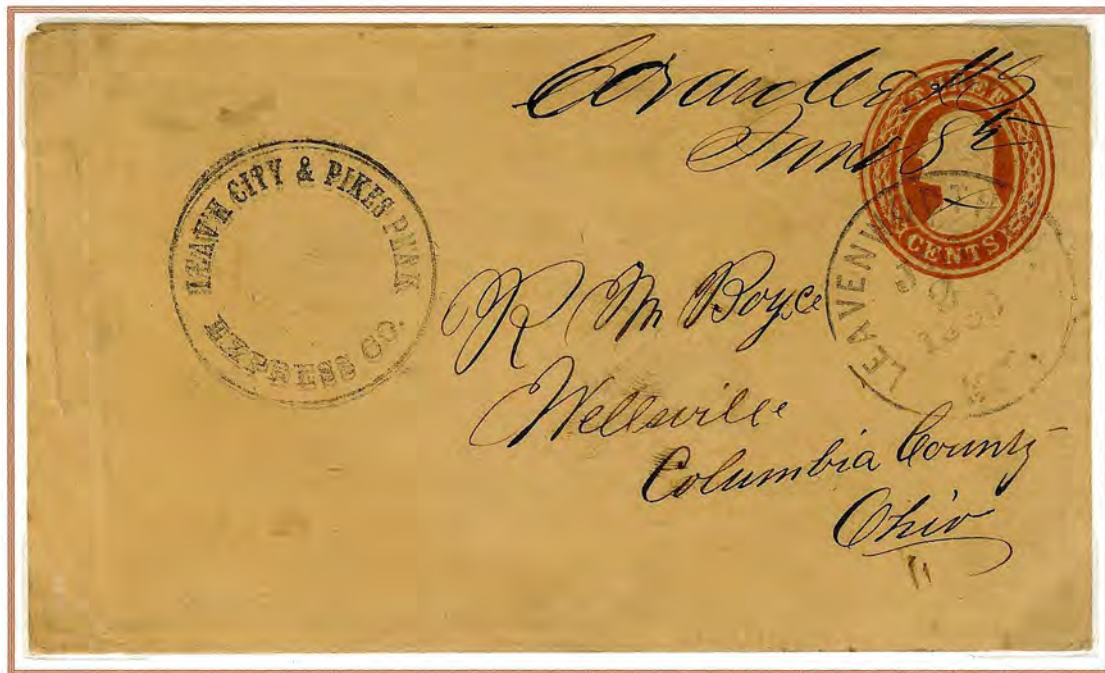


KANSAS TERRITORY ~ 1859

Gold Is Discovered

Coraville, K. T.

Coraville was not a town only the name of a Post Office established on March 22, 1859. It was June before mail service began. The office located in the Leavenworth & Pike's Peak Express office on Blake Street in Denver City. The post office lacked a mail contract at this time, however a contract to Salt Lake City from Leavenworth City excluded Coraville and Denver City. Three mail shipments were carried by express before the agent realized the company was not being paid for the service.



Coraville, K. T. ~ June 8, 1859

Letter to R. M. Boyce, Wellsville, Columbia County, Ohio, with manuscript postmark tying 3 cent red Nesbit entire with receiving Leavenworth City date stamp on July 8, 1859. The journey took thirty days covering over 600 miles on the Republican River route. Ex-Beals, Alexander, Conland

The entire carries a dateless frank by the Leav'n City & Pikes Peak Express Co. The company operated between May 7 and July 19, 1859 carrying mail from Denver City to Leavenworth City. William Russell and John Jones formed the company in February, 1859, however it failed after making only seventeen trips. The name was changed to Jones & Russell Pike's Peak Express operating till February 23, 1860.

