Maricopa Wells at the Crossroads of the Arizona Territory

Postal Route
Maricopa Wells, Arizona Territory
Tucson, Arizona Territory 90 miles
Mesilla, New Mexico Territory 275 miles

November 5, 1869
Maricopa Wells, Arizona Territory
Postmark Pitzer-Meyer Type 2
Postmark Census 1 of 18 known

From Maricopa Wells central Arizona Territory location, postal routes extended northward to Wickenburg and Prescott, westward to Arizona City (Yuma), and eastward to Tucson.

The eastbound US Mail Line Company stagecoach from San Bernardino via Arizona City carried this cover 90 miles from Maricopa Wells to Tucson. In Tucson, eastbound mails were transferred to a two horse buggy of the Southern Overland US Mail & Express Company for carriage to Mesilla under a New Mexico postal route contract.