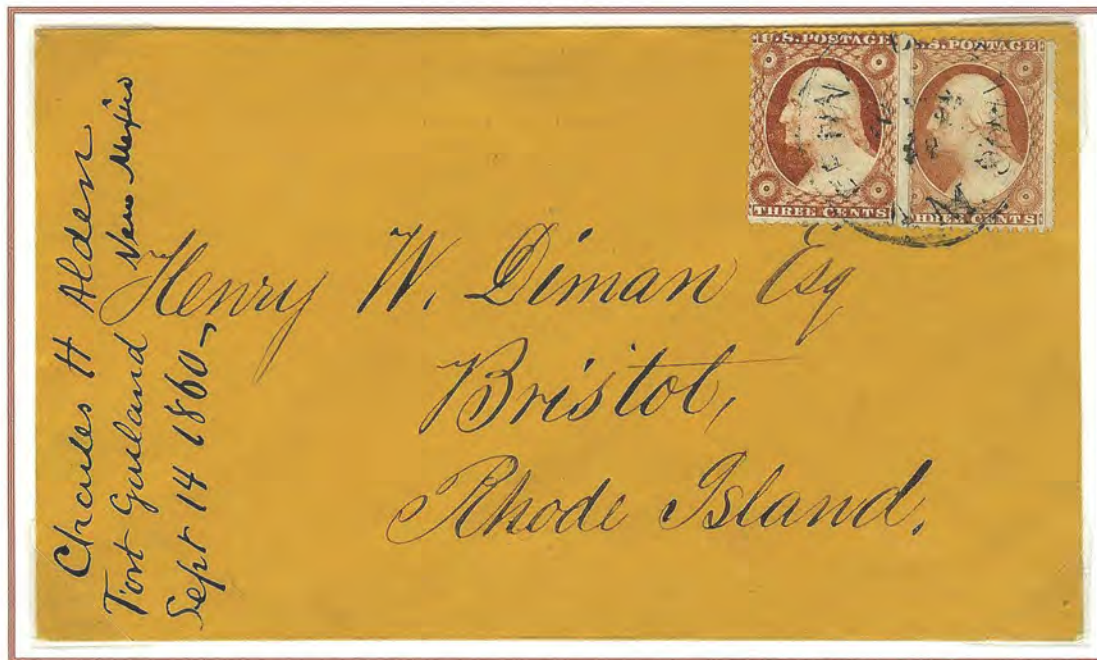


KANSAS TERRITORY ~ 1859

Gold Is Discovered

Fort Garland, N. M.

Fort Garland was established in 1858 in the New Mexico Territory west of La Veta Pass on the edge of the Sangre de Cristo mountains. The post office opened February 25, 1862. The soldiers main duty was protection of local settlers from the marauding Ute and Apache Indian tribes in the valley.



Fort Garland, New Mexico Territory ~ September 14, 1860

A letter to Henry W. Dinman, Esq. Bristol, Rhode Island with two overlapping 3 cent #26. This is the earliest known of five reported letters from the Dinman correspondence. A docket notation originating at Fort Garland. Dr. Charles H. Alden was the surgeon at the Fort, and having no mail service letters were carried to Taos by Military Courier. Letter entered the mail franked with large single circle round date stamp at "Fernando de Taos, N. M." on September 19th. Ex-Bauer Coll.



Incoming Letter from Pendleton, South Carolina to Lient. Ben F. Sloan via Santa Fe to Fort Garland, New Mexico