Hardyville Postal Route Improves Service to Northern Arizona

The opening of the westbound via Hardyville postal route #17218 in 1872 was long sought and much appreciated by the citizens of Northern Arizona. This route to San Bernardino, CA was longer than the La Paz route through central Arizona but offered better services, forage for animals and secure water sources.

From Cerbat, located in a canyon on the west side of the Cerbat Range, mail passed over a private road cut through the pass to Mineral Park. Here the mail joined the weekly stage west, crossing Sacramento Valley, thence ascending 3,680ft Union Pass westerly until descending into Camp Mohave on the Colorado River.