

COLORADO TERRITORY ~ 1860's

Western Express Mail Routes

“Pony Express” Central Overland California & Pike’s Peak Express

The Pony Express is one of America’s most famous pioneering efforts in mail delivery. Started by William Russell his partners, Alexander Major and William Waddell they began a fast mail service over the Plains from Missouri to California. The first trip began on April 3, 1860 taking ten days.



COC & PP Express, St. Joseph, Mo., September 13, 1860 ~ Saint Joseph, Mo., September 14, 1860
Letter to Hon. A. B. Greenwood, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C., with 10 cent green #35 and franked at St. Joseph, Mo. by Central Overland California & Pike’s Peak Express



New York, November 18, 1861 ~ To Messr’s White & Wilson, San Francisco, California
Pony Express service ended on October 31 at Saint Joseph. “This letter was just to late.”