

## Stagecoach Mail through the Sonoran Desert Summer

Postal Route 68166

Quijotoa, Arizona Territory



Haynes' Well 18 miles  
Quinlin's Station 12 miles  
Half Way House Station 8 miles  
Bowley Station 11 miles  
Aguirre's Dry Camp 14 miles

Tucson, Arizona Territory 13 miles



New Mexico Territory border 140 miles

Arizona Territory Postal Route distance 216 miles

July 15, 1890

Quijotoa, Arizona Territory

Postmark Pitzer-Meyer Type 3

Postmark Census 1 of 4 known

Earliest known Type 3 postmark date



The Quijotoa postal route to Tucson was the longest and harshest in Southern Arizona in 1890. The 76 mile route traversed waterless valleys of the lower Sonoran Desert, home to peaceful Papago Indians. July temperatures often exceed 105F.

Trice weekly mail service by stage from Quijotoa to Tucson provided by Pedro Aguirre & Co. This cover was postmarked Tuesday morning July 15, 1890 prior to departure of the 9:00 AM Tucson stage.