Sir

According to my instructions I forwarded to your address, by express, on yesterday the Poll Books for the election held on the 13th inst by the following Iowa Soldiers connected with Gen Sully's Indian expedition - Detachment of 6th Regt at Fort Randall (2 books) Detachment of 7th Regt at Fort Randall (2 books), Co I of 7th Reg (Sioux City cavalry) 2 books and Co B, Dakota Cavalry (1 book) - These books were packed in one package with the books forwarded by Mr. Leving Comd for State troops and the charges paid for which I hold the Express Company's receipt-

One poll book for Co. B Dak, cavalry was forwarded by the mail by the judges- In company 'A' Dak. Cav. I found but two Iowa voters & they voted with Detachment of the 7th at Ft Randall where they were stationed at that time -

The 2nd Nebraska Cavalry I found scattered from Omaha City to Ft Pierre over 450 miles in extent and on both sides of the Missouri river- and was unable to be present with any Company on election day - Most of the Companies were on their march homeward and expected to be able to vote in their respective towns

However I furnished to Maj Rearman in command of one battallian comprising all the companies where time had not expired - Maj. Rearman is now at Omaha City and I have not heard from him but I presume the matter was properly attended to and the books forwarded by mail according to my directions -

I cannot close this communication without saying something of the difficulties under which I have labored in the performance of these d duties - The soldiers were scattered in small detachments all the way up to Fort Pierre 350 miles from this place, and most of them on the march for this place through a country which is mostly a wilderness infested by roving squads of Indians more hostile & dangerous than ever since Sully's great battle - There was no safety in moving outside of camp any where except as protected by an escort which could not always be procured and transportation could not be furnished by the military for all they had and more too was needed to withdraw our troops and their stores from the Indian country to the various points where they go into winter quarters - I am bound to say that the officers furnished me with all the facilities in their power but these were very inefficient -

Mr. Edmonds the commissioner for the 6th Cavalry who left this place nearly three weeks before the election & succeeded in reaching Fort Pierre has not yet been able to return but will doubtless arrive here sometime this week - He has had many adventures & will have some hard but true stories to tell. I annex below my bill - made out for the full distance from Des Moines- I observed last year that others, who did not (as I did) deliver their returns in person charged and were paid for full mileage

In my own case such payment will but little more than pay me for money actually paid out, not allowing even one dollar per day for time actually spent to say nothing of actual neglect of my business-

Please make out my warrant and hand it to H.N.Dewey Esq who is authorised to receipt for me-

I am Sir

Very truly/Your Obedient Servant

J.C.C.Hoskins

Commissioner/ for Elections etc

"San Juan de Bonavista"

Letter reporting the battle of BUENA VISTA by an Illinois soldier to his girl friend Alma S. Fletcher, under date of "Saltillo March 4th 1847".

"Doubtless dearest you have heard before this, that we have had a great battle near this place - and perhaps you may feel a little anxious to hear from some of us who were engaged in it - You recollect that in my last letter I mentioned the report that Santa Ana [General Antonio L6pez de Santa Anna] was near us but that I did not believe it, nor did I but sure enough - in a few days afterwards he did come - & came with an army the size of which made him confident of success - Our army had every man in it been fit for duty - did not exceed 5000 - 500 at least, of whom were in town & sick - while Santa Ana's own report of his own strength made it 21000 - while many of the Mexican prisoners called it 25000 - Our army, under Genl Taylor [Zachary] & Wool [Genl. John E.] occupies a position some 8 or 9 miles from here which - though a strong one - would not have enabled him to keep off an American Army for three hours - The battle commenced in the afternoon of the 22nd of Feby - Santa Ana - before the commencement of the battle - had sent into Genl Taylor asking him to surrender & that he & his men should be well treated - Taylor's answer was that of the Spartans at Thermopyla - "come & take us" - Our prisoners say that Santa Anna promised them that they should breakfast in our camp & take dinner in Saltillo - but he was sadly mistaken - For three hours on the afternoon of the 22d the firing from the Mexican cannon & musketry was incessant - but only two of our men were wounded & both but slightly - But in the morning of the 23d commenced the the battle - a harder fought battle was never known & never did men distinguish themselves more than did the gallant volunteers - for it was exclusively a volunteer fight and though all did extremely well - yet by all the palm is awarded to Illinois - Nobly did the two regiments [1st and 2nd] from our state sustain the reputation that they have won by their previous conduct - Oh - that I could wield the pen of a Clay [Henry] - a Webster [Daniel] - that I might do justice to a description of this battle - which has covered our state with glory - But alas! while the nation rejoices at a victory the greatest ever won by American arms, she has to mourn the loss of many of her best & bravest sons - Our own Colonel John J. Hardin - than whom a better & braver man never lived - is no more - He had already on that fatal field won by his intrepidity - a reputation - equal - if not superior to that of any other on the field though there were many old & distinguished officers in the battle - He made several charges that day & he was always at the head of the column in a charge & the last in the rear in a retreat - and had it not been for that last unfortunate charge he had been yet alive - the beloved - I might almost say the idol of his men - but in his last charge he was suddenly opposed by ten times his own force - & was forced to retreat - but he was the last - had he retreated among the first - as his wound - which he had previously received would have permitted him to do with honor - he might - say - in all probability, would have escaped - but no - he knew not fear - he would stay - & we have to mourn the loss of the best officer in this army - but he as he died not unavenged - as for the death of a Mexican can atone for that of a man like our Colonel he himself - after he fell, killed three with his pistols & the lance with which he was stabbed lay beside him nearly half cut off by a saber stroke - Oh he was a good man and a brave - never was there an officer more beloved by his men & by his fellow officers than John J. Hardin - I could write all day on this sad but interesting subject - but time and space will not permit. Many other distinguished officers, also, on that memorable day - Col Yell [Archibald] of Arkansas - Col Clay [Henry Jr. son of Senator Clay] of Kentucky & many other equally distinguished men - * Now after this digression - let me go back to continue my description of the battle - during the whole of the 23rd from sunrise till dark the fight continued with little or no cessation - & when the approach of darkness forced both armies to draw off it was not known that either side had g[ained] any decided advantage - "Our battalion" that is my - & another - had been stationed in town during the battle - as all the provisions & amunition etc was here - and a more uneasy set of mortals you never saw - I really believe that there was not a man in the company who did not wish to be with our regiment - I know, that for one, tho not fond of fighting, wished most earnestly that

Dear Sir
July 17th 1856
New West Java Co.

Having an opportunity of sending ^{a letter} to the
County I now address you with these few
lines informing you of our situation at this
time we are all in good health at present and
the people are well generally in this part of
the country we arrived here the 17th of May
in company with your brother Abner he at
that time appeared rather discouraged he
now well please with the Country for
with his own location he has changed it for
he first laid his claim I have sold my claim
where I need need for \$500 and have taken

troops to oppose them, ⁴ and that in course of
the conversation Colo Brush stated that from
a conversation which he had with Genl
Hull he was induced to believe that Genl
Hull would surrender the army —

Question Did not the said Taylor make a
proposition to take the command from
Genl Hull and give it to you —

Answer A proposition was made to take
the command from Genl Hull and give
it to me but I think it came from
Colo Finckley. I think however it was
~~conveyed~~ conveyed by said Taylor

Question Did not Genl Taylor write a letter to
Genl Scott stating his want of confidence in
Genl Hull and requesting the Genl to send
strong reinforcements, and was not this
said letter signed by said Taylor your
self ^{and} Brush —

Answer to the Best of my recollection said
Taylor wrote said letter. I well remember that
such a letter was written by some of the
company and signed by said Taylor
Finckley Brush and myself and ad-

Filed in the Books 1814
Att. W. H. C. H.

Samuel Taylor Plaintiff
against
John Leahy Defendant

Plea of trespass on the
case in the Pleas
before court in Kentucky

The deposition of Duncan McArthur a
brigadier general in the U.S. army who being at

your Regt comfortable on its march home
Answer said Taylor stated to me that he had
saved all the public money which he had at
the surrender of Detroit except the silver and
he lent me four hundred dollars when
I was leaving Detroit for the accom
of my Regt on its way home

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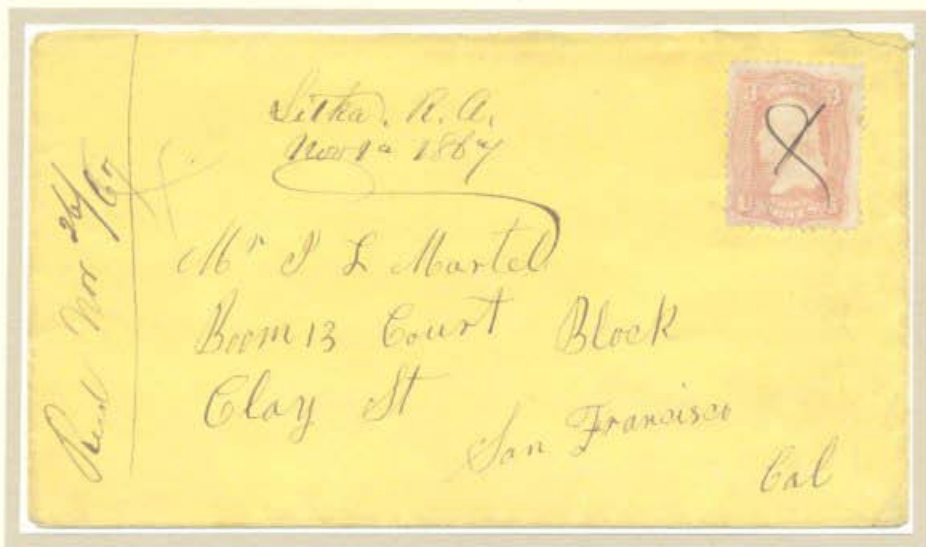
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RUSSIAN AMERICA.—(ALASKA TERRITORY)

Sitka.....	Distance from WASHINGTON *4,770 miles.
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* (Statute miles,) via SALT LAKE CITY, Utah Territory, and SAN FRANCISCO, California.

SITKA, RUSSIAN AMERICA Originally Sitka was a village of the Tlingit Indians. In 1804 the Russians, under Alexander Baranov, defeated the Indians and seized the village in retaliation for the massacre of the Russians at St. Michael in 1802. Baranov built a fort at the site and named it New Archangel and made it the capitol of Russian America. However the common usage of the name SITKA has prevailed to this day.

Russia sold Alaska to the U.S. in the spring of 1867 for the sum of 7,200,000 dollars. The formal transfer took place on October 18, 1867 concluding the second largest real estate transaction in history — second only to the Louisiana Purchase.

The cover shown above bears the earliest known postmark from Alaska — November 8, 1867 — just three weeks after the U.S. took possession. The official *List of Post Offices in the United States* for 1868 gives the location of SITKA as in RUSSIAN AMERICA. See above.

THE WESTERN MAILS



U.S.S. RESACA. This was the naval ship that carried the Commission to Sitka, R.A., to negotiate the sale and transfer from Russia to the United States in the spring of 1867. On October 18, 1867 Russian America became Alaska Territory. See William White letters and covers in this collection.



OFF CALLAO, PERU
1866

OFF PANAMA, U.S.
OF COLUMBIA, S.A.
1867



OFF MAZATLAN,
MEXICO. March
1869.

In the letter Corbett writes: "...And hope to see you soon when I shall be better able to explain all." There has always been the question whether Booth shot himself, but Boston Corbett claimed that he shot him.

A. Lincoln—
HIS LIFE
AND TIMES

Clarendon Hotel
Washington D.C.
Mar 1st 1865

Dear Andrew

Your kind and welcome
letter is received and I was
truly glad to hear from you
and hope to see you soon
when I shall be better able
to explain all.

I have heard of John's death
also of the death of his wife
My father has recently written
to me in answer to a letter
that I wrote to him on getting
his address from Mr Parker
John's Mother in law

Love to all Mess Mark
Pauline Mrs Brannon
Mrs and Mrs Steward
and all Dear Friends
Good bye for a little while

Boston Corbett
Sergt Co. I. 16th N.Y. Cavalry



CAPTURE AND DEATH OF THE
ASSASSIN JOHN WILKES BOOTH.

For a detailed description
see letter on opposite page
by Lt. E. P. Doherty, 16th N. Y.
Cavalry, who was in charge.
Letter on this page was
written by Boston Corbett
six days after he shot and
killed Booth. Photograph
above pictures Corbett on
the left and Doherty on the
right.



HEADQUARTERS
Veteran Post No. 436,

DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
8 & UNION SQUARE, (EAST.)

Edward Prohaska
Commander

NEW YORK, Feb. 1 1895

W Ward Esq
Attorney-at-Law

Pleasantville Pa

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 29th Ult^o was received yesterday. Yes! I commanded the detachment of the 16th N.Y. Cavalry that captured Booth and hanged two of the assassins of President Lincoln! and will give you a short account of the affair. On the 24th day of April 1865 - I was detached in Charge of 25 mounted men of My Regiment to go in pursuit of the assassins of the President of the U.S. up to that time only M^r Gerratt Keine, & Herot had been arrested the principal Murderer (Booth) was still at Large, after mounting my Command, I proceeded to the office of the then Provost Marshal of the

A. Lincoln

HIS LIFE AND TIMES

NEW YORK Feb. 1st 1895.

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E. P. Doherty late Capt. 16th N.Y. Cav."