

F. W. BLAKE & CO'S EXPRESS

see Tracy & Co also Shepard's Express

Type I

Printed Frank

Double lined oval (44 x 25m). Three line inscription in heavy black type. Above, F.W.BLAKE & CO^{OS} EXPRESS in large type. WEAVERVILLE. All three types of letters are different.

Color blue and red. Label first by H.B.D. F.F. & P. July 1895.



I

1850

Blue

First used as a Handstamp on ordinary buff envelope - Color blue
Blue on 1853 3q red, white - 3 - 5-E - 1AK

Blue on 1853 3q red, buff - 3 - Die 5 (E) - 157g with W.F. & Co #5 - black

" 3q red buff 3 - Die 5a (E²) 218, 19f

" 10q green buff 3 - Die 8 (B) 73 with W.F. & Co #5 black

1860 3q red, buff - 3 - Die 9 - 76c with J. BAMBERG & CO'S
PAID CONTRA COSTA EXP. - black.

Type II.

Shield, 35 x 27m. On lined or shaded background a four line inscription; Above, in heavy type PAID - F.W.BLAKE & CO⁹ - Express in Gothic letters - WEAVERVILLE
Color red black.



II.

Black on 1853 3q red - buff - 3 - Die 5 (E) 15k

" " white - 3 - Die 5a (E²) 202, 5

" " buff - 3 - Die 5a (E²) 212, 9.9

1860 " " buff - 3 - 76c on W.F. #5.

Note F.W. Blake & Co were agents of the W.F. & Co at Weaverville exist on

1853 3q red - buff - 3 - E 157 (W.F. Black Type 2 - 45m and 150)

" " " " " 152 - " " " " " 28 - 49m

" 10c green " " " 33 " " " " " Red Type 4 - 57m