

III. BROWN'S EXPRESS (see Todd) *Willie Oct. 5, 1851*

The first notice of this concern is found in the STOCKTON TIMES of Aug. 20, 1851: "BROWN EXPRESS to Murphys, Angels, ect. connects at Stockton with Todd & Co's Express." A full advertisement of the concern appeared in the same paper July 25, 1852.

*Competitor of Todd and Reynolds  
Ran from Stockton to Murphy's Camp  
with a connection into Sonora*

*Hunter & Co Feb'y 5, 1853  
Note above was first signature  
of running line between  
see Reynolds & Co's Sep  
& 186.*

*Stockton Register in  
Jan 11, 1853*

*Notice from address of Brown's  
Express since his death*

*Item taken from News.  
"Mar 1, 1851. Mr Brown, Capt  
of Reynolds' 34th. Color attached  
with Todd came to me to carry the  
Exp. through the mining camps.  
Dan. H. Long. Mrs. State Library Sonora.  
Life of Pillsbury Hodgkins.*

Notice of the untimely death of W.A. Brown, the proprietor of Brown's Express is found in the same paper, April 2 to 9, 1853.

"Brown shot. W.A. Brown, Prop. Brown's Express shot by William L. Bowlin. \$3057.00 Reward immediately offered for capture." (Apr. 2, 1853)

"Brown dead. \$7600.00 Reward offered for slayer." (Apr. 6, 1853)

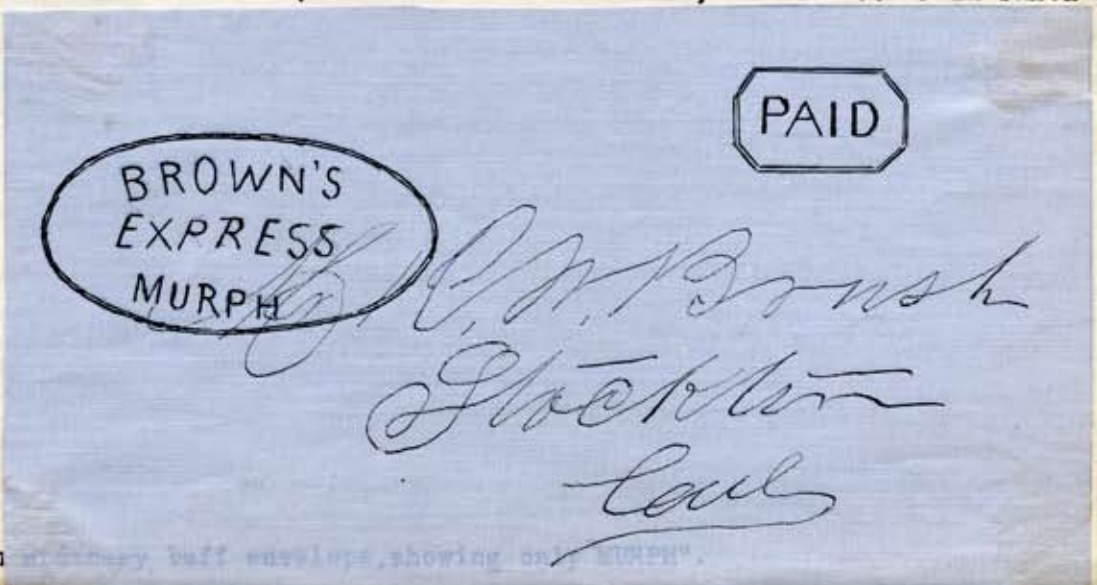
"Slayer found at 'Mormon Bar', and threw down his arms, drank a large dose of prussic acid, and died in a few minutes." (Apr. 9, 1853)

*Line was taken over by Adams Co until Feb'y 1855*

Double line oval, 26 x 50 m, with inscription in three lines: BROWN'S; EXPRESS; MURPHYS  
Color green.

(In the Directory of the Wells Fargo & Co Express of 1877 there are two places mentioned under MURPHYS, one in Calavera Co. Cal., and the other in Santa Clara Co., Cal.)

*E. G. Rose*



Green on ordinary buff envelope, showing only "MURPHYS".