Utah Mails Routed through California for Speed and Convenience

Postal Route
Wilgus, Arizona Territory
Brannock, Arizona Territory 10 miles
Fort Bowie, Arizona Territory 15 miles
Teviston, Arizona Territory 14 miles
Southern Pacific Railroad west
California border 345 miles
Postal Route distance 384 miles

March 3, 1889
Wilgus, Arizona Territory
Postmark Pitzer-Meyer Type 1
Postmark Census 1 of 2 known

Wilgus, Arizona Territory, Cochise County, was located along Turkey Creek on the western slope of the Chiricahua Mountains. Town previously known as Aztec, Arizona Territory.

Postal routes between Arizona and Utah were local only, the region being remote and sparsely populated. Arizona mails to populated central Utah were routed west through California using the speed and convenience of the railroads.

Twenty-five mile Wilgus to Fort Bowie postal route once per week. Fort Bowie to Teviston postal route service six-times-a-week.