New Postal Route between Prescott and Santa Fe

Postal Route 40101
Camp Verde, Arizona Territory
Hance’s ranch, Steminers, Spaulding Camp

Prescott, Arizona Territory
Postles Ranch, Santa Fe Road, Bear Springs, Lockwood
Springs, Snively’s Holes, Volunteer Springs, Antelope Springs,
Cosino Caves, Walnut Tank, Randalville

Postal Route distance 500 miles

October 4, 1875
Camp Verde, Arizona Territory
Postmark Pitzer-Meyer Type 1 manuscript
Postmark Census 1 of 8 known
Earliest known postmark from Camp Verde

The fifth and final Arizona Territory regional postal route established during the Pioneer Period connected Prescott with Santa Fe, New Mexico Territory.

The local 45 mile postal route from Camp Verde to Prescott was provided by a Special messenger assigned to the Prescott office. This cover would have arrived at the Prescott Post Office Monday evening October 4, 1875. Eastbound mail via Santa Fe departed Prescott Wednesday morning October 6, 1875 for the 7 1/2 day trip to Santa Fe, New Mexico Territory. The Santa Fe route was contracted to Hayward & Baker spring 1875.

1st advertisement of the Santa Fe & Prescott Mail Line July 23, 1875 Arizona Miner (Prescott) newspaper