

# KANSAS TERRITORY ~ 1859

## *Western Express Mail Routes*

### Jones & Russell Pike's Peak Express



**Denver City September 15, 1859 to Leavenworth City, K. T. September 24, 1859**

**Letter to Mr. Cornelius P. Berry, Bushville, Schuyler County, Illinois entering the mail on September 24, 1859 postmarked at Leavenworth City, K. T. on 3 cent red Nesbitt entire.**

*A stage coach was designed as a covered wagon to carry passengers and parcels over long distances. Drawn by four or six horses on a regular schedule. The term "stage" originally referred to the distance between stations on a route, however, in time the vehicle became known as a stage coach. Fresh horses were changed at each station on the way, and the coaches would make brief stops allowing passengers some rest and poor food. If a passenger got off to rest they might be left in that place till the next stage arrived that had an available seat.*



**A Stage Coach Going Down The Trail**