

## DEPARTMENT OF WESTERN FRANKS AND LOCALS.

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In the course of my researches into the history of the various Western Express Co's, I have chanced upon many interesting data relating to the Eastern Express Co's as well. While this department is properly restricted to a consideration of Western Expresses and their franks, it may not be out of place to here put on record in compact form a quantity of this data for the benefit of co-laborers and collectors in the Eastern field of frank and local collecting. I have not compared any of it with any published record in philatelic literature, it having all been obtained from extra philatelic sources. It will serve as an extra check, at least, and at the same time a friendly beacon to explorers in the fruitful fields of Eastern locals.

Wm. F. Harnden—began February 1839—Boston and New York in the spring 1840, extended to Philadelphia in November 1840, took D. Brigham, Jr. as partner and started offices in England, France, Scotland, Ireland and Germany. Died Jan. 14, 1845.

Geo. Hatch & Co., Geo. O. Bartlett—winter 1843-44. New York to Philadelphia, bought Harnden's and run for a few months.

Livingston & Co.'s New York Express—bought of Harnden after Hatch quit, about 1844, Johnston Livingston and William A. Livingston. Wm. A. sold out soon to Johnston, who ran it several years.

Thompson, Livingston & Co.—successors about 1850 to Harnden & Co., Boston to New York. J. M. Thompson, Johnston Livingston, S. M. Shoemaker, E. S. Sanford and W. L. Winchester, July 1, 1854, consolidated with Adams & Co.

Winchester & De Martin (1851)—New York to Savannah. ran a few months. James De Martin and W. L. Winchester, were succeeded by Livingston, Winchester & Co.

Livingston, Winchester & Co.—same as Winchester & De Martin with Johnston Livingston, extended to New Orleans, Mobile and Texas (was known as Harnden's Express). July 1, 1854 consolidated with Adams & Co.

Adams Express—started by Alvin Adams, successors to Burke & Co., in summer of 1840. Boston to New York, July 1, 1854, took in Harnden & Co., Thompson & Co., and Kingsley & Co., and called Adams Express Company, with a capital of \$1,200,000.

Burke & Co. (May, 1840)—Alvin Adams and P. B. Burke ran a few months and were succeeded by Adams, Burke retiring.

Leonard's Worcester Express—Worcester to Boston in 1840.

Phillips's Hartford Express (Daniel Phillips) (Date? 1840-1850)

Stimson & Co.'s New Orleans and Mobile Express, started 1850 by John K. and A. L. Stimson, sold out to Adams & Co.

Hoey & Co.—(Charleston Express). John Hoey and J. K. Stimson sold out to Adams & Co., before 1856.

Kinsley & Co.'s Express—began 1842, Boston to New York, James Gay, E. Littlefield, R. B. Kinsley. Also to Philadelphia. July 1, 1854, consolidated with Adams & Co.

Pomeroy & Co's —began 1841—Albany to Buffalo. Geo. Pomeroy, Henry