

# KANSAS TERRITORY ~ 1859

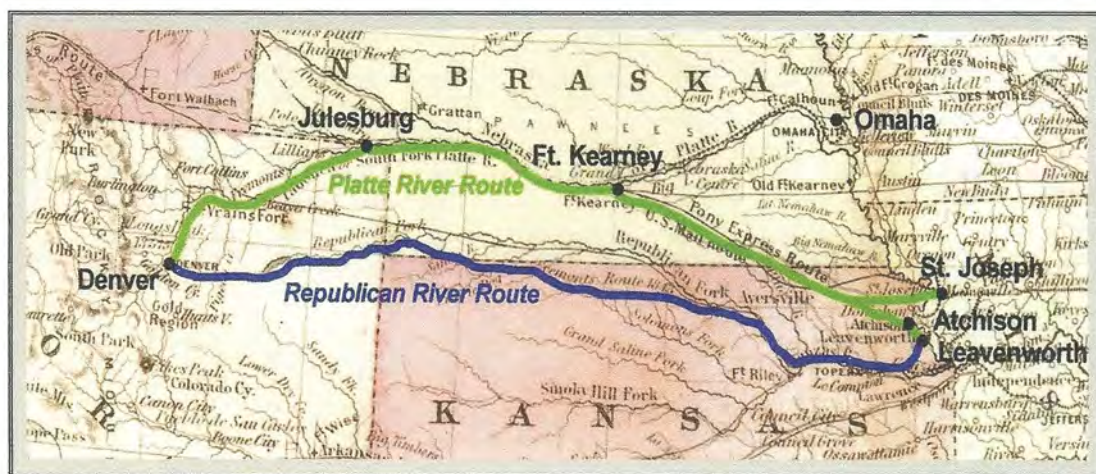
## Western Express Mail Routes

### Jones & Russell Pike's Peak Express

The company offered mail express service between mountain mining towns to Denver and onward to Leavenworth City. The company reorganized by William Russell and John Jones in the summer of 1859 after their recent failure of the Leavenworth & Pike's Peak Express Co. The new company traveled over the Republican River route. In October 1859 Alexander Majors and William Waddell entered into the reorganization of the partnership bringing in much needed additional capital. The earliest reported use is July 25, 1859. The last trip from Denver was on February 23, 1860.



Manuscript “Free R. B. Bradford” frank dated at Denver City on Nov. 11, 1859 to W. B. Waddell at Leavenworth City, K. T. The letter did not require postage as Bradford was the company agent in Denver City. The earliest use reported, and one of only three known Bradford frank’s.



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