

COLORADO TERRITORY ~ 1860's

Western Express Mail Routes

Wells Fargo Company

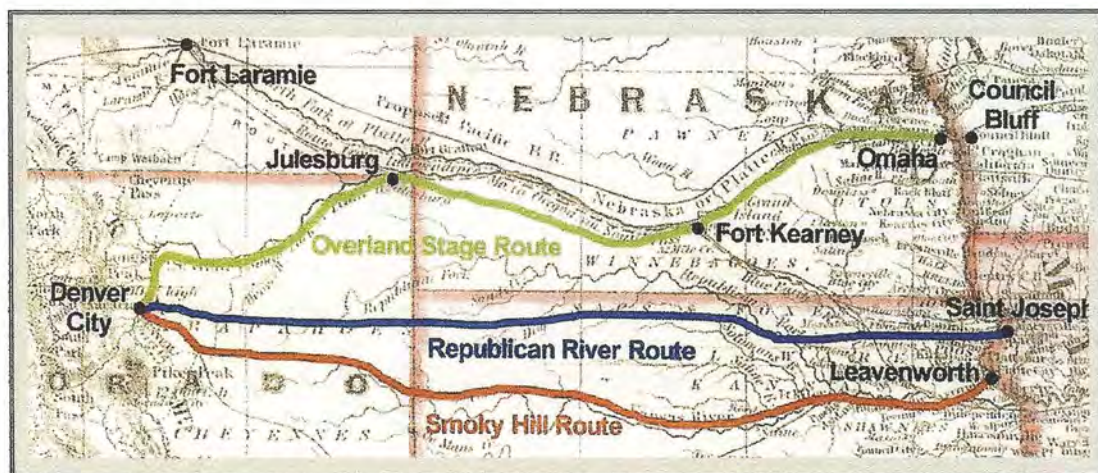
From late 1866 until 1872 the company operated two main lines of transport one line serving major gold mining towns of Black Hawk to Georgetown west of Denver. The Wells Fargo office in Denver provided freight and mail service to Wyoming and Kansas. In time the expansion of the Union Pacific eliminated the need for stage coach service.



Wells Fargo Co. Denver City, Col. ~ May 17, 1867

Letter to Mrs. A. L. Kerr Box 408, Saint Joseph, Missouri. with blue double oval circle handstamp on remaindered printed frank of the Holladay Overland Express Company. On three cent 1864 pink entire, with black single circle May 22, Salina, Kansas postmark and tied target cancel.

Wells Fargo carried mail under government contract traveling by stagecoach over the Smoky Hill Route linking up with the Union Pacific Eastern Division terminus at Salina Kansas. Only four known covers with this example being the earliest known use to as late as February 1872.



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