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$300-$500 . . . . . $25	$7,500-$20,000 . . . . . $500	$150,000-$300,000 . . . . . $10,000
$500-$1,000 . . . . . $50	$20,000-$30,000 . . . . . $1,000	
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Symbols

**	Mint (never hinged)	B	Booklet or Booklet Pane
*	Mint (hinged)	E	Essay
(*)	Mint (no gum/regummed)	P	Proof
o	Used	S	Specimen
❑	Block	//	Incomplete Set
✉	Cover	▲	On Piece
(✉)	Cover Front		

Grading and Condition

Superb	Extraordinary item in the finest condition.
Extremely Fine	Outstanding and exceptional quality.
Very Fine	Choice, first-class condition.
Fine-Very Fine (F-VF)	Stamp or cover in sound condition; if a stamp, it is slightly less well-centered than Very Fine but better centered than Fine.
Fine	Sound in all respects. Perforated stamps will have the designs clear of the perforations; the designs of imperforate stamps will not be cut in to any significant degree.
Very Good (VG)	Imperfect centering (stamps) or poor general appearance.

Any stamp faults such as a thin spot, tear, crease etc., will be described at all times. Postally used covers should be expected to have the normal degree of wear associated with them and this wear is not grounds for return of a lot. The grade of a cover is independent of the grade of the stamps on it. Covers from the famous Carroll-Hoy correspondence will normally have a small unobtrusive staple hole. In lots containing several items, degrees of condition denote the overwhelming average and examples above and below such condition can be expected.

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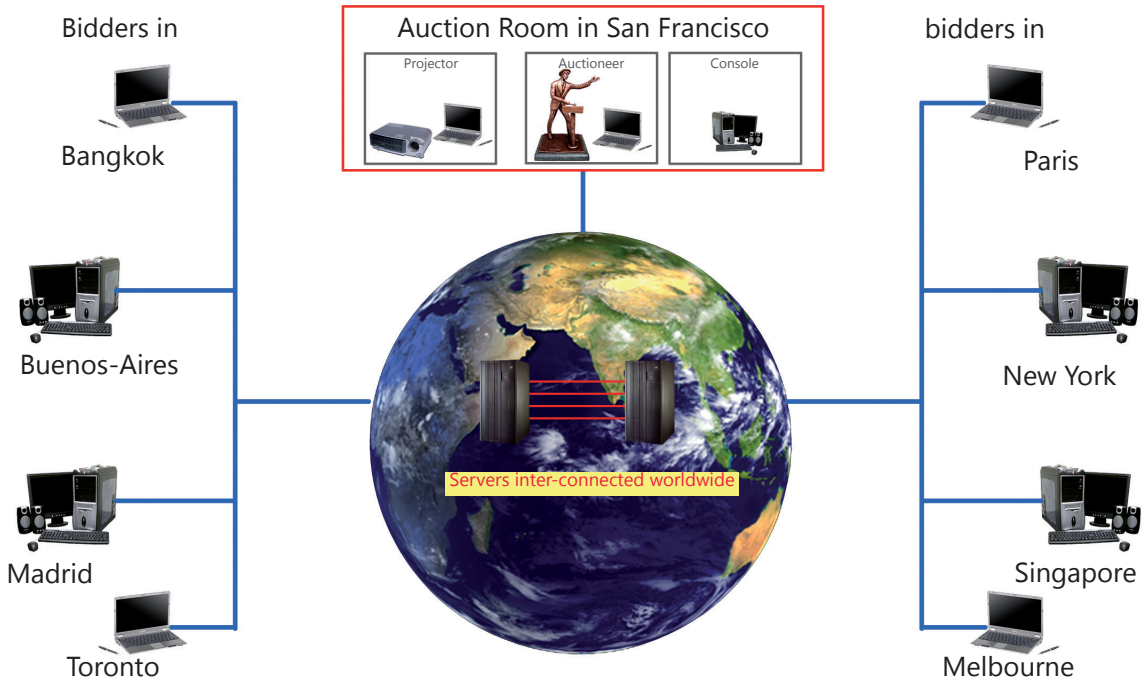

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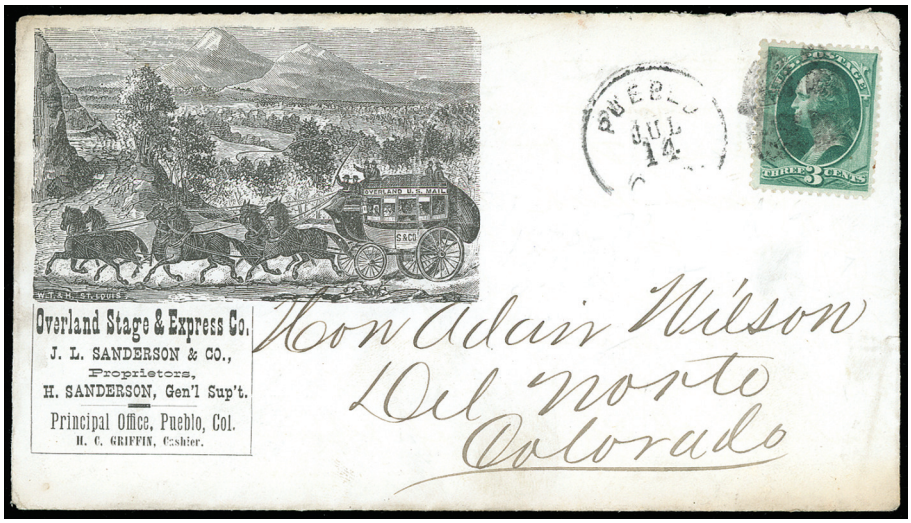

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Illustrated Miner's Covers & Lettersheets

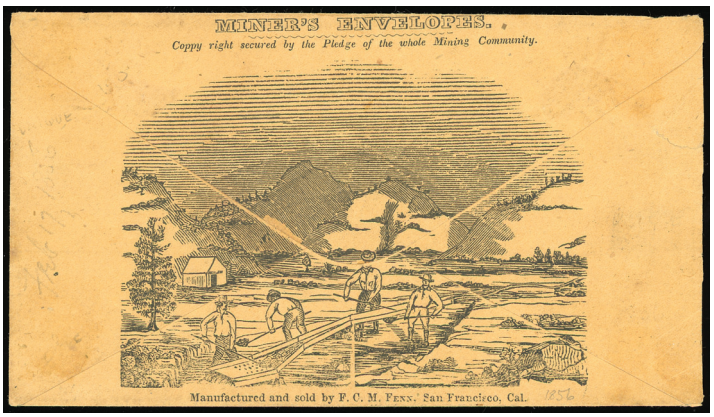




1 ✉ **(Illustrated Envelopes) Miner's Envelope,** illustrated miner's mountain scene showing bear and tent, "F.C.M. Fenn, San Francisco, Cal." imprint, on reverse of orange buff cover to New Canaan Conn. bearing 3¢ dull red (11), margins to just in, tied by bold "New-York Nov 7" cds; cover with repaired corners and top edges, **Very Fine,** *ex-Jessup, Haas, Kutz*; with 2008 P.F. certificate.
Estimate . . . . . $2,000 - 3,000

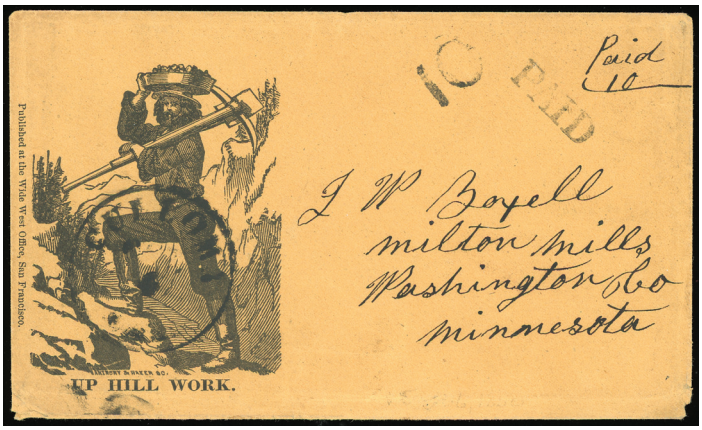
A REMARKABLY RARE F.C.M. FENN MINER'S ENVELOPE DESIGN WHICH IS UNIQUE.





2 ✉ **(Illustrated Envelopes) Miner's Envelope,** illustrated miner's river scene showing Sluice Box and Miners working, "F.C.M. Fenn, San Francisco, Cal." imprint, on reverse of orange buff cover to East Pepperell Mass. bearing 3¢ dull red (11A), four even margins, tied by Boston "Paid" circular grid cancel, red "Boston '3cts' 21 Mar" cds, **Very Fine,** *ex-Jessup, Haas, Kutz*; with 2008 P.F. certificate.
Estimate . . . . . $2,000 - 3,000

A CHOICE EXAMPLE OF THIS RARE F.C.M. FENN MINER'S ENVELOPE DESIGN WHICH IS UNIQUE.



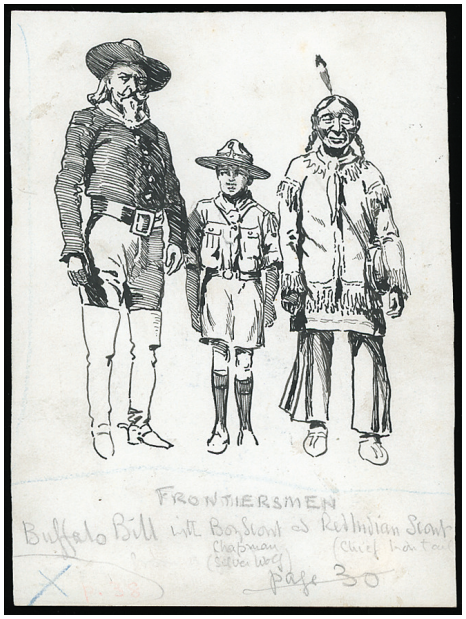
3 ✉ **(Illustrated Envelopes) Up Hill Work,** handsome miner's illustrated design published at the Wide West Office, San Francisco, on orange buff cover showing "Culloma, Cal." cds with matching "Paid" and "10" handstamps to Milton Mills, Minnesota, manuscript "Paid 10" endorsement, **fresh and Extremely Fine,** *ex-Risvold*.
Estimate . . . . . $1,500 - 2,000

A GEM EXAMPLE OF THIS RARE WILD WEST OFFICE CALIFORNIA ENVELOPE DESIGN.



4 **(Illustrated Lettersheets) The Miner's Ten Commandments** (Baird 167) copyrighted by James Mason Hutchings in 1853 and printed by the San Francisco Sun, folded double sheet 11.25x18.25", showing 10 illustrated miner scenes and corresponding text at center, used with letter datelined "San Francisco, California, April 14th, 1854" with some interesting content regarding bars and gambling…*This is done Sunday & every day; horse racing, Bears fighting & Bull fighting is their amusement. For Sunday, a man living here has to carry a pocket almanac to know when Sunday comes.*; some small internal holes along file folds, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $500 - 750

James M. Hutchings (1820-1902) first published this classic letter sheet in the Placerville Herald on June 4, 1853. The popularity of the Miner's Ten Commandments led him to print and sell 3 editions of 25,000 each. As he traveled around California gathering sketches and material which would appear in his California Magazine, he sold letter sheets, single and double, for 25 and 50 cents.



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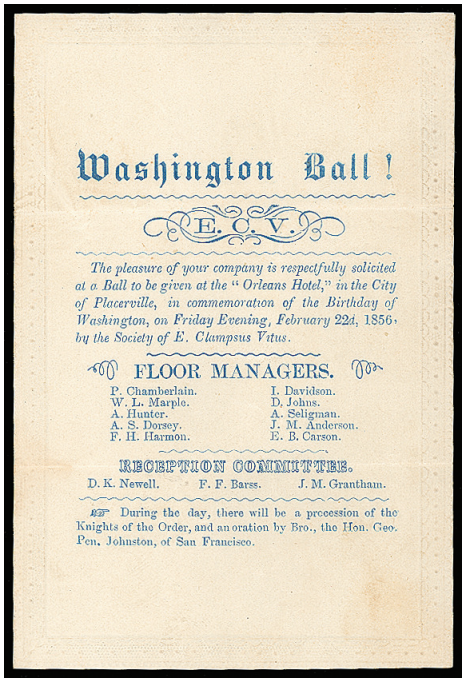

Washington Ball !

E. C. V.

The pleasure of your company is respectfully solicited at a Ball to be given at the "Orleans Hotel," in the City of Placerville, in commemoration of the Birthday of Washington, on Friday Evening, February 22d, 1856, by the Society of E. Clampsus Vitus.

FLOOR MANAGERS.

P. Chamberlain. W. L. Marple. A. Hunter. A. S. Dorsey. F. H. Harmon.
I. Davidson. D. Johns. A. Seligman. J. M. Anderson. E. B. Carson.

RECEPTION COMMITTEE.

D. K. Newell. F. F. Barss. J. M. Grantham.

☞ During the day, there will be a procession of the Knights of the Order, and an oration by Bro., the Hon. Geo. Pen. Johnston, of San Francisco.

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Western Ephemera

5 **(Western Ephemera) 19th Century California Documents,** group includes mining, merchants, railroads, revenues etc., condition mixed (no photo).
Estimate . . . . . $100 - 150

6 **(Western Ephemera) Buffalo Bill Ephemera,** 3 items; first a **original hand-drawn pen illustration by Lord Baden Powell of "Frontiersmen Buffalo Bill with Boy Scout & Red Indian Scout"**, on card (108x145mm) with pencil inscription below, second a hand written note in the hand of Major Wade on portion of post card…*Did B-P* (Baden Powell) *ever meet Buffalo Bill? Yes, he did, at Toronto in 1910. I was there with B-P.*, third a silk ribbon with portrait of Buffalo Bill with allegorical Eagle & Flags below, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $500 - 750

7 **(Western Ephemera) E. Clampus Vitus/Washington Ball!** 1856 printed invitation in blue, with embossed border, to be held at the "Orleans Hotel" in the City of Placerville; couple file folds do not detract, **Very Fine,** a very rare collateral item.
Estimate . . . . . $750 - 1,000

8 **(Western Ephemera) Lewiston and Weaverville & Shasta Wagon Road Toll Ticket Collection, 1860's,** of 58 tickets; with 49 different Lewiston Road tickets showing various rates for various passenger and horse team wagons (one footman @ 10¢ to 12 horse freight team @ $26.40 toll), on either yellow of green cards, and 9 different Weaverville & Shasta Wagon Road tickets showing various rates, also included a unused Lewiston Turnpike Co. & an unused and used Weaverville & Shasta Wagon Road stock certificate, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $400 - 600

During the 1860's, what is known as the Lewiston Turnpike Road, a variation of the Shasta - Weaverville Road, was constructed from near the Tower House in Shasta County to Lewiston in Trinity County. This was originally a private toll road.

9 **(Western Ephemera) San Francisco Political Ephemera, 1920-50's,** 14 items; includes partially used booklet of seven tickets for the 1920 Democratic National Convention in San Francisco, 4 passes to the Senate Chambers and House of Representatives for the 82nd Congress Second Session (two of each), other items for the National Republican Committee including Temporary Roll of Delegates, magazine from the Convention, Centennial Ball, two signed House of Representatives Restaurant menus of various delegates and invitation to the Inauguration of Eisenhower and Nixon as President and Vice President (including cover) (no photo).
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

10 **(Western Ephemera) Seth Kinman, California Hunter,** 1864 Carte-de-Visite, reverse with Philp & Solomons' Metropolitan Gallery imprint, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

Seth Kinman was an early settler of Humboldt County, California, a hunter based in Fort Humboldt, a famous chair maker, and a nationally recognized entertainer. He stood over 6 feet tall and was known for his hunting prowess and his brutality toward bears and Indians. Kinman claimed to have shot a total of over 800 grizzly bears, and, in a single month, over 50 elk. He was also a hotel keeper, barkeeper, and a musician who performed for President Lincoln on a fiddle made from the skull of a mule.



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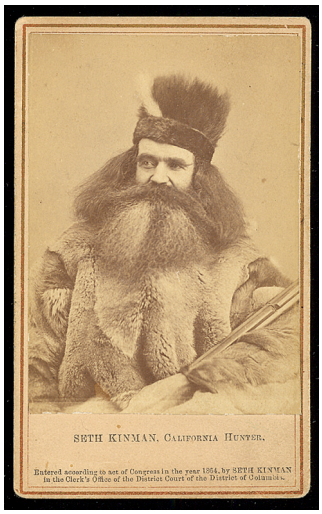

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11 ✉ **(Western Ephemera) Seth Kinman, California Hunter and Trapper,** 1864 carte-de-visite showing legendary woodsman portrait, Philp & Solomans, Washington D.C. imprint on reverse; minor toning at base of card, **otherwise Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

Western Expositions



12 ✉ **(Western Expositions) 1894 California Midwinter International Exposition,** handcolored design on locally addressed 2¢ Columbian entire, canceled by "San Francisco, Cal., Oct 29, 93" duplex postmark, **Very Fine and attractive,** a gorgeous cover.
Scott No. **U349** . . . . . Estimate $300 - 400

13 ✉ **(Western Expositions) 1894 California Midwinter International Exposition,** orange seal design with Bear at top, on Cook & Co. corner card cover to Cloverdale, franked with 2¢ Columbian tied by 1893 San Francisco, Cal. duplex postmark; faint cover toning and stain on stamp, **Fine,** a rare exposition design.
Estimate . . . . . $100 - 150

California Town Postmarks - Arranged by County



14 ✉ **(Alameda) Haywood, Cal., Oct 18,** manuscript postmark (ALA-2070) on yellow cover to Bucksport, Me., with blue **Illustrated Four-Horse Stagecoach** design and "The Star of the Union - California" imprint, franked with manuscript canceled **1857, 10¢ green, type V** (corner nick); some cover edge wear, **F.-V.F.,** a rare manuscript postmark and overland mail combination.
Estimate . . . . . $500 - 750



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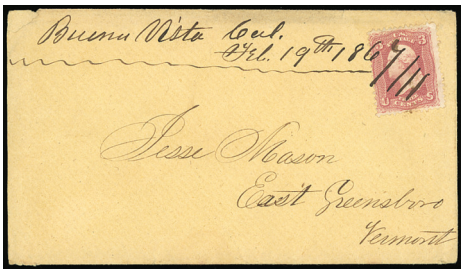

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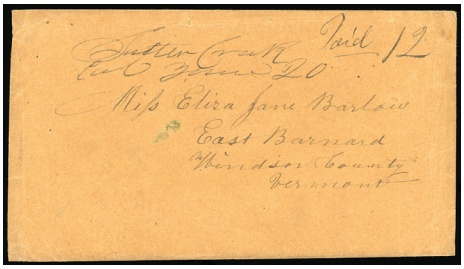

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15 ✉ **(Alameda) Nottingham, Cal, Jul. 21,** complete sharp blue cds (ALA-3160, R5) on cover to West Wayne, Maine, with second strike and matching target handstamp tying 1869, 3¢ ultramarine, **Extremely Fine.**
Scott No. **114** . . . . . Estimate $750 - 1,000

ONE OF TWO EXAMPLES OF THE NOTTINGHAM, CAL. TOWNMARK - ONE OF THE GREAT CALIFORNIA POSTMARKS.

This is the rare key to collecting the east bay. In 2001, this cover sold in our auction of the East Bay Collection for $850 hammer. One more example is reported, however is located in family archive and never has been on the market.



16 ✉ **(Alameda) San Leandro, Sept. 26, 1861,** manuscript postmark (ALA-4500) on 1857, 1¢ blue, type V, horizontal pair and single, on **lovely red and blue Flag Patriotic cover** to San Francisco, with "Published at the Commercial Printing Office, 517 Clay St." (San Francisco) imprint at bottom, docketing at left, **Very Fine.**
Scott No. **24** . . . . . Estimate $1,000 - 1,500

A WONDERFUL CALIFORNIA PATRIOTIC COVER USAGE FROM SAN LEANDRO.



17 ✉ **(Alameda) West Berkeley, Cal.,** double circle postmark (Williams ALA-5130) on 1882 cover franked with two 3¢ Bank Notes, one **canceled by the famous West Berkeley "Boot" fancy cancel** & the other by grid, cover with small repair at top of cover, **Very Fine,** Post Office operated 1875-1900.
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

18 ✉ **(Alpine) Monitor, Cal., Nov 18,** cds (ALP-180) on cover to New York City, franked with 1869, 3¢ ultramarine canceled by target handstamp; cover with partial backflap, **otherwise Very Fine.**
Scott No. **114** . . . . . Estimate $75 - 100

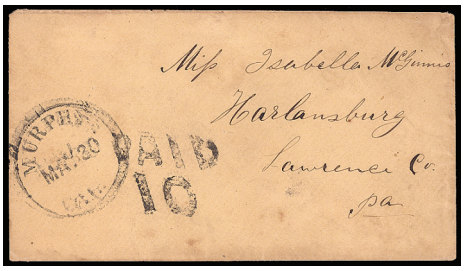
19 ✉ **(Alpine) Silver Mountain, Cal., May 15,** double circle postmark (ALP-230, R4) on 1868 cover to **London, England**, franked with **1861, 10¢ green + 1863, 2¢ black** (s.e. at left) canceled by circle of wedges cancels & tied by red "New York Paid All" transit cds, manuscript "via Queenstown" routing endorsement and red "London" arrival postmark at left, original enclosure included which is well written & full of mining details; adhesives with small faults, **otherwise Very Fine.**
Scott No. **68+73** . . . . . Estimate $300 - 400

Two letters posted in envelope and a directive talk about the Forest ledge and tunnel, also information about the Mt Bullion mine.

20 ✉ **(Alpine) Silver Mountain, Cal., Aug 14,** bold blue cds (ALP-0240) on cover franked with 3¢ Banknote canceled by matching target handstamp, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $75 - 100

Amador County

21 ✉ **(Amador) "Buena Vista, Cal., Feb. 19th, 1867",** bold manuscript postmark tying 3¢ rose (65), rich color, on yellow cover to East Greensboro Vt., original letter accompanies; reduced slightly at left, corner flaw, **F.-V.F.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200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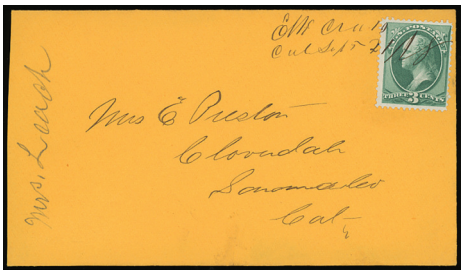
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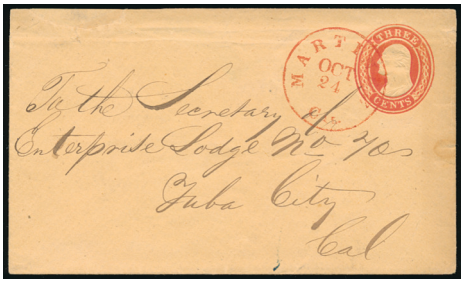
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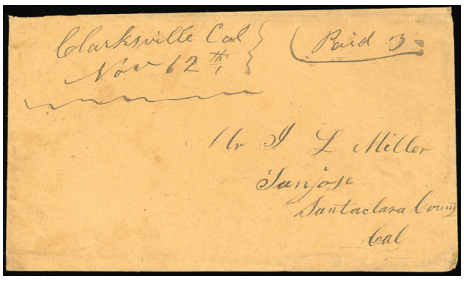
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22 ✉ **(Amador) Ione City, Cal., Jul 30,** cds (AMA-490) on pen cancelled 10¢ green (U33) buff entire to East Greensboro Vt.; reduced slightly at left, **F.-V.F.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

23 ✉ **(Amador) "Sutter Creek, Cal., June 20",** manuscript postmark with matching "Paid 12" rating on orange buff cover to East Barnard Vt., original 1852 letter, **F.-V.F., a rare town cancel.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

24 ✉ **(Amador) "Sutter Creek, Cal Nov 24,** manuscript postmark on 3¢ red (U10) buff Nesbitt entire to Yuba City Cal., **Extremely Fine, a rare town.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

25 ✉ **(Amador) Volcano, Cal., Apr. 23, 1861,** bold strike of cds (AMA-1530) ties 10¢ green (68) and matching bold strike adjacent on light buff cover to East Greensboro Vt.; reduced slightly at right, interesting original letter accompanies, "*The floods have been awful. In some of the vallies not a vistage of imporvement remained. Cattle horses hogs and every other species of farming property were swept away…*" and "*It seems as if secession was getting badly handled lately. I guess that foreign nations begin to think that Brother Johnathan is not so big a coward after all the fuss they have made. And perhaps they can pattern of the 'Blasted Yankees' (as they call us sometimes) in regard to battle ships…*", **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300



26 ✉ **(Butte) Cascade City, Cal., Jan 17 (1859),** manuscript postmark (BUT-660) on 10¢ green Nesbitt entire to Rhode Island, trivial tone spots, **Very Fine,** only recorded cover from this 2 year town, ex-Myerson, Tatham.
Estimate . . . . . $500 - 750



27 ✉ **(Butte) "Oroville Cal, Oct 25th",** manuscript postmark (BUT-3060, R5) and matching "Paid 10" rating on **Noisy Carrier's California State Seal** cover to Massillon Oh., pencil 1855 date notation on back; edge wear, **F.-V.F. and rare.**
Estimate . . . . . $500 - 750

ONE OF ONLY THREE RECORDED USAGES OF THIS NOISY CARRIER'S ENVELOPE.



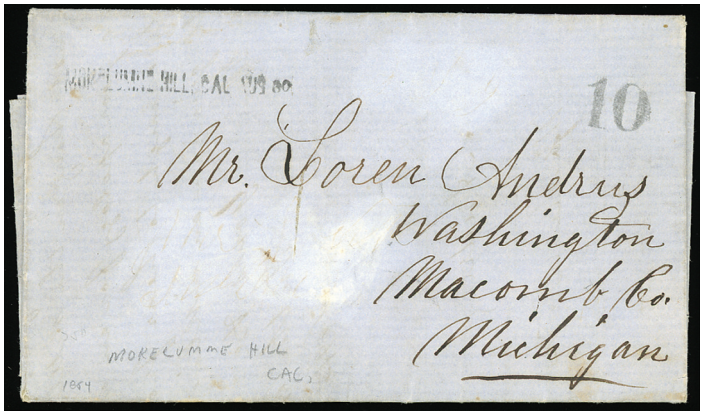
28 ✉ **(Butte) Oroville, Cal., June 2nd (1856),** straight line postmark (BUT-3070) on 3¢ Nesbitt entire to Iowa Hill, Placer Co., Cal., **Very Fine and rare,** ex-Myerson, Tatham.
Estimate . . . . . $500 - 750

Calaveras County

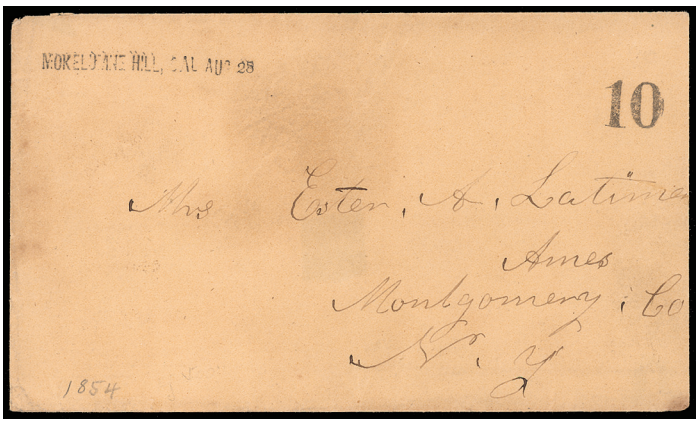


29 ✉ **(Calaveras) Mokulumne Hill, Cal.,** manuscript postmark (Williams CAL-1590) with handstamped "Paid" straight line & manuscript "Paid 12" on 1852 cover to Maine, original miner's letter enclosed," I shall send you home two pieces of gold such as we have found, as yet we have not found any large pieces.", flap tear, **Very Fine,** a rare manuscript postmark.
Estimate . . . . . $400 - 600

30 ✉ **(Calaveras) Mokulumne Hill, Cal.,** neat small size cds (Williams CAL-1610) on cover franked with 1851 3¢ with manuscript cancel, sent to Sacramento & forwarded to Mormon Island with Sacramento City cds & "5" rate handstamp, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $100 - 150



31 ✉ **(Calaveras) Mokulumne Hill, Cal.,** straight line postmark with matching "10" rate handstamp on 1854 folded cover to Michigan, original contents include a lengthy & vivid description of the **destruction of Mokulumne Hill by fire**, **Very Fine,** a rare postmark & a wonderful historic letter.
Estimate . . . . . $1,000 - 1,500

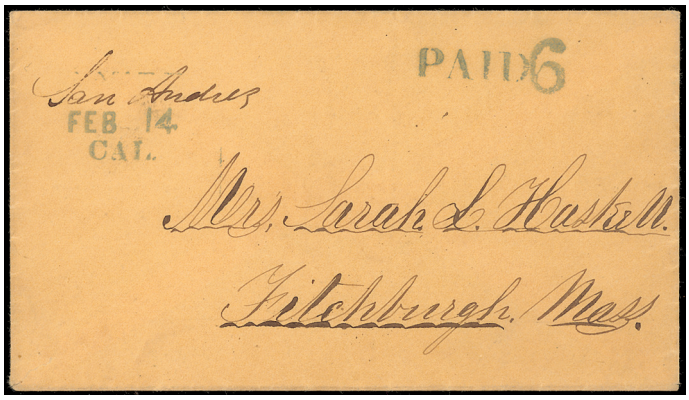


32 ✉ **(Calaveras) Mokelumne Hill, Cal., Aug 28 (1854),** straight line postmark (CAL-1620) with matching handstamp "10" rate marking, to N.Y., slightly reduced at right, **Very Fine,** extremely rare postmark, ex-Tatham.
Estimate . . . . . $1,000 - 1,500



33 ✉ **(Calaveras) Murphy's, Cal., Feb 16 (1853),** blue double circle postmark (CAL-1890) on cover to Nancy, **France** with "Paid 29" and other rate and transit markings front & back, **Very Fine and rare,** *ex-Polland, Tatham.*
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

34 ✉ **(Calaveras) Murphy's, Cal., May 30 (1855),** black cds (CAL-1900) with matching large bold italic "Paid 10" (very rare) on cover to Pennsylvania, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200



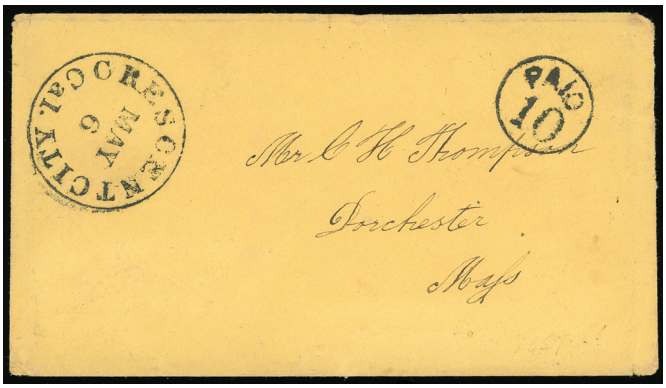
35 ✉ **(Calaveras) San Andreas, Cal., Feb 14,** blue **date stamp portion of Angel's straight line postmark** (CAL-60) **with manuscript town name** (Williams unlisted) on fresh cover to Fitchburg, Mass., matching straight line "Paid" and "6" rate handstamps, **Extremely Fine,** a most unusual and unique townmark.
Estimate . . . . . $500 - 750

36 ✉ **(Colusa) "Elk Creek, Cal., Sept. 21/78,** manuscript postmark (COL-700, R4) ties 3¢ green (158) on orange cover to Cloverdale Cal., **fresh and Extremely Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200



37 ✉ **(Colusa) Elk Creek, Cal., W.H. Pyle, P.M., Dec 16, 1879,** exceptional strike of purple town and postmaster cds with Maltese Cross killer duplex (COL-710, R4) tying 3¢ Banknote on fresh cover to Cloverdale; slightly reduced at right, **an Extremely Fine gem.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

38 ✉ **(Contra Costa) Martinez, Cal., Oct. 24,** bold full cds in red (COC-1800) on 1853, 3¢ Nesbitt entire to Yuba City; top left corner repair and partial backflap, **an Extremely Fine strike.**
Estimate . . . . . $75 - 100



39 ✉ **(Del Norte) Crescent City, Cal., May 9,** bold cds (DEL-10, R4) with matching "Paid 10" in circle handstamp on cover to Dorchester, Mass., original enclosure with lengthy 1857 letter about the effects of the Indian War, the new wagon road to Illinois Valley which will cost about $75,000…*I drive 3 yok of oxen…the other teamsters all give me the road when they see me coming.*; partial backflap, **Extremely Fine,** this being **the earliest recorded cover from Del Norte County**, *ex-Tatham*.
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

El Dorado County



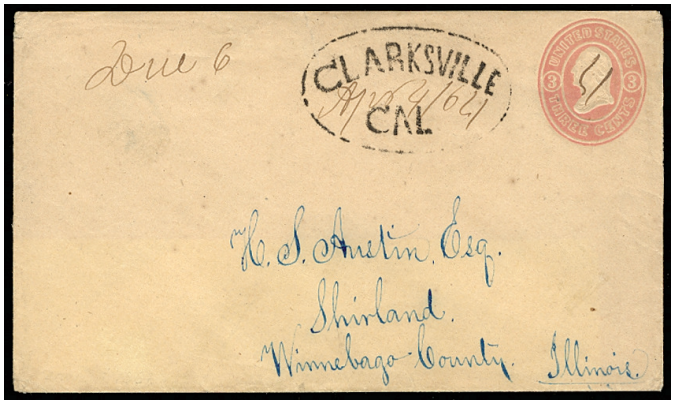
40 ✉ **(El Dorado) Bottle Hill, Cal., July 2 1857,** rimless circle postmark (ELD-170) with handstamp "Paid 10" on cover to Virginia, **Very Fine,** a great strike of this scarce marking.
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400



41 ✉ **(El Dorado) Bottle Hill, Cal., "Nov. 16",** rimless circle postmark (ELD-170, R5) with manuscript dating and matching "Paid" handstamp on pen cancelled 10¢ green (U18) buff entire to Dover N.H., **Extremely Fine and choice.**
Estimate . . . . . $400 - 600

42 ✉ **(El Dorado) "Clarksville Cal, Nov 12th",** manuscript postmark (ELD-260, R5) with matching "Paid 3" rating on circa 1855 buff cover to San Jose Cal., **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

THE EARLIEST RECORDED POSTMARK FROM CLARKSVILLE.



43 ✉ **(El Dorado) Clarksville, Cal,** oval postmark with "Apr 4 /64" manuscript date on 1861 3¢ pink entire to Illinois with pen strokes cancelling the indicium, "Due 6" manuscript marking in the same handwriting as the postmark date so evidently overweight (due 6¢ for a 6¢ underpayment if accidental or due double a 3¢ underpayment if intentional from July 1, 1863, until May 1, 1865), **Extremely Fine and scarce, one of the few California fancy postmarks,** illustrated in Coburn's *Letters of Gold* (page 313).
Estimate . . . . . $500 - 750

44 ✉ **(El Dorado) Coloma, Cal., Jan 10,** clear cds (ELD-490) on "pr Steam" endorsed cover to wife of Gen'l Denver in Wilmington, O., franked with **1861, 1¢ blue, strip of three** tied by target handstamps; missing backflap, **otherwise Very Fine.**
Scott No. **63** . . . . . Estimate $100 - 150



45 ✉ **(El Dorado) Diamond Springs, Cal., May 13 (1854),** nicely struck double circle postmark (ELD-720) with "PAID" in oval and manuscript "3" on lovely embossed ladies cover to Dry Town, **Very Fine,** probably the finest strike from this town, ex-Myerson, Tatham.
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300



46 ✉ **(El Dorado) Fiddletown, Cal.,** cds on 1866 cover to France franked with **1861 5¢ buff + 10¢ green cancelled by fancy lozenge of diamonds** & tied by red "New York" credit cds, 10¢ with natural s.e & couple blunt perfs, **Very Fine and attractive, a gorgeous cover with a scarce usage of a 5¢ Buff used in the West & with a Fancy Cancel.**
Estimate . . . . . $1,500 - 2,000



47 ✉ **(El Dorado) Garden Valley, Cal.,** bold cds (Williams ELD-1290) on 1853 10¢ green entire to Gardiner, Me.; light staining at top and bottom, **Extremely Fine,** the only copy of Garden Valley's first handstamp, *ex-Polland, Newton, Tatham*.
Estimate . . . . . $500 - 750

48 ✉ **(El Dorado) Georgetown, Cal.,** cds (Williams ELD-1420) tying 1857 10¢ type III on 1858 cover to Illinois, stamp hinged in place over "Paid 10" handstamp in circle, **Very Fine,** an unusual item.
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200



49 ✉ **(El Dorado) Greenwood, Cal.,** fancy bluish arced postmark (Williams ELD-1700) with manuscript date "June 28" on ladies cover to Maine franked with **1851 1¢ type IV + 3¢ strip of 3** (right stamp with light crease), all with manuscript cancel, **F.-V.F.,** a rare California fancy postmark.
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

50 ✉ **(El Dorado) Hulfish, Cal., August 9, 1901,** bold cds (ELD-1900, R4) and target handstamp on 1899 2¢ carmine entire to Auburn, **Extremely Fine,** Hulfish's Post Office was established between 1901 and 1904 and Frank Newton, who collected El Dorado County for a great many years considered this mark to be very rare, the **only example recorded from this location**.
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

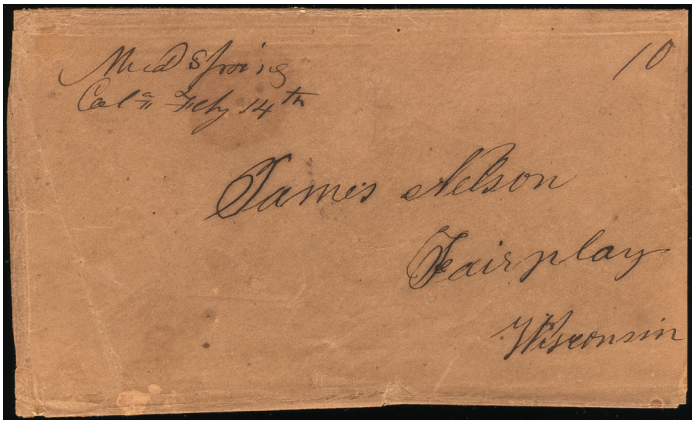


51 ✉ **(El Dorado) "Indian Diggings, Jan. 12",** manuscript postmark (ELD-1910, R5) ties **3¢ dull red (11)**, small flaws, as forwarding postage to Mokelumne Hill on buff cover originally mailed with **10¢ green (15)**, four margins and strong color, tied by "Old Hickory Mo Nov 4" cds; minor edge wear and refolded at bottom, **Very Fine and unusual forwarded use.**
Estimate . . . . . $400 - 600



52 ✉ **(El Dorado) "Lake Bigler, Cal., Dec. 25, 1863",** manuscript postmark (ELD-2160) on yellow cover bearing 3¢ rose (65), well centered, cancelled by matching fancy "X" to New Haven Conn.; 3¢ pre-use tear, reduced slightly at right, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $500 - 750

Lake Bigler was the controversial name given to Lake Tahoe in 1854. Named after John Bigler, the third Governor of California (1852-56), by admiring Democrats, but later in part because of his secessionist views, the Indian name came into use during the Civil War, even though the legislature did not make the change official until 1945. There are no official Postal Records for Lake Bigler and there is some question as to whether the site was in California or Nevada. Williams recorded the "Lake Bigler" manuscript postmark from September 5, 1862 to December 25, 1863, with the example offered the latest recorded use according to Williams.



53 ✉ **(El Dorado) Mud Springs, Cal.,** neat manuscript postmark (Williams ELD-2540) on buff cover to Wisconsin with matching manuscript "10" rate, minor edge wear & aging, **Very Fine and rare.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200



54 ✉ **(El Dorado) Mud Springs, Cala., Oct 14 (1852),** bold double circle postmark (ELD-2550) with oval "PAID" handstamp and manuscript "6" on cover to Kentucky, bit of staining and edge wear, **Very Fine,** a great strike of this postmark, ex-Newton, Tatham.
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

55 ✉ **(El Dorado) Mud Springs, Cal[a]**, Oct 13 (1853), bold large cds (ELD-2550) with manuscript date and manuscript "10" ("paid 6" crossed out), on cover to Missouri; repairs to reverse, **otherwise Very Fine and rare.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

56 ✉ **(El Dorado) Newton (New Town), Cal., May 23,** bold strike of cds (ELD-2640) and matching target handstamp canceling on 1870, 3¢ green entire to San Francisco, **Extremely Fine,** a very scarce and short-lived misspelled postmark from Newtown, the listing example and earliest recorded in Williams, ex-Newton.
Estimate . . . . . $100 - 150



57 ✉ **(Humboldt) Eureka H Bay, Cal., Sep 23 (1858),** bold double circle postmark (HUM-1630) and manuscript "Paid 10¢" on cover to Ohio, with letter, **Very Fine,** a rare postmark.
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

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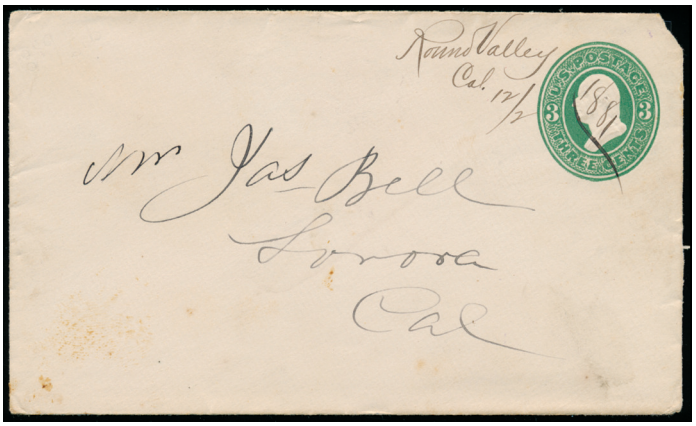


58 ✉ **(Inyo) Round Valley, Cal., 12/2, 1881,** manuscript postmark (INY-1638) on 1874, 3¢ green entire to Sonora, Cal.; small corner nick, **Very Fine,** only **three manuscript examples of this discontinued Post Office have ever been recorded**, all were found as a group and all are recorded on an 1874 3¢ green entire, the Post Office was located north of Bishop in a valley at the base of Round Mountain.
Estimate . . . . . $250 - 350



59 ✉ **(Kern) Tehachipah, Cal., Dec. 23, 1872,** clear cds (Williams unrecorded) on 1864, 3¢ pink entire with Wells, Fargo & Co. frank (WFE-0300) at top, to San Francisco, corner toned at top left, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $1,000 - 1,500

THE UNIQUE EXAMPLE OF THE "TEHACHIPAH" INDIAN SPELLING TOWNMARK AND EARLIEST KNOWN FROM THIS LOCATION.

During the first period the Tehachipi post office was opened (1869-85) the postal marking named changed four times. From Tehachipah, to Tehachipa, then Tehichipa and finally Tehichipi. This Tehachipah postmark was short-lived and by 1873 the "H" at the end of name was removed from the postmark (creating the Williams KER-4100 postmark which is also unique). Later, after the office changed to Greenwich, the office (and town name) then became Tehachapi.

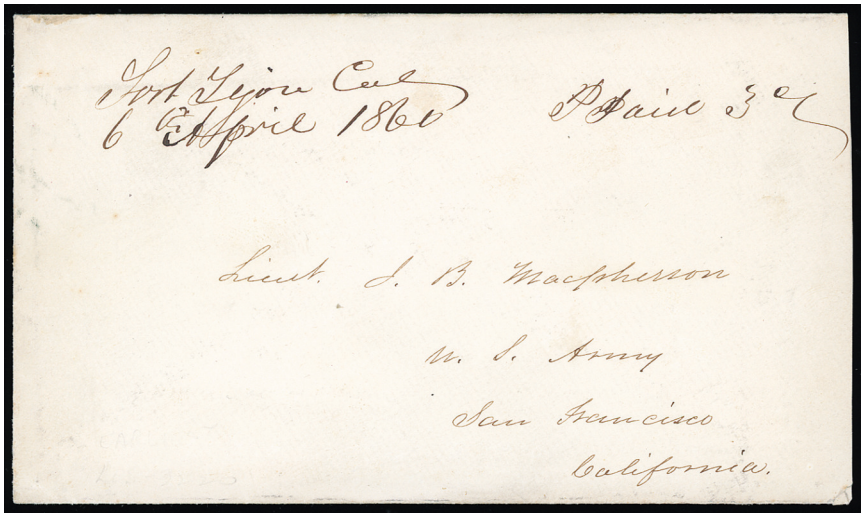


60 ✉ **(Klamath) Cottage Grove, Cal, July 30, 1862,** manuscript postmark (KLA-10, R5) on fresh cover with beautiful red and blue eagle and flag patriotic design, addressed and sent free to the Third Assistance Post Master General in Washington City, D.C., **Extremely Fine,** Cottage Grove is the only recorded mark from this mining camp in this county, a key postmark to collecting this dead county, ex-Nathan; accompanied by 1963 letter from the Siskiyou County Historical Society to Mel Nathan regarding this small town.
Estimate . . . . . $500 - 750

Klamath County is a dead county, it was established in 1851 and dissolved in 1874.

Los Angeles County

The following group of Los Angeles County covers consists of one of the best collections of rare town locations within the County to come to market. Three of the four known 7 rated rarities locations are part of this grouping. Williams rated nothing higher than a seven in his work. The four towns rated as sevens are the Fort Tejon manuscript, the Fort Tejon small circle, the Sinks manuscript and the Los Angeles Manuscript. Missing from this selection is the manuscript mark from the town of Los Angeles which was used over a longer period than any of the other three. Also present is an unrecorded 1871 Santa Ana manuscript with letter that would have rated a six or seven if it had been known to Williams. The show piece San Pedro envelope is rated as value 6 is also part of this group. Included is the first small circular Los Angeles hand stamp that is rated as a 5. This cover is addressed to Fort Yuma, via San Diego. This cover was carried more than a year before the San Diego to San Antoine (the Jackass route) contract mail route was established and was carried by military courier or express between San Diego and Yuma. Several other fine Los Angeles County covers are included, most of which have been off the market for many years.



61 ✉ **(Los Angeles) Fort Tejon, Cal, 6th April 1860,** manuscript postmark (LOS-3320, R7) on cover addressed to Lieut. McPherson at San Francisco, matching "Paid 3ct" rating, **Very Fine and choice.**
Estimate . . . . . $750 - 1,000

THE FINEST OF TWO KNOWN EXAMPLES OF THE FORT TEJON MANUSCRIPT POSTMARK.

We record only two examples of this manuscript mark of which this is the finest recorded. This mark has a value rating of 7 by Williams, only three other locations are rated that high in his work on L.A. County.



62 ✉ **(Los Angeles) Fort Tejon, Cal, Mar. 21,** clear blue cds (LOS-3230, R7) on c. 1862 cover addressed to Lieut. McPherson at San Francisco, franked with **1857, 3¢ dull red** tied by manuscript; small corner opening nick at top right, **Very Fine,** *ex-Beals*.
Scott No. **26** . . . . . Estimate $1,000 - 1,500

THE UNIQUE EXAMPLE OF THE FORT TEJON CIRCULAR DATE STAMP.

This mark has a value rating of 7 by Williams, only three locations are rated that high in his work on LA County. Fort Tejon is a former United States Army outpost which was intermittently active from June 24th 1854, until September 11th 1864. It is located in the Grapevine Canyon between the San Emigdio Mountains and Tehachapi Mountains.

63 ✉ **(Los Angeles) Gorman's Station, Cal., Jul 25, 1887,** cds (Williams unlisted) on 1884, 2¢ brown entire to Oakland, Cal., slightly reduced at right, **F.-V.F.,** a unique unrecorded postmark that predates any town mark from this location by five years, *ex-Jessup, Tatham*.
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

Gorman is one of the oldest continuously used trail and roadside rest stops in California. The first post office was established in December 1877 with Henry Gorman as the postmaster.



64 ✉ **(Los Angeles) Los Angeles, Cal, March,** bold cds (LOS-5670, R5) with matching "Paid 3" in circle handstamp overstruck "Paid 6", on c. 1855-56 cover address to Lieut. Du Barry at Fort Yuma, with "via San Diego" routing endorsement, **Very Fine,** a rare usage to Fort Yuma via U.S. mail and non-governmental courier, ex-Knapp.
Estimate . . . . . $1,000 - 1,500

Carried by U.S. Mail between LA and San Diego. At that point the U.S. Mail service turned it over to a military express or to the Desert Dispatch express which operate between Fort Yuma and San Diego as no mail service was establish between the two locations.

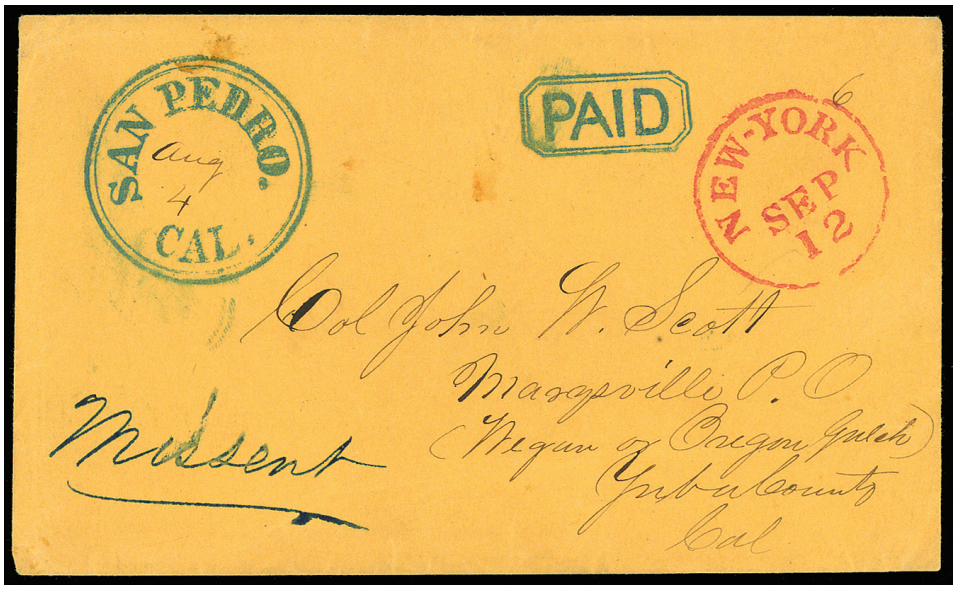


65 ✉ **(Los Angeles) Los Angeles, Cal. Dec 17,** cds ties **30¢ orange (71)** on yellow cover to Villers-Farlay, France at two-times the 15¢ French mail treaty rate, endorsed "Via Panama" at bottom left, "New York 'Paid 6' Jan 24" exchange cds corrected with "Paid 12" cds, carried by Inman Line *City of Baltimore* departing New York Jan. 24th to Queenstown arriving Feb. 3rd, red "P.D." framed handstamp and matching Calais (2.5.63) entry cds, Paris (2.5) and Mo chard (2.6) transit backstamps; light fold at far left, **Very Fine.**
Scott No. **71** . . . . . Estimate $750 - 1,000

A SCARCE 1863 TRANSATLANTIC USE FROM LOS ANGELES CAL. TO FRANCE.

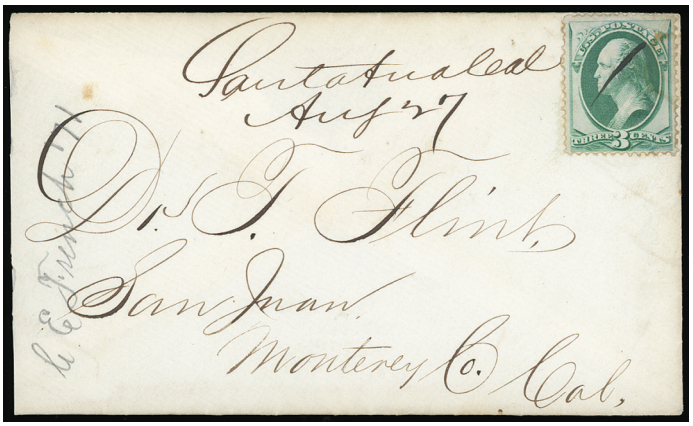
66 ✉ **(Los Angeles) Manzana, Cal, May 18, 1895,** cds with manuscript day (LOS-9490) on fresh illustrated Manzana Colony corner card cover to Northampton, Mass., franked with 1890, 3¢ purple + 5¢ chocolate + 1894, 2¢ carmine canceled by target handstamps and making up the registered rate, **Very Fine.**
Scott No. **221+223+250** . . . . . Estimate $150 - 200

The Manzana Colony was located at the base of the mountains in the Antelope Valley and was established as an industrial, co-operative community for the purpose of fruit raising.



67 ✉ **(Los Angeles) San Pedro., Cal., Aug 4,** exceptional strike of blue cds with manuscript date (LOS-13010, R6) on c. 1855 cover to Marysville P.O. (Wegan or Oregon Gulch), with matching boxed "Paid" handstamp and manuscript "6" rate for double rate, **sent to New York in error** and returned with blue manuscript "Missent" endorsement and red "New - York, Sep 12" cds, **Extremely Fine and attractive,** the presence of the "6" rate was likely a factor for this cover being inadvertently sorted into eastbound mail, ex-Haas, Kramer.
Estimate . . . . . $1,500 - 2,000

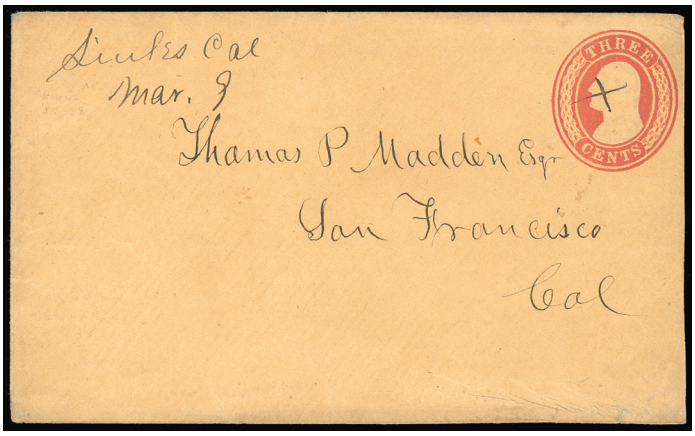
This cover was a part of the George Kramer Collection "Across the Continent" (Bennett Sale #260, Lot 16 of the where it realized $2,100 hammer).



68 ✉ **(Los Angeles) Santa Ana, Cal, Aug. 27,** manuscript postmark (Williams unlisted) on cover to San Juan, franked with manuscript canceled 1870, 3¢ Banknote, with original 1871 enclosure datelined San Joaquin Ranch and addresses ranch concerns including condition and number of the sheep on the ranch; cover reduced at left, **Very Fine.**
Scott No. **147** . . . . . Estimate $750 - 1,000

THE UNIQUE EXAMPLE OF THE EARLY SANTA ANA MANUSCRIPT POSTMARK.

The Santa Ana post office opened on July 5th of 1870. Cover addressed to Dr. Flint in Monterey County, the owner of the land grant that today makes up a large part of Southern Orange County.



69 ✉ **(Los Angeles) Sinks, Cal, March 9,** neat manuscript postmark (LOS-14220, R7) on manuscript canceled 1853, 3¢ Nesbitt entire to San Francisco, Cal., pencil "Mar 28/60" receiving docket on reverse; slightly reduced at right, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

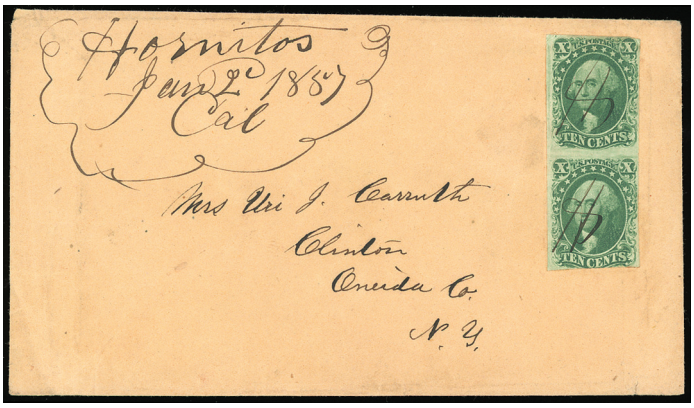
THE ONLY RECORDED EXAMPLE OF A TOWNMARK FROM SINKS, CALIFORNIA.

The Sink or The Sink of the Tejon Creek (where the water disappears into the sand) is located north of Fort Tejon and it was briefly established (late 1859 - early 1861) a stage stop for the Butterfield Overland. Today's its location would place it in Kern County.

Mariposa County

70 ✉ **(Mariposa) "Agua Fria, Cal., March 7",** manuscript postmark (MAR-10) with matching manuscript cancelling **3¢ orange brown (10A) pair** on buff cover to Johnson's Creek N.Y., original letter datelined "Agua Fria March 6th / 53"; docketed as "Rec Apr 14th"; some edge wear, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

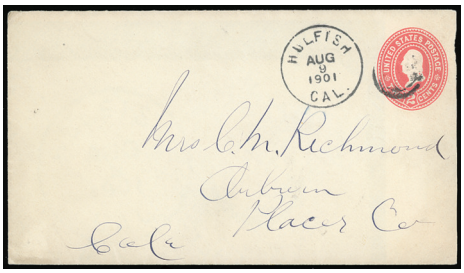
71 ✉ **(Mariposa) Bear Valley (Cal), Jan 3 (1861),** manuscript postmark (MAR-140) with manuscript "Due 10" on pen cancelled 10¢ green Nesbitt entire to Vermont, slightly reduced at left, **Very Fine,** ex-M. White, Tatham.
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300



72 ✉ **(Mariposa) Hornitos, Cal., Jan. 2d, 1857,** bold manuscript postmark (MAR-1000, R4) on double rate cover to Clinton, N.Y., franked with **1851, 10¢ green, types II-III, vertical pair** canceled by manuscript "H"'s, **Very Fine,** a very scarce early double rate cover usage.
Scott No. **14-15** . . . . . Estimate $400 - 600



73 ✉ **(Mariposa) Hornitos, Cal., Aug 11th (1857),** neat manuscript postmark (MAR-1000) with pencil cancel on 1851 10¢ green imperf Type II (huge margins) to N.Y., **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400



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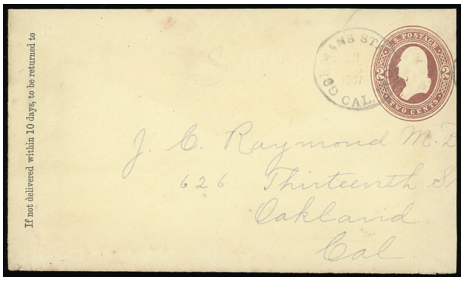

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74 ✉ **(Mariposa) Indian Gulch, Cal.,** rimless cds (Williams MAR-1260) tying 1861-66 24¢ on 1868 cover to **London** with red New York transit & London arrival, flap tear, **Very Fine,** a very rare postmark & nice trans-Atlantic usage.
Estimate . . . . . $500 - 750

75 ✉ **(Mariposa) Maxwells Creek, Cal. "May 11",** bold strike of blue cds (MAR-1660) with manuscript date, matching manuscript cancelling 10¢ green, type II (14), corner margin single, touched at right, on light buff cover to New York N.Y., **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

76 ✉ **(Mariposa) Maxwell's Creek, Cal., Mar. 4,** superb strike of greenish blue cds (MAR-1680) cancels 3¢ pink (U58) entire with printed Wells Fargo paid frank crossed out to Virginia City; reduced at left, **Very Fine and exceptional strike.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

77 ✉ **(Mariposa) "Wyatt's Store, Cal., Feby 5th, 1861",** manuscript postmark (MAR-2180) with matching "Paid 20 cts." rating to South Ryegate Vt., endorsed "Via Panama", original letter datelined "January the 25. 1861, Mercede River, Bondville", **F.-V.F.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

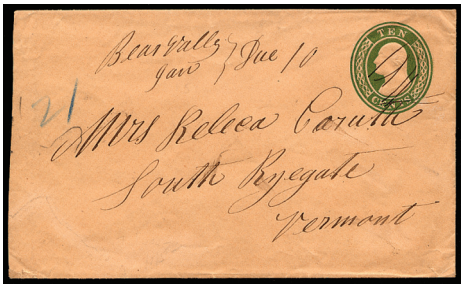


78 ✉ **(Mariposa) Yosemite Hotel, Yos. Valley, J.M. Hutchings, Prop., Aug 27, 1871,** blue double-circle datestamp (MAR-2200) ties 3¢ green (147) on cover to Delaware City Del., additional cds strike adjacent, original letter accompanies, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $400 - 600

A CHOICE STRIKE OF THIS EXCEEDINGLY RARE POSTMARK.

This hotel postmark was the first device used at Yosemite.

79 ✉ **(Mariposa) Yosemite Valley / Yosemite, Cal.,** group of 16 covers and cards, includes 1881 Yosemite Valley cds on cover with illustrated Leidig's Yosemite Valley Hotel ad on reverse, faults, another 1881 Yosemite Valley cds on cover with Barnard's Yosemite Falls Hotel on reverse, two Yosemite Valley, 1881 cds strikes in blue and black on cover, 1886 Yosemite purple duplex on cover, some later 1900s covers and cards including two real photo post card views, **F.-V.F.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300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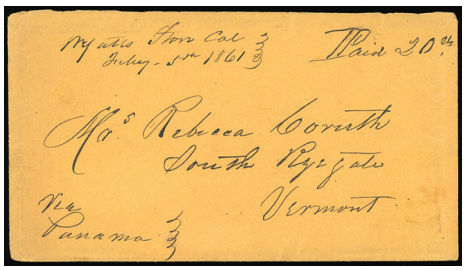
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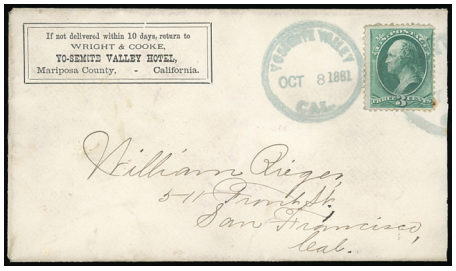

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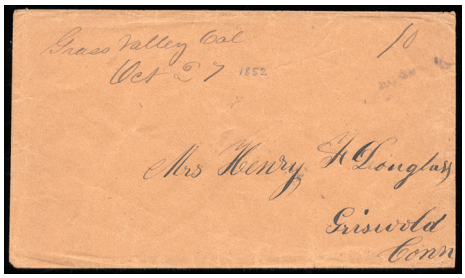
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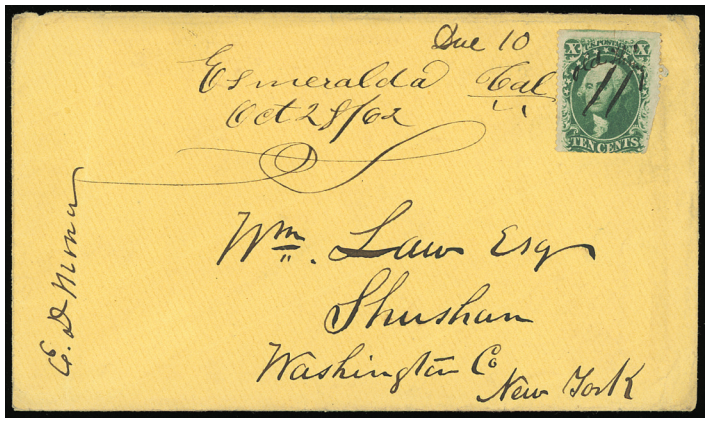
80 ✉ **(Mariposa) Yosemite Valley, Cal., Oct. 8, 1881,** two strikes of blue cds (MAR2210) tie 3¢ green (!84) on cover to San Francisco Cal., printed "Yo-Semite Valley Hotel" boxed corner card, reverse with San Francisco (10.10) arrival cds; toned perf, reduced slightly at right, **Very Fine and scarce.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

81 ✉ **(Mono) Bodie, Calif., Jan 10, 1931,** cds and bar duplex (MON-0310) on S. M. Gregory corner card cover to Sacramento, **Very Fine,** by the early 1930's Bodie was all but a ghost town with few people living on site (no photo).
Estimate . . . . . $50 - 75



82 ✉ **(Mono) Esmeralda, Cal, Oct. 28 /62,** manuscript postmark (MON-650, R5) on cover to Shushan, New York, franked with **1857, 10¢ green, type V** with **manuscript "Old Thing" notation over portrait on stamp and "Due 10" rating to left**; stamp scissor clipped, **Very Fine.**
Scott No. **35** . . . . . Estimate $1,500 - 2,000

A WHIMSICAL AND UNIQUE "OLD STAMPS NOT RECOGNIZED" DEMONETIZED USAGE FROM ESMERALDA, CALIFORNIA.

Manuscript postal marks are recorded from this ghost town between March of 1862 and May of 1863. In January 1864, a boundary survey placed the town in Nevada.



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83 ✉ **(Mono) Esmeralda, N.T., Sep, 21, 1863,** bold cds (MON-665) on cover to **London, England**, franked with **1861, 3¢ brown rose, pair + 24¢ violet** (guideline s.e. at left) canceled by target handstamps, red "New - York, Am. Pkt., 3 Oct 17" exchange cds and 3¢ pair additionally tied by red London entry postmark; cover opening tears at right and left 3¢ stamp bottom margin nicked, **otherwise Very Fine.** (See Lot 875 for Nevada Usage)
Scott No. **65+70c** . . . . . Estimate $300 - 400

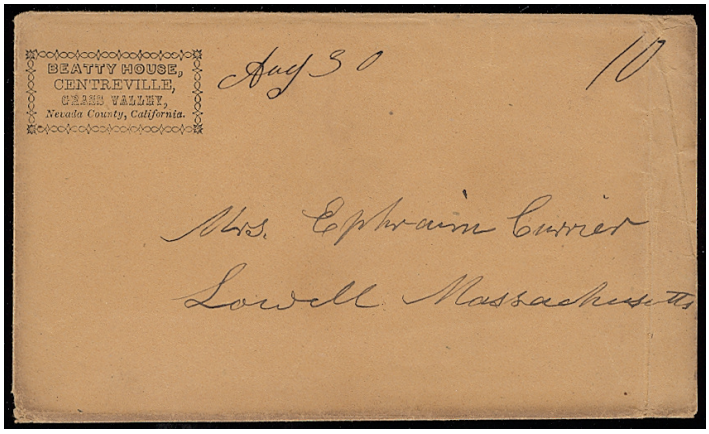
This cover is the most important usage of the "Esmeralda. N. T." postmark used in the California Period before being transferred to Nevada on January 20, 1864.



84 ✉ **(Napa) Napa City, Cal., Mar. 10,** two strikes of cds on overpaid cover to Lewiston, N.Y. franked with **1863, 2¢ black, two vertical pairs** in combination with **1861, 3¢ rose** canceled by light hollow star in circle handstamps, **Very Fine,** ex-Kramer, Fosdyke; with 2000 P.F. certificate.
Scott No. **73+65** . . . . . Estimate $200 - 300

85 ✉ **(Nevada) Alpha, Cal., Dec 1 (1857),** cds (NEV-20) with 10¢ green imperf on 1853-55 3¢ red entire to Philadelphia, **Very Fine,** ex-Tatham.
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

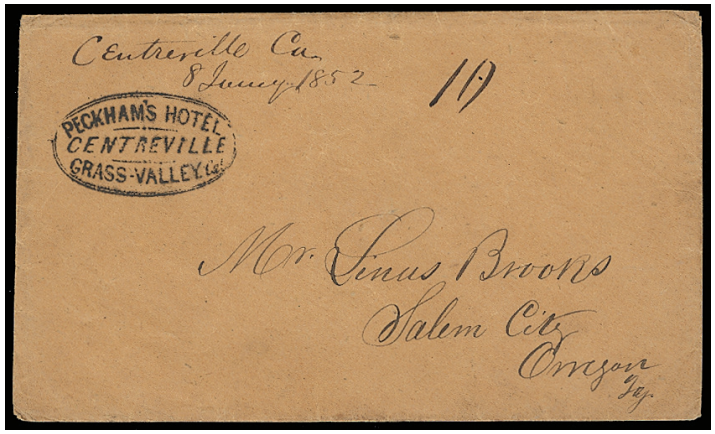
Nevada County



86 ✉ **(Nevada) Centerville, Cal., "Beatty House, Centerville, Grass Valley, Nevada County, California.", fancy printed corner card used as postmark** with manuscript "Aug. 30" date alongside and "10" rate at right on buff cover to Massachusetts, right side with cover wrinkle, **Extremely Fine, a wonderful rarity showing the corner card used as Post Office mark of origin, included is a photo of an ex-Knapp cover with similar usage from the Beatty House & different type of corner card**.
Estimate . . . . . $750 - 1,000



87 ✉ **(Nevada) Centerville, Cal., "Beatty House, Centerville, Grass Valley, Nevada County, California" printed corner card used as a postmark** with manuscript date alongside on cover to New York with manuscript "10" rate; small mended tear affecting marking and corner nick at bottom left, **Very Fine,** described in the Knapp sale as…*extremely fine and one of the greatest of rarity as Centerville was a Post Office for 13 months only*, ex Knapp, Pierce.
Estimate . . . . . $500 - 750



88 ✉ **(Nevada) Centerville, Cal. /8 January 1852,** manuscript postmark on cover to Salem City, Oregon Terr. with manuscript "10" rate and perfect strike of **"Peckham's Hotel/*Centerville*/**Grass-Valley, Cal." oval handstamp, **Extremely Fine and choice, undoubtedly the finest strike of this, the only 19th century California Hotel forwarder handstamp, indicating "to the mails" service**.
Estimate . . . . . $750 - 1,000



89 ✉ **(Nevada) "Grass Valley Cal, Nov 29",** manuscript postmark at left on buff cover to East Kingston N.H. bearing **1¢ blue (7), two strips of three**, left being positions 91-93L1E **(Pos. 91L1E with Triple Transfer, One Inverted)**, large margins including lower left sheet margins, just touched at top left, beautiful color, both cancelled by same "Grass Valley Cal Nov 29" postmark and additional pen strokes, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $750 - 1,000

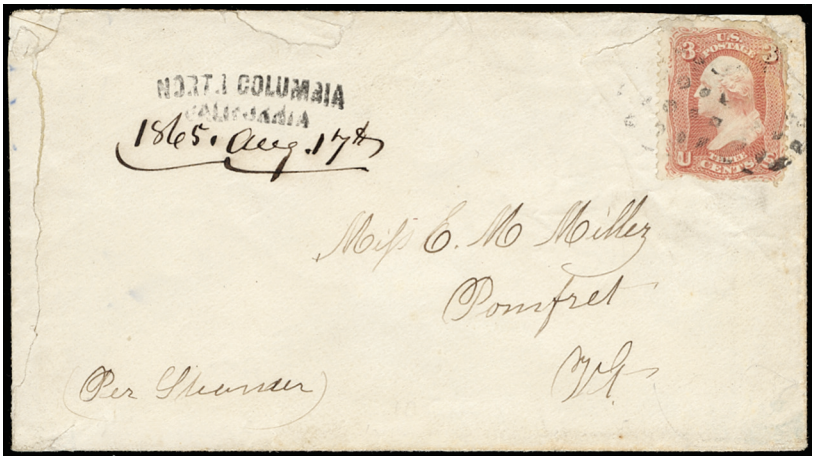
A WONDERFUL GRASS VALLEY CAL. USE BEARING THE 1¢ 1851 ISSUE PREPAYING THE 6¢ TRANSCONTINENTAL RATE TO EAST KINGSTON N.H.

90 ✉ **(Nevada) Grass Valley, Cal.,** manuscript postmark (Williams NEV-620) with matching "10" rate on cover to Connecticut, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

91 ✉ **(Nevada) Grass Valley, Cal., Feb 27,** cds on cover to North Sheffield, O., franked with **1851, 3¢ dull red, left margin horiz. pair** tied by fancy geometric cancels; small cover tears at top, **otherwise Very Fine.**
Scott No. **11A**. . . . . Estimate $75 - 100

92 ✉ **(Nevada) Nevada City Cal., Aug 10, 1862,** cds on **10¢ green (U16)** on buff entire addressed **to "Hon Abram Lincoln, Springfield, Illinois"**, endorsed "Overland" at left, appears to be docketed "*needs no answer*" at left in Mary Lincoln's hand; some edge wear, **F.-V.F.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

Since this cover pre-dates Lincoln's successful election as President of the United States later in 1860, it is likely that the enclosure simply contained well wishes for Lincoln.



93 ✉ **(Nevada) North Columbia, California 1865. Aug. 17th,** gem cancel with manuscript date, on cover to Pomfret Vermont with "Per Steamer", franked with 3¢ rose (defective), cover repaired, **F.-V.F. appearance,** the only known example, unlisted in Williams and illustrated in Coburn's *Letters of Gold.*
Estimate . . . . . $750 - 1,000



94 ✉ **(Nevada) Rough & Ready Cal., Feb 17, 1858,** two strikes of cds tie **1¢ blue, type IV (9) horizontal strip of four**, mostly large margins to in at lower left, rich color, on 6¢ green on buff entire (U14) to Kittaning, Pa., **Very Fine and rare use,** *ex-Risvold*.
Estimate . . . . . $1,000 - 1,500

A RARE 1¢ 1851 STRIP OF FOUR USES ON 6¢ NESBITT PREPAYING THE 10¢ RATE FOR OVER 3,000 MILES.

95 ✉ **(Orange) Yorba Linda, Cal, 9-3-14,** manuscript provisional postmark (Williams unlisted) tying 1¢ green on post card to Los Angeles, **Very Fine,** the only recorded manuscript mark noted as being used in Orange County and the earliest recorded usage for this Post Office which opened in July of 1912.
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

96 ✉ **(Placer) Clifton, Cal., May 25, 1866,** manuscript postmark (PLA-930, R4) on cover to San Francisco, Cal., franked with manuscript canceled **1861, 1¢ blue, strip of three** (s.e. at left); barest cover reduction at left, **Very Fine,** a very scarce usage from Clifton.
Scott No. **63** . . . . . Estimate $100 - 150

97 ✉ **(Placer) Ophirville, Cal., Feb 13 (1858),** rare red cds (PLA-2840) with manuscript date on cover to Indiana, franked with pen cancelled pair of 1851 3¢ imperf dull red, and manuscript "Due 10", **Very Fine,** ex-Myerson, Tatham.
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300



98 ✉ **(Placer) Ophirville, Cal., April 28 (1859),** well struck postmark (PLA-2840) with manuscript date and 2nd strike without date on cover to Indiana with handstamp "10", expert restoration, **F.-V.F. and rare,** ex-Tatham.
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

99 ✉ **(Placer) Rattlesnake, Cal./Jun. 2,** bold Collins type postmark on 1853-55 10¢ Nesbitt entire to Vermont, **Extremely Fine and choice.**
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

100 ✉ **(Plumas) La Porte, Cal.,** two townmark entires; with blue cds (PLU-1250) on 1870, 3¢ green entire and 1875 year date cds (PLU-1280) on 1874, 3¢ green entire; both clear strikes, **Very Fine,** with **both being the only recorded examples**.
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400



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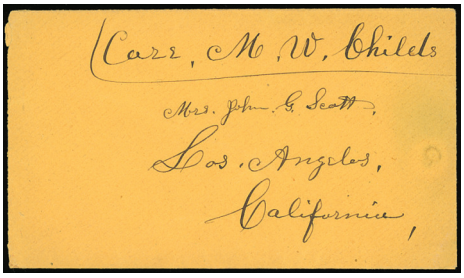

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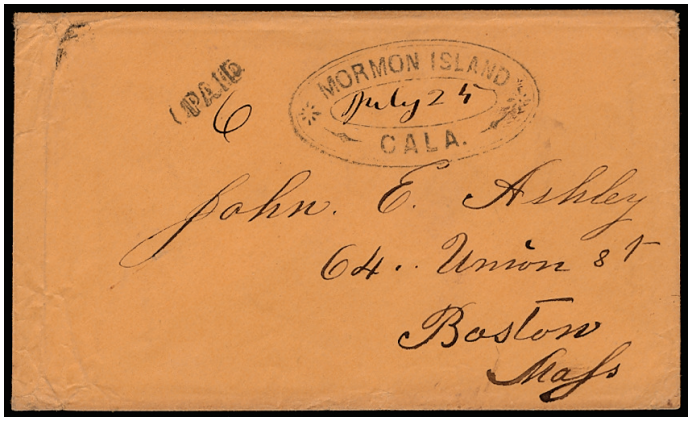
101 ✉ **(Plumas) Quincy, Cal., Aug 18 (1858),** bold cds (PLU-1880) tying strip of 3 1857 1¢ blue perf'd on cover to Ohio with manuscript " Due 7c" alongside, **Very Fine,** ex-Tatham.
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

Sacramento County



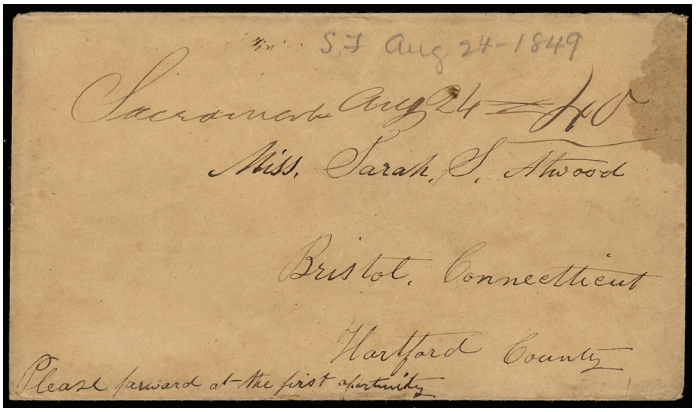
102 ✉ **(Sacramento) Hicksville, Cal., Dec 31 (1862),** double oval (SAC-1510) alongside waffle grid killer on 3¢ rose, to Vermont, few trivial spots, **Very Fine and rare.**
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400



103 ✉ **(Sacramento) Mormon Island, Cala., July 25 (1854),** nicely struck triple oval (SAC-1910) with "PAID" / 6, on stampless orange envelope to Boston, **Extremely Fine,** one of the finest known.
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300



104 ✉ **(Sacramento) Mormon Island, Cala.,** double-lined double oval postmark with "June 28" manuscript date and "10" manuscript rate marking on stampless cover to Milton, Massachusetts, then forwarded fully prepaid from Boston to South Mansfield, Massachusetts, "Paid" manuscript notation added at left & "Boston, Aug 2, 3cts" red cds and "Paid" red straight line handstamp applied at right, **Very Fine and choice,** a great strike of this marking which is notoriously difficult to find a complete marking, illustrated in Coburn's *Letters of Gold* (page 314).
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400



105 ✉ **(Sacramento) Sacramento (Cal.) Aug 24,** manuscript postmark and "40" manuscript rate marking on stampless cover to Bristol, Connecticut, with "Please forward at the first opportunity" sender's endorsement, "1849" docket in pencil that is probably not contemporary, minor stain at upper right, **Very Fine, one of the rarest & most desirable California manuscript postmarks,** ex-Haas, illustrated in Coburn's *Letters of Gold* (page 32).
Estimate . . . . . $750 - 1,000

This cover is the basis for the August 24, 1849, listing in Williams of the earliest known Sacramento manuscript postmark.



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106 ✉ **(Sacramento) Sacramento, Cal., Jul 8,** cds (SAC-2580) and matching quartered cork cancels tying **1869, 10¢ yellowish orange** on cover to Freiberg, North Germany, red Chicago exchange and transit backstamps, **Very Fine,** ex-Tatham.
Scott No. **116** . . . . . Estimate $300 - 400



107 ✉ **(San Bernardino) Barstow, Cal., Jul. 29, 1886,** purple sawtooth cds (Williams unlisted, new SBE-505) and target duplex tying 1883, 2¢ red brown on cover to La Conner, Wash., with receiving backstamp and original enclosure; cover reduced at left, **Very Fine,** the **only example of this townmark recorded**, this postmark was applied two months after the Post Office opened at Barstow and as such is the earliest recorded mark from this location.
Scott No. **210** . . . . . Estimate $500 - 750

108 ✉ **(San Bernardino) Doble, Cal., Jan. 5, 1904,** cds and killer duplex (SBE-2050) on M.O.B. Post Office cover to San Bernardino, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

Only three examples are known from this ghost town. One of the examples is a receiving mark and this is the best example of the known mark from this location. This Post Office operated for about six years; its location is at time under water at the eastern end of Big Bear Lake.

109 ✉ **(San Bernardino) Salt Springs 1863-64 John Scott Correspondence,** of 14 letters to wife, six with original hand-carried covers addressed to Los Angeles and endorsed "Care M.W. Childs", letters mentioning gold excitement and miners, running an engine (probably for the mill) mention train passing through to L.A. (likely the method of travel for the correspondence), Mormons and Indians, a couple letters datelined from Amagosa, etc.; covers with opening tear at sides, **otherwise Very Fine,** an interesting correspondence from Salt Springs.
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

The earliest recorded gold discovery in San Bernardino County occurred at Salt Springs, at a point on the Santa Fe-Salt Lake Trail. In 1863, the Amargosa Gold and Silver Mining Company of San Francisco acquired the mines at Salt Spring and in the fall of 1863, they installed a new mill that "met with good success for over a year." The company, however, went broke and the mill was sold in a sheriff's auction to Augustus Spear. On October 29, 1864, news broke in Los Angeles concerning the death of three men who were caretakers at the property. One of the men, had been killed by Indians, and the mill had been burned. The other two men were found 20 miles away, having committed suicide by putting bullets through their skulls. Two months later on December 4, 1864, Dr. J. A. Rousseau's party passed the mine and saw the destroyed mill. There were 4 buildings standing at that time. In the middle of the 1860s, a new company took over the mine and operated it successfully for a couple of months. Yet, even though they later were reported to have grossed $11,000 from one ore blast of two tons of ore, and during a period of one month, the five-stamp mill produced $58,000 in gold.

San Diego County

110 ✉ **(San Diego) Forster, Cal., Feb 14/80,** manuscript postmark (SAN-1930, R4) on cover to Salinas City, Cal., franked with manuscript canceled 1874, 3¢ green; some light toning ans small stamp nick, **F.-V.F.,** the **only recorded postmark from Forster**, ex-Tatham.
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

111 ✉ **(San Diego) Mesaville, Cal., March 7/84,** manuscript postmark (SAN-3200, R4) tying 1883, 2¢ red brown on cover to Los Angeles, receiving backstamp, **Very Fine,** the **only recorded postmark from Mesaville**, ex-Tatham.
Scott No. **210** . . . . . Estimate $200 - 300



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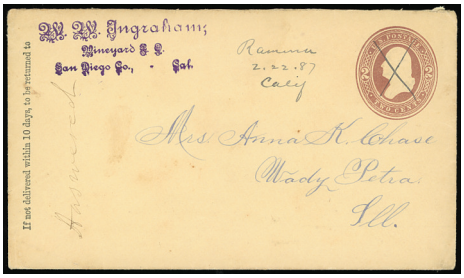

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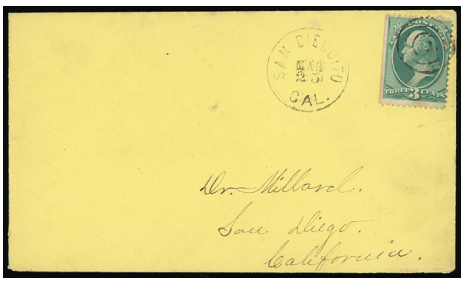

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112 ✉ **(San Diego) National City, Cal., Sep. 13,** bold blue cds (SAN-3360, R4) with matching target handstamp tying 1¢ Banknote on allover San Diego map cover to Temple, N.H., **Very Fine and attractive,** one of two known on cover strikes of this rare postmark, with the other strike known in black, ex-Tatham.
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

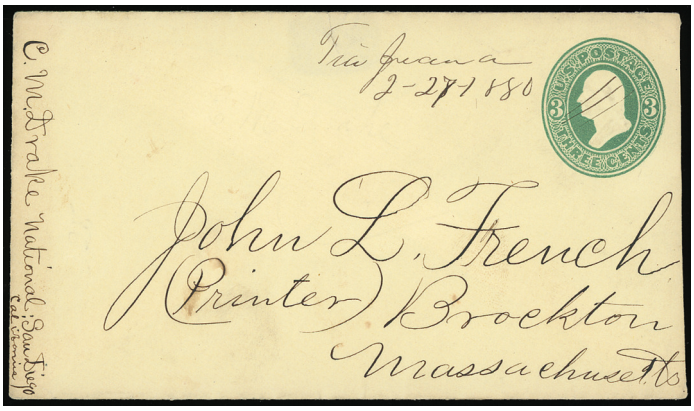
113 ✉ **(San Diego) Osgood, Cal., San Diego Co., Jan 29, 1884,** purple cds (SAN-3980, R4) with matching segmented handstamp cancelling on 1883, 2¢ red entire to San Francisco, **Extremely Fine,** one of **two known examples of the Osgood townmark**, ex-Tatham.
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

114 ✉ **(San Diego) Palmdale, Cal., July 21/88,** bold manuscript postmark (SAN-4250, R4) on manuscript canceled 1887, 2¢ green entire to Aberdeen, Dakota; some cover edge wear, **F.-V.F.,** the **only recorded manuscript postmark from Palmdale** with only two recorded postmarks from this town, ex-Tatham.
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

115 ✉ **(San Diego) Ramona, Calif, 2.22.87,** manuscript postmark (SAN-4680, R4) on handstamp corner card 1884, 2¢ brown entire to Illinois, **Very Fine,** one of two known manuscript postmarks from Ramona, ex-Tatham.
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

116 ✉ **(San Diego) San Dieguito, Cal., Mar 25,** clear cds (SAN-5780, R4) on cover to San Diego, franked with 1873, 3¢ Banknote (s.e. at left) tied by target handstamp, **Very Fine,** one of **two known examples of this rare first San Dieguito townmark**, ex-Tatham.
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

117 ✉ **(San Diego) Stratton, Cal., Jan 24, 1888,** exceptional strike of of cds (SAN-6340, R5) on target canceled 1887, 2¢ green entire to Philadelphia, Pa., **Extremely Fine,** the **unique townmark from Stratton**, ex-Tatham.
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300



118 ✉ **(San Diego) Tia Juana, 2-27-1880,** manuscript postmark (Williams unlisted, new SAN-6545) on manuscript canceled 1876, 3¢ green entire to Brockton, Mass.; small tear at top affecting postmark, **still Very Fine,** the **unique manuscript postmark from Tia Juana** and the earliest known usage from this town.
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

San Francisco County



119 ✉ **(San Francisco - Foreign Mail) San Francisco, Cal., 10 Dec,** red cds and matching "12½" cent rating handstamp on 1850 folded letter with integral address leaf to **Hangtown, California**, letter mentions "The steamers "Gen. Warren", "Columbus" and mail steamer "Carolina" arrived here from Panama bringing two-week late intelligence from the states - There are no news of any importance…Dr. Grays Uncle (A. Eastin) has sold out his gambling saloon and is going home on the steamer Isthmus… I called on Gen. the editor of the "Pacific News" and he has given me a permanent situation…", **Very Fine,** *ex-Risvold*.
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

Hangtown was established as Old Dry Diggin's in 1848. Because of the influx of riffraff and criminals, who committed robberies and murders, the irate citizens took matters into their own hands and flogged or hanged the perpetrators and by 1849 the place was being called Hangtown. On April 9, 1850 the Post Office was established as Placerville, but it was not until 13 May, 1854 that the town was incorporated under that name.

120 ✉ **(San Francisco - Foreign Mail) San Francisco, Cal.,** 4 covers to San Francisco: 1854 Glasgow, Scotland at 1sh 2 1/2p rate, 1854 Angers, France and (2) Boston, MA, one with "Forwarded By/F.C.Bates & Co/Boston" as an origin marking, all 4 covers, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200



121 ✉ **(San Francisco - Foreign Mail) 1860 (Apr. 10) Rome, Roman States to San Francisco Cal.,** tan cover endorsed "*Overland from N.York to California*" at left and bearing **Roman States 8 b. black (9), two horizontal pairs**, cancelled by strikes of diamond grid cancel, partial Rome cds and matching "P.P." framed handstamp, red Marseilles (4.1.60) transit cds ties one pair and black "P.D." framed handstamp, red crayon "9" credit rating, partial red New York "Paid 15" exchange cds, **Extremely Fine,** ex-Vogel.
Estimate . . . . . $1,000 - 1,500

A RARE BUTTERFIELD OVERLAND EXPRESS USE FROM ROME VIA NEW YORK TO SAN FRANCISCO.



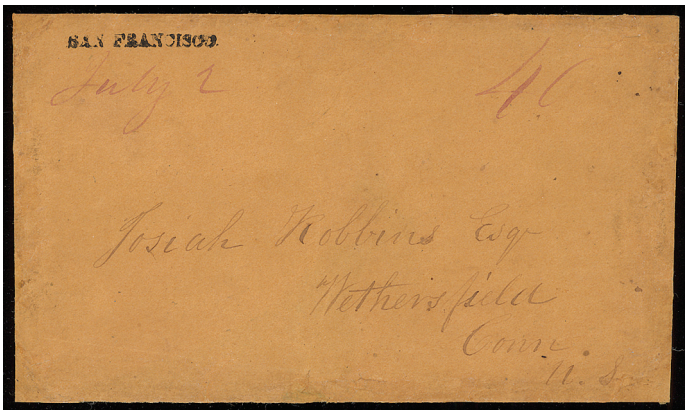
122 ✉ **(San Francisco - Foreign Mail) San Francisco, Cal Oct 8,** double-circle datestamp with matching fancy cogwheel cancels tie **5¢ brown (76)** and **30¢ orange (71)** together on cover to Switzerland at the 35¢ Prussian Closed Mail rate, **red printed International Hotel corner card**, red "N.York 'Paid' Am. Pkt. Nov 3" exchange cds with matching "12" credit handstamp, blue "Aachen Franco" (11.17) framed handstamp and magenta "f 2" rating, reverse with Heidelberg-Basel (11.17) and Basel-Olten (11.18) backstamps, rating updated in red crayon to "6", **Very Fine and attractive use.**
Estimate . . . . . $500 - 750



123 ✉ **(San Francisco - Foreign Mail) San Francisco, Cal, Feb 12,** double-circle datestamp on cover with blue "**Post Office, Victoria Vancouver Island, Paid**" oval frank handstamp to San Francisco, manuscript "Paid" endorsement at top right, reverse with pencil "recd 12th Feby /66" docketing; tiny edge tear and part of flap missing, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $750 - 1,000

A RARE STAMPLESS VICTORIA, VANCOUVER ISLAND FRANKED COVER TO SAN FRANCISCO.

124 ✉ **(San Francisco - Foreign Mail) San Francisco Cal '10' May 23,** clear strike of integral due cds on cover bearing Victoria 2d violet and 4d rose tied by "Victoria, Victoria, AP 1 72" duplex with "69" canceller to Epping N.H., reverse with "Melbourne, AP 1 72" backstamp, carried by U.S., N.Z. and Australia Mail S.S. Co. *Nevada* from Auckland Apr. 21 to Honolulu arriving May 8th, then by Steamship *Mohongo* from Honolulu May 9th to San Francisco arriving May 22nd, cover faults and toning, **Fine and scarce use by the U.S., N.Z. and Australia Mail steamship line.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300



125 ✉ **(San Francisco) San Francisco, July 2,** bold strike of straightline postmark with magenta date and matching manuscript "40" cent rating on buff 1849 cover to Wethersfield, Conn.; small part of backflap missing, some edges restoration, **Very Fine**; with 1987 P.F. certificate.
Estimate . . . . . $750 - 1,000

This was carried on the second of three sailings of this postmark on the S.S. "Oregon" that departed on July 2.

126 ✉ **(San Francisco) San Francisco, Cal., Apr 1, 80,** red integral rate cds with sans-serif letters (SAF-300, R6) on 1850 cover to Utica, N.Y., matching straight line "Paid" handstamp and manuscript "Per Steamer Tennessee" ship endorsement at bottom left; light wax seal stain at center and partial backflap, **otherwise Very Fine,** a rare integral rate postmark used between April and July of 1850, only a few examples known, accompanied by newspaper clipping regarding this sailing.
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

127 ✉ **(San Francisco) San Francisco, Cal., 40, Dec 1,** red integral rate cds (Williams SAF-290) on 1850 folded letter to Boston, Mass., manuscript "per mail steamer Oregon" endorsement; lightly soiled file folds, **otherwise Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

Sent on the P.M.S.C. - steamer Oregon departing San Francisco on December 1st and arriving in Panama on December 20th, then by U.S.M.S.C. - Georgia departing Chagres on December 26th and arriving in New York on January 6th.



128 ✉ **(San Francisco) San Francisco, Cal., Feb 1,** red cds (SAF-260) with matching "Paid" and "40" rate handstamps on folded letter datelined "**U.S. Store Ship Supply, Saucelito, Jany 27, 1851**", to Portland, Me., **Extremely Fine,** a rare early usage from Sausalito prior to the establishment of a post office.
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

129 ✉ **(San Francisco) San Francisco, 1 Feb.,** orange cds with matching straight line "Paid" and rare "59" rating handstamp on 1851 blue folded letter to England, carried by Cunard Line *Europa* from Boston Mar. 12 to Liverpool arriving Mar. 23, markings include Boston red "19" credit handstamp, red Liverpool America (3.23) and London (3.24) arrivals, **Very Fine,** a scarce example of the 59¢ ratemarker for 40¢ West Coast rate via Panama plus 19¢ Transatlantic.
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200



130 ✉ **(San Francisco) San Francisco, Cal.,** cds (Williams SAF-360) on 1852 folded cover from **New Zealand** to Massachusetts with "12" rate handstamp (10¢ transcontinental postage + 2¢ ship due), **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

131 ✉ **(San Francisco) San Francisco, Cal., Mar 1,** bold sharp strike of cds (SAF-360) on 1853 prices current to **Deventer, Holland**, with matching "Paid" and "26" rate handstamps, red "New York, Am. Packet, Apr 2" exchange cds, London transit backstamp with U.S. Pkt. handstamp and "8" pence debit to Holland, Deventer arrival backstamp and manuscript "70" Dutch Cents due rating, **Very Fine and choice,** a scarce early usage to Holland.
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300



132 ✉ **(San Francisco) R. E. Raimond, General Shipping., and, Commission Merchant, 77 Davis St San Francisco,** blue double oval handstamp on buff cover addressed to Oasis Rancho, San Jose Road, with uncancelled 1851 3¢ dull red (slightly cut in) at right, **Very Fine,** the Raimond oval is seen on other covers but this is the only known "77 Davis" address examples, it is our belief that this is the only example of an express usage, where Raimond transmitted the cover with the uncancelled 3¢ adhesive as per Post Office regulations, ex-Clifford.
Estimate . . . . . $400 - 600

133 ✉ **(San Francisco) San Francisco, July 10th 1855,** dateline on folded letter to Table Bluff, Humboldt Bay, with manuscript ship endorsement **"Favored by Capt. Woodley Brig Wyandot"** at top, minor edge toning, **otherwise Very Fine,** a rare early coastal steamship usage carried outside the mails.
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

134 ✉ **(San Francisco) San Francisco, Cal., 5 Dec.,** cds tying 1855, 10¢ green, type III (straddle copy with sheet dividing line at right, large margins, cut in at bottom) on brown cover to Newburyport, Mass, with manuscript notation at lower left per "Str Golden Age" which carried it to Panama then overland to the Atlantic side where another steamship took it to New York, minor edge wear, **Very Fine.**
Scott No. **15** . . . . . Estimate $200 - 300



135 ✉ **(San Francisco) San Francisco Cal. 20 Jun,** cds ties 10¢ green (15) on blue folded letter datelined "San Fco June 19/1856" to Philadelphia Pa., letter with excellent content concerning the 1856 vigilance committee, "*...our city is in an unsettled condition & the Governor has declared us in a state of insurrection & is enlisting troop to put down the vigilance comm*[e] *but does not make much head way his cause Law & Order or Murder as it is called not being very popular he having up to the present only 500 men whilst the V. C. have over 6,000 men. I do not apprehend a collision although some do but it would be madness to attack the V.C. you well get full accounts from the papers of such damages shocking bad for business...*"; file fold creases 10¢, some light toning, **Fine and rare vigilance committee letter.**
Estimate . . . . . $500 - 750

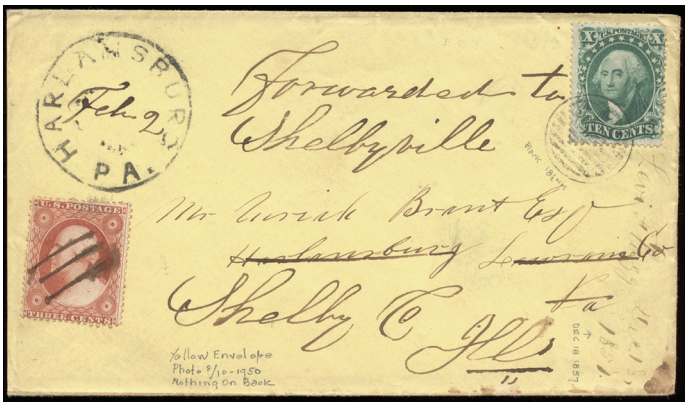
The San Francisco Committee of Vigilance was a popular ad hoc organization formed in 1851 and revived on May 14, 1856 in response to rampant crime and corruption in the municipal government of San Francisco, California.

136 ✉ **(San Francisco) San Francisco, Cal., Jul 5,** clear cds (SAF-360) on 1856 double rate folded letter to Antwerp, Belgium, with red "Paid" handstamp magenta "52" rating, red "New York, Am. Pkt., Aug 2" exchange cds, London backstamp and "U.S. Pkt." handstamp with manuscript "8" pence debit to Belgium with blue "12" total postage due, Antwerp arrival backstamp, **Very Fine,** scarce letter from California to Belgium.
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

137 ✉ **(San Francisco) San Francisco, Cal., 29 Paid, Jul 21,** red integral rate cds (Williams unlisted) on 1856 cover to **Belfast, Ireland**, with manuscript "29" rate reiterated, red "3" credit handstamp applied at New York and Liverpool transit cds, reverse with receiving postmark, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $100 - 150



138 ✉ **(San Francisco) San Francisco, Cal., 20 Oct.,** cds tying **1855 10¢ type II** on cover to New Hampshire with **green embossed cameo corner card of Wilsons Exchange**, slight edge wear, **Very Fine,** a wonderful and rare cover.
Estimate . . . . . $750 - 1,000



139 ✉ **(San Francisco) San Francisco, Cal.,** grid cancel tying 1857 10¢ type II on 1857 cover to Pennsylvania, cover forwarded with manuscript cancel 1857 3¢ with Harrisburg, Pa. cds to Shelbyville, Ill., **Very Fine and choice,** an unusual item without San Francisco postmark.
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400



140 ✉ **(San Francisco) San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 24,** neat cds tying 1859, 10¢ green, type V (left margin guideline single showing portion of stamp from other pane, deep color) on cover to Killingly, Conn., with **fancy boxed Killingly, Ct., Sept 20 date stamp** used as a receiving postmark; cover slightly reduced at right, **Very Fine,** an unusual and unique usage.
Scott No. **35** . . . . . Estimate $300 - 400



141 ✉ **(San Francisco) San Francisco, Cal., Sep 28, 1860,** bold cds on folded letter to Reims, France, with **matching "OVERLAND." straight line handstamp**, "New York, Oct 24" exchange cds and blue crayon "15" rating, French entry cds's with "8" decimes due handstamp, Reims arrival backstamp, **Very Fine,** a choice example of the San Francisco "OVERLAND." straight line handstamp.
Estimate . . . . . $400 - 600

142 ✉ **(San Francisco) San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 2, 1865,** double circle postmark on yellow cover to to Austin, N. T. (Nevada Terr.) franked with two single 1863 ¢ Blackjacks tied by target cancels, 2nd strike of "San Francisco Aug 8 1865" double circle postmark applied and cancelled by San Francisco bar grid, cover addressed to **James F. Reed, a member of the Donner Party**, cover reduced slightly at left, **Very Fine and unusual.**
Scott No. **73** . . . . . Estimate $200 - 300

143 ✉ **(San Francisco) San Francisco Cal '10' Sep 24,** integral due cds on cover bearing **10¢ green (68)** tied by circular grid cancel to Dr. Wm. Commons, Asst. Surg. U.S. Navy, U.S.S. *Suwanee*, care of U.S. Consul Panama N.G., endorsed at left "Answered - San Francisco, Oct 7 1866"; reduced slightly at right, **otherwise Very Fine and unusual forwarded use.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

A Wonderful 1867 Usage from Vancouver Island



144 ✉ **(San Francisco) San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 10,** bold strike of cds duplexed with target cancel tying 10¢ green (68), rich color, couple tiny perf flaws, on 1867 yellow cover from Vancouver V.I. to Boston Mass., blue "**Post Office, Victoria Vancouver Island, Paid**" oval frank handstamp, original enclosed letter datelined "Victoria V.I. July 31st /67"; trivial cover stain, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $750 - 1,000



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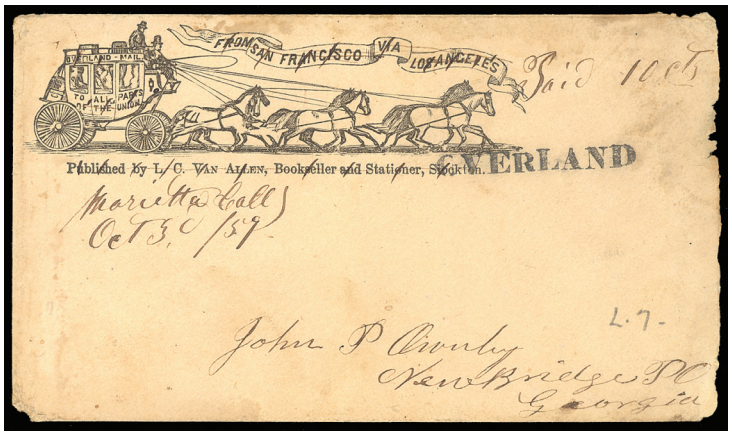
145 ✉ **(San Francisco) San Francisco 1906 Earthquake Collection,** group of 8 items comprising (Apr. 21) San Francisco cds on stampless cover to Stockton Cal. with original letter saying "Your people are all Ok and so are we…The St. Andre's was burnt but they got out all right…" (Apr. 21) San Francisco duplex on folded adversity letter made from postmaster's carrier report form to Stockton with short message "We are all safe and the fire is no were near us…" (Apr. 21) indistinct San Francisco cds on blue cover to Stockton with original letter reading "All burned out, not a thing left, we have left for the park", slip of paper with San Francisco (Apr. 23) duplex to Stockton and Stockton (4.26) machine arrival with message "Place is all … entirely burned out we are safe and out to Park…"; also includes letter from same correspondence with Crocker Quality letterhead relaying news; San Francisco (4.22) machine cancel on cover to 126 Grattan St. S.F. return address to Stockton Cal., reverse with Stockton (4.22) arrival, original letter reading "No doubt you will be surprised to hear from one of the suffers so soon but…Hoping you will not think too unkindly of this recking, fiery and wicked city…", partial San Francisco (4.22) cds on slip of lined paper to Stockton Cal. with (4.22) arrival backstamp, letter reads "Will & I are both alive, but think I would have a different story if it hadn't been we were in doors last eve…", and final item is buff slip of paper to Stockton Cal. with note reading "San Francisco 4/23/06, J.W.W. All burned out. lost every thing will come soon, Mc J." but apparently not posted till later as with Stockton (May 5) duplex and purple "Due 1 Cents" purple straightline and manuscript cancelled 1¢ postage due affixed, **F.-V.F., An important group of quake letters.**
Estimate . . . . . $1,000 - 1,500

On April 18, 1906, a major earthquake devastated San Francisco. Almost 30,000 buildings were destroyed, 700 persons died and 30,000 were made homeless. The fire that followed the earthquake destroyed the post office's supply of stamps. The Post Office Department permitted residents to send letters free of postage for a time after the disaster.

146 ✉ **(San Francisco) "San Francisco, Cal., Apr. 30, 1906" (1906 Earthquake),** machine cancel on 2¢ Columbian entire from stamp dealer **E.F. Gambs** to Newark N.J., original letter accompanies with interesting content mentioning enclosed order and stating "Our stock is O.K., but lists were burned up at the printers.", **Very Fine,** written only 10 days after the earthquake struck.
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

147 ✉ **(San Joaquin) Linden, Cal., Sep. 29,** clear cds (SAJ-1270, R4) on 1868 cover to **Sharon, Canada**, franked with **1863, 5¢ brown, three singles** tied by grid handstamps, manuscript "Overland via Detroit & Toronto" routing endorsement and reverse with transit and receiving cds's; cover with slight soiling and reduction at right, **otherwise Very Fine.**
Scott No. **76** . . . . . Estimate $200 - 300



148 ✉ **(San Joaquin) Marietta, Cal., Oct 30 / 59,** manuscript postmark (no postmarks recorded by Williams) and "Paid 10cts", on illustrated "From San Francisco Via Los Angeles" six-horse stagecoach cover with wording crossed out, bold straight line handstamp "**OVERLAND**", to Georgia; some soiling and edge wear, **Fine and rare,** the only known usage of the straight line "Overland" handstamp on a six horse stagecoach illustrated envelope, ex Lichtenstein.
Estimate . . . . . $1,000 - 1,500



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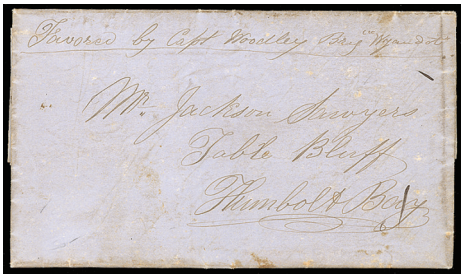

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149 ✉ **(San Joaquin) McDermott's Bridge, Cal., Jan 15 (1854),** triple oval postmark (SAJ-1790) on stampless folded letter, with manuscript "10" to Missouri, soiled and somewhat in tatters, **Fine & one of the rarest of California postmarks,** *ex-Myerson, Tatham.*
Estimate . . . . . $750 - 1,000

150 ✉ **(San Joaquin) Wood's Ferry, Cal., May 16,** bold cds (SAJ-3230) canceling on 1853, 3¢ Nesbitt entire to Stockton, 1860 docketing on face, **Very Fine and choice,** *ex-Myerson.*
Estimate . . . . . $100 - 150



151 ✉ **(San Mateo) Belmont, Cal, Mch 15/69,** manuscript postmark (SAM-50, R4) on cover to Greenville, Conn., franked with manuscript canceled **1873, 2¢ black, horizontal strip of three** (natural s.e. at right); minor wear, **Very Fine,** a wonderful and rare western double rate usage, *ex-Polland, Pearce and Metkin.*
Scott No. **73** . . . . . Estimate $400 - 600



152 ✉ **(San Mateo) Redwood City, Cal., Feb 23,** double circle postmark on cover to Guinn, Cal. franked with **1863, 2¢ black, Horizontal Pair** (couple nibbed perfs) cork canceled, reverse with West Walker, Nevada return address on backflap, **Very Fine and attractive,** *ex-Pearce, Metkin, Fosdyke*.
Scott No. **73** . . . . . Estimate $300 - 400



153 ✉ **(Santa Barbara) Sta Barbara, Cal., Nov 8, 1850,** small blue rimless cds with manuscript date (SBA-1360, R5) on cover to Dover, N.J., manuscript "40" rate; couple filing pinholes at top center, **Extremely Fine,** with photocopy of original enclosure.
Estimate . . . . . $1,500 - 2,000

THE UNIQUE SANTA BARBARA "40" RATE COVER. ONE OF TWO RECORDED EXAMPLES OF SANTA BARBARA'S FIRST TOWNMARK.

Only two examples of the small rimless hand stamp are recorded with this being the earliest recorded as well as earliest recorded mark for the Santa Barbara Post Office.

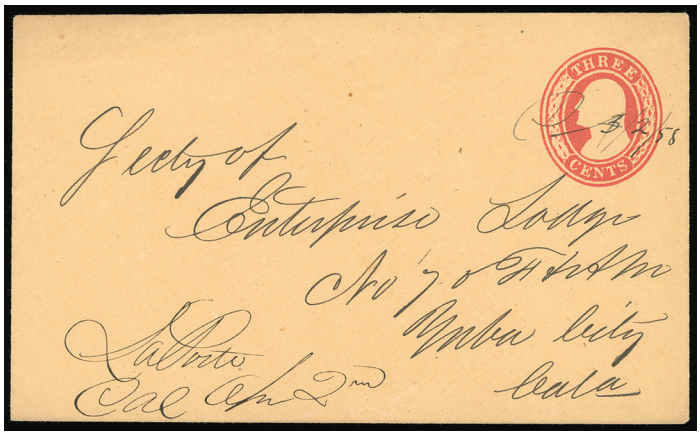


154 ✉ **(Shasta) Shasta, Cal., March 1,** bold rimless cds (SHA-4100, R5) on 1853 cover to **Wurttemberg, Germany**, with manuscript "29" rating and "via New York and Bremen" routing endorsement, "N. York, Br. Pkt., 23, Apr 12" transit cds and "2" debit handstamp, various manuscript accountancy and Aachen transit backstamp, **Very Fine,** a stunning & rare early foreign mail usage from Shasta.
Estimate . . . . . $500 - 750

Sierra County

La Porte, first known as Rabbit Creek, was one of the great placer-mining districts of the state, founded by a gold strike in 1850. The postmark name when the post office opened in 1855 was Rabbit Town, which may have paved the way to the name change in 1857 when Rabbit Creek was renamed La Porte to honor the home town of the expressman Frank D. Everts, who came from La Porte, Indiana and established the first express office in Rabbit Creek in 1854.La Porte, first known as Rabbit Creek, was one of the great placer-mining districts of the state, founded by a gold strike in 1850. The postmark name when the post office opened in 1855 was Rabbit Town, which may have paved the way to the name change in 1857 when Rabbit Creek was renamed La Porte to honor the home town of the expressman Frank D. Everts who came from La Porte, Indiana and established the first express office in Rabbit Creek in 1854.

155 ✉ **(Sierra) La Porte, Cal., Dec 30,** manuscript postmark (SIE-910, R4) on fresh 1853-55 3¢ Nesbitt entire to Masonic Lodge in Yuba City, **Extremely Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $100 - 150



156 ✉ **(Sierra) La Porte, Cal., Apr 2nd,** manuscript postmark (SIE-910, R4) on fresh 1853-55 3¢ Nesbitt entire to Yuba City, manuscript "3/2/58" date cancelling indicia, with original Masonic Lodge member reinstatement notice, **Extremely Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $100 - 150



157 ✉ **(Sierra) La Porte,** crude black straight-line handstamp with matching **straight line "W. Youlen"** below (SIE-0920, R5) on cover to San Jose, with additional strikes of "Free" handstamp, **Very Fine and choice,** ex-Myerson.
Estimate . . . . . $1,500 - 2,000

A WONDERFUL AND UNIQUE W. YOULEN FREE FRANK COVER FROM LA PORTE.

William Youlen was not a legitimately appointed postmaster but assumed the post as such for La Porte for a period of several weeks to a few months. It is believed this took place in the late 1850's. Several examples of his mark are known to have passed through the mail, a like example, also addressed to San Jose is located in the Wiltsee Collection. See Letter of Gold, page 310.



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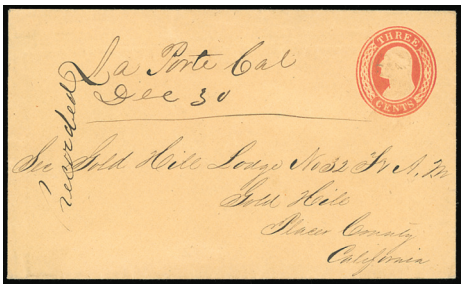

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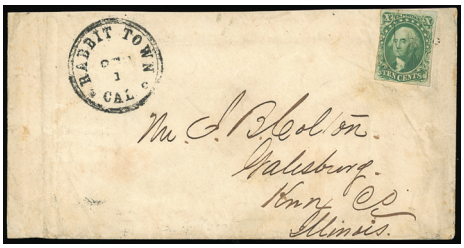

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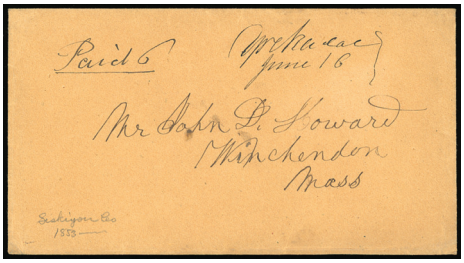

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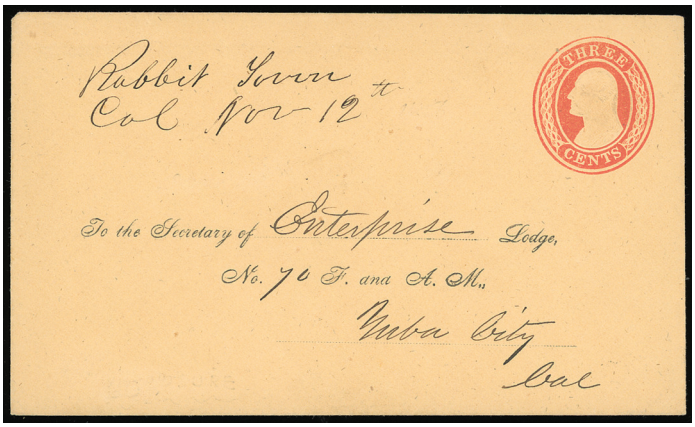
158 ✉ **(Sierra) La Porte, Cal.,** 4 townmark covers; with first type cds (SIE-930) on 1855, 10¢ green entire, second type cds (SIE-940) in red on 3¢ (26) franked cover and in blue tying 10¢ (33) on small embossed ladies cover, and third type cds (SIE-950) on cover to Todd's Valley franked with 1¢ pair & single (63); some flaws, **F.-V.F.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300



159 ✉ **(Sierra) Rabbit Town, Cal., Nov 12th,** manuscript postmark (SIE-1340, R4) on fresh 1853, 3¢ Nesbitt entire to the Enterprise Lodge in Yuba City, **Extremely Fine,** this is one of the finest examples of this rare manuscript postmark, pictured in Coburn's *Letters of Gold*.
Scott No. **U10** . . . . . Estimate $300 - 400

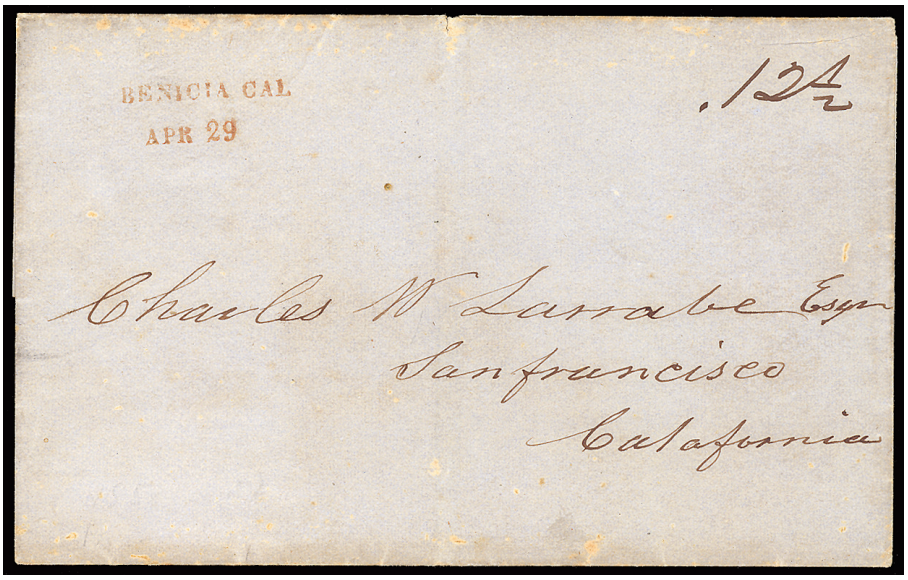
160 ✉ **(Sierra) Rabbit Town, Cal., Feb 14,** bold red cds (SIE-1350, R5) on fresh cover to Bucksport, Cal., franked with **1851, 3¢ dull red** tied by manuscript; most of backflap missing, **otherwise Very Fine,** a choice strike.
Scott No. **11A** . . . . . Estimate $150 - 200

161 ✉ **(Sierra) Rabbit Town, Cal.,** 3 townmark covers; first type cds (SIE-1350, R5) on 1855, 10¢ green entire (with 1856 Christmas day enclosure) and on cover franked with 1851, 10¢ green, type I (13), also a 1855, 10¢ green entire with second type cds (SIE-1360, R5); cover flaws on first two, **Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200



162 ✉ **(Sierra) Rose's Bar, September 14, 1850** (no P.O.) dateline on folded letter to Mount Vernon, O., entering the mails with red "San Francisco, 40, Sep 30" integral rate cds (Williams SAF-290), interesting mining letter about tough times most miners are having, talks of a river called the Trinity about 250 miles north as it might not be so crowded, if doesn't improve will come home, poor pay and high costs, etc.; minor file fold, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

163 ✉ **(Siskiyou) Yreka, Cal.,** better group of 19 covers including three manuscript postmarks (SIS-4090, R4) with "Paid 3", "Paid 6" and unpaid "5" ratings, three 10¢ green entires with "Yreka, Cal." (SIS-4100, R4) cds plus additional strikes on stamp use with "Paid 3" arc handstamp etc., "Yreka Cal. Feb 21" cds (SIS-4130, R4) on 10¢ green (U40) entire to Washington Me., etc., **F.-V.F. and interesting group.**
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400



164 ✉ **(Solano) Benicia, Cal, April 29, ca 1850 (Pre-Statehood),** red straight line postmark (Williams SOL-90) on folded letter to San Francisco with manuscript "12½ " for Pacific coast rate during 40¢ rate period, **Extremely Fine, a classic California rarity and the finest known example of this rare straight line postmark,** ex-Tatham.
Estimate . . . . . $2,000 - 3,000

THIS CANCEL WAS ONLY A TEMPORARY CANCELLER KNOWN USED FOR 6 MONTHS UNTIL THE FIRST CDS ARRIVED BY MAY 1850. ONE OF THE FINEST KNOWN OF THE APPROXIMATELY 6 RECORDED.

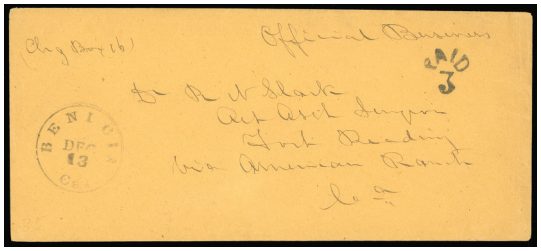


165 ✉ **(Solano) Benicia, Cal,/Jul. 3,** red cds and large "12 ½" rate (Williams SOL-100) on 1850 stampless folded letter to Sacramento City that refers to unpredictable mails, **Extremely Fine, one of the few covers with this fancy rate handstamp,** ex-Salzer, Tatham.
Estimate . . . . . $500 - 750

166 ✉ **(Solano) Benicia, Cal.,** first type cds (SOL-100, R4) on two legal size covers from correspondence to Fort Reading "via American Ranch"; one O.B. endorsed with "Paid 3" handstamp, other franked with 3¢ sheet margin pair (11) tied by cds; later with sealed cover tears and partial backflap, **F.-V.F.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

167 ✉ **(Solano) Benicia, Cal.,** readable cds ties an 1857 10¢ green type II on a small neat lady's cover to Albany, N.Y.; slightly reduced at right, **otherwise Very Fine.**
Scott No. **32** . . . . . Estimate $100 - 150

168 ✉ **(Solano) Cordelia, Cal. Aug. 16,** manuscript postmark (SOL-550, R4) on 1869 cover to **Switzerland**, franked with **1867, 3¢ red, F. grill, horizontal strip of four and single** tied by manuscript cancels paying the fifteen cent rate, light red New York exchange cds and Locarno transit backstamp; cover missing most of backflap, **otherwise Very Fine.**
Scott No. **94** . . . . . Estimate $200 - 300



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169 ✉ **(Sonoma) Duncan's Mill, Cal., Apr 16 (1862),** unusual postmark (SON-1250) on well traveled cover from N.Y. to Duncan's Mill and then forwarded to San Francisco with "fwd 3c", where it was "Advertised 1" and "Not Called For"; various notations on cover, some corner wear, **F.-V.F.,** 1 of 2 known, *ex-Tatham*.
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

170 ✉ **(Sonoma) Santa Rosa, Cal., Aug 4 (1857),** bold cds (SON-4500) tying 1851 10¢ green imperf (four margins) on cover to N.Y., **Very Fine,** ex-Tatham.
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

171 ✉ **(Sutter) Johnson's Ranch, Cal., Mar. 3,** double circle (Collins type) postmark ties 10¢ green (33) on orange cover to Wests Mills Me.; reduced slightly at right, **F.-V.F.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

172 ✉ **(Sutter) Nicolaus, Cal., Feb 3,** manuscript postmark (SUT-320, R5) on 1853-55 10¢ Nesbitt entire to Vermont, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $100 - 150

173 ✉ **(Tehama) Red Bluff, Cal. Nov 7, 1902,** duplex ties 2¢ bureau on **Peters Cartridges and Loaded Shells gun ad cover** to Point Richmond Cal, reverse with multicolor illustrated cartridges design; some docketing at left, **F.-V.F.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

174 ✉ **(Tehama) Red Bluff, Cal. Dec 1902,** duplex ties 1¢ bureau pair on **Winchester Repeating Rifles gun ad cover** showing Hunter and Rifle, addressed to Point Richmond Cal, indistinct arrival backstamp, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

Trinity County

175 ✉ **(Trinity) "Trinity, Trinity Co., June 9 / 56",** manuscript postmark (TRI-1840) and matching "X" cancel on 10¢ green (U17) entire addressed to John W. Denver, Washington D.C., **Very Fine and scarce.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

176 ✉ **(Trinity) Trinity, Cal. "May 16/ 57",** cds with manuscript date (TRI-1850, R4) and manuscript "Paid 10" rate alongside on cover to Bucksport, Me.; some cover wear, **a Very Fine scarce strike.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

177 ✉ **(Trinity) Trinity Centre, Cal., Jul 29,** blue cds (TRI-1890) on orange buff cover bearing 1¢ blue (63) and 5¢ red brown (75) cancelled by manuscript cross-hatch to Yreka Cal., docketed "Recd July 22/63" at right, **Very Fine and rare strike of this cds.**
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

178 ✉ **(Trinity) Weaverville, Cal.,** group of four covers comprising "Weaverville Cal. Apr 3" oval to Yuba City with blue "Marysville Cal. Apr 7" cds and "Missent" straightline; "Weaverville Cal. Apr 17" oval and large grid cancel on #U6 to Morris N.Y., Weaverville cds on #32 to Steubenville Oh., and red "Weaverville Cal Nov 17" cds with "Free" handstamp to John W. Denver, **Very Fine group.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

179 ✉ **(Trinity) Weaverville, Cal.,** fancy oval postmark with manuscript date (Williams TRI-2020) on cover to San Jose with "Paid 3" rate handstamp, cover with minor wrinkles, **Very Fine.**
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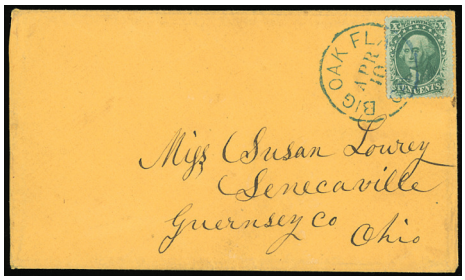

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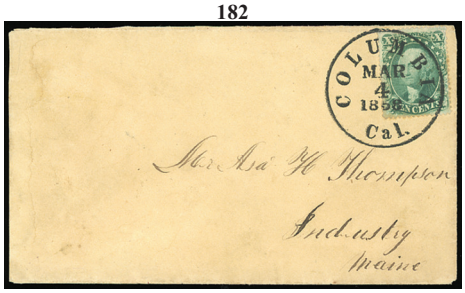

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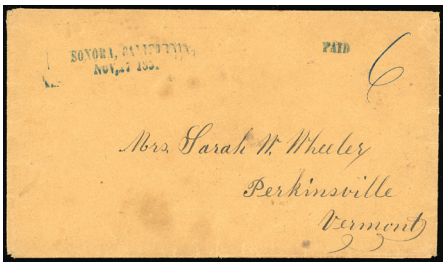

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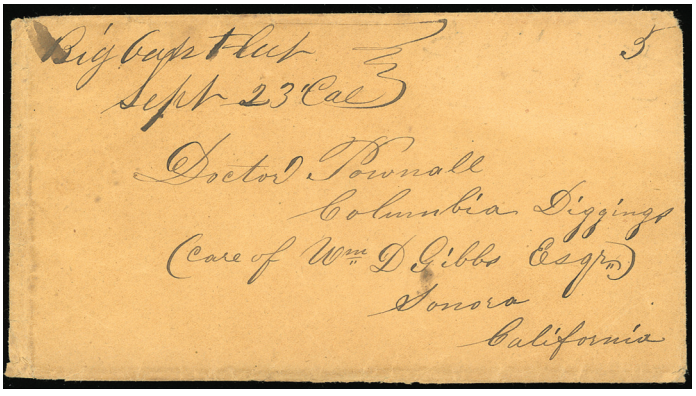
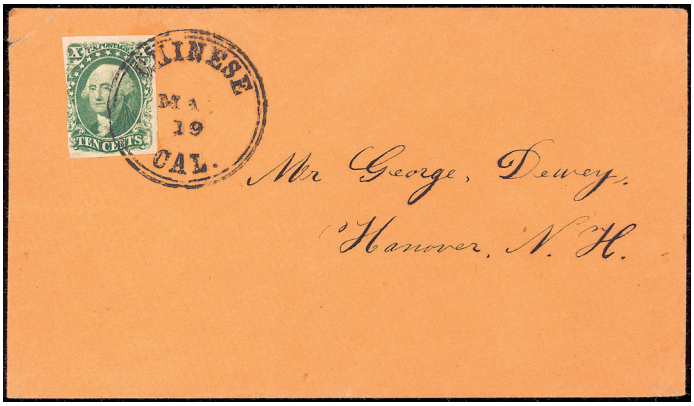
180 ✉ **(Tulare) Tule, Cal., June 1 (1869),** manuscript postmark (TUL-3290) on cover franked with with pen cancelled 2¢ Blackjack (top left corner repaired) & 1867 10¢ green + 3¢ rose Grills + 2¢ black, registered to Sacramento, **Very Fine,** a scarce registry usage.
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

Tuolumne County



181 ✉ **(Tuolumne) "Big Oak Flat, Sept 23 Cal",** manuscript postmark (TOU-XXXX, R5) and matching manuscript "5" due rating on buff cover to Doctor Pownall, Columbia Diggings, Sonora Cal.; flap faulty and some edge wear, **F.-V.F., This is the only recorded example by Williams.**.
Estimate . . . . . $400 - 600

182 ✉ **(Tuolumne) Big Oak Flat, Cal. Apr 10,** perfect sharp strike of blue cds (Williams TUO-20, R4) ties 10¢ green (35) on orange buff cover to Senecaville Oh., 1861 original letter, **Very Fine and choice.**
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400



183 ✉ **(Tuolumne) Chinese, Cal., May 19 (1855),** bold double circle postmark (TUO-200) ties 10¢ green imperf on buff cover to N.H., **Extremely Fine,** ex-Myerson, Tatham.
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

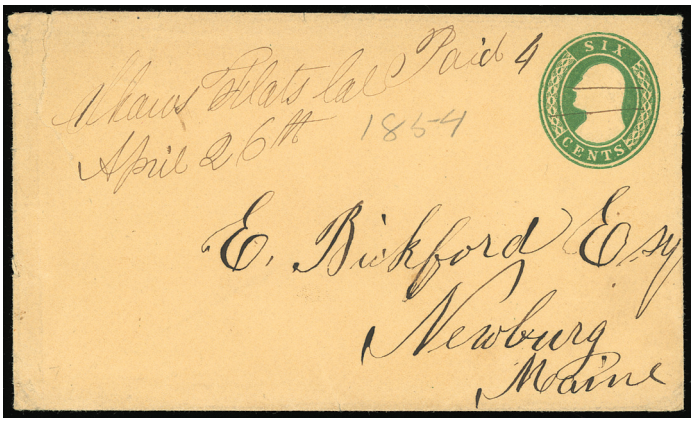
184 ✉ **(Tuolumne) Chinese, Cal., Jan 31.,** Collins cds on 3¢ red (U10) Nesbitt buff entire to Yuba City Cal., **an Extremely Fine gem.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

185 ✉ **(Tuolumne) Columbia, Cal. "Feb 25/ 53,** straight line postmark with manuscript date (TUO-390, R5) and matching circled "10" rating handstamp on blue folded letter to West Point Va., **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200



186 ✉ **(Tuolumne) Columbia, Cal., June 21 / 53,** straight line postmark (TUO-390) date in manuscript, with "PAID 6" in circle on stampless folded letter with to Maine, **Extremely Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

187 ✉ **(Tuolumne) Columbia, Cal., Mar. 4, 1858,** perfect bold strike of cds (TUO-430, R4) ties 10¢ green, type III (33) on light buff cover to Industry Me.; light water staining at left, 10¢ small tear, **Very Fine and remarkable strike.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200



188 ✉ **(Tuolumne) "Shaw's Flat, Cal., Apr. 26th",** manuscript postmark (TUO-1290) and matching "Paid 4" rating on 6¢ green (U12) buff entire to Newbury Me.; torn at upper left; pencil 1854 docketing, **F.-V.F.**
Estimate . . . . . $400 - 600

THIS IS EARLIEST POSTMARK FROM SHAW'S FLAT AND THE ONLY RECORDED EXAMPLE OF THE MANUSCRIPT POSTMARK.

189 ✉ **(Tuolumne) Sonora, California, Nov, 27 1851,** clear strike of blue two-line postmark (TUO-1340) and matching "Paid" handstamp with manuscript "6" cent rating on orange buff cover to Perkinsville Vt.; part of bottom flap missing, **a Very Fine strike of this scarce postmark.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300



190 ✉ **(Tuolumne) Sonora, California., Mar. 28, 1852,** great strike of two-line blue postmark (TUO-1340) and blue manuscript "5" due rating on blue folded letter to Santa Clara Cal.; some light soiling, **Very Fine and remarkable clear strike.**
Estimate . . . . . $400 - 600

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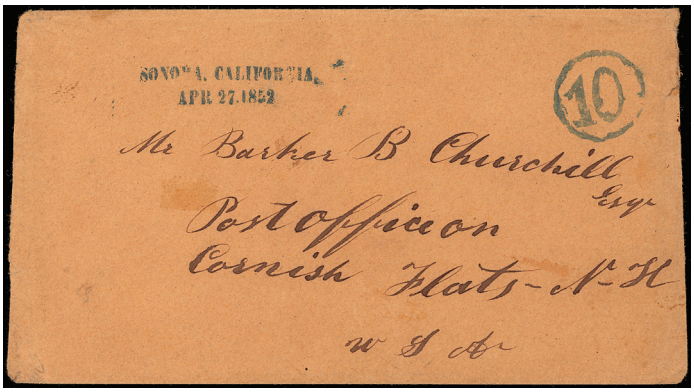
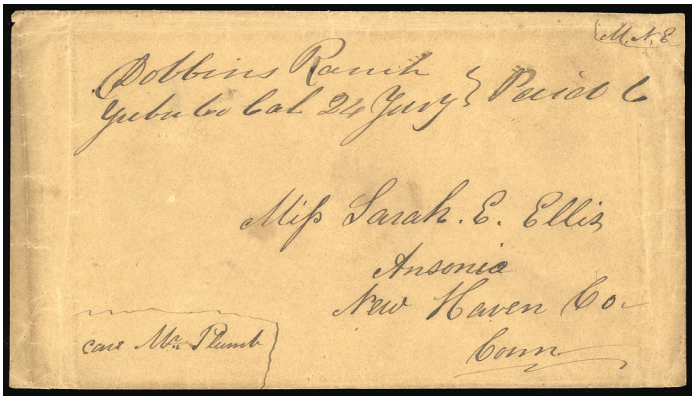


191 ✉ **(Tuolumne) Sonora, California, Apr 27 1852,** terrific blue straight line postmark (TUO-1340) with "10" in circle rate mark, to N.H., trivial edge wear, **Extremely Fine,** very rare, ex-Tatham.
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

192 ✉ **(Tuolumne) Sonora, Cal., Apr 11 (1853),** double circle postmark (TUO-1380) on folded letter franked with 1851 3¢ dull red imperf cancelled by grid cancel to Maine, with lengthy letter datelined "Jackass", **Very Fine,** ex-Tatham.
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

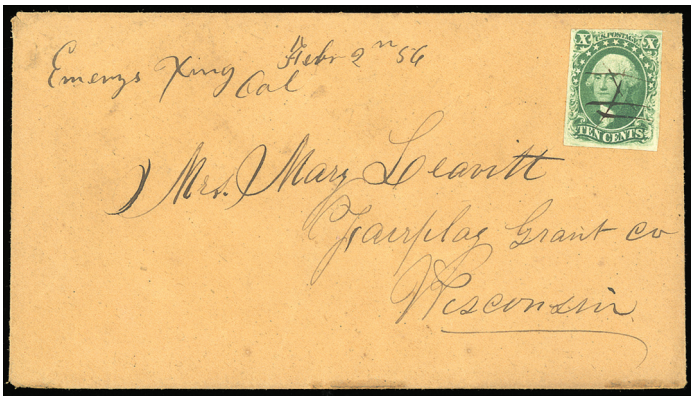
Yuba County

193 ✉ **(Yuba) Camptonville, Cal., Jan. 15,** bold strike of cds (YUB-260, R4) on light buff cover bearing pen cancelled 1¢ blue (9), deep rich color, and 3¢ dull red (11A) strip of three prepaying 10¢ rate to Swanzey N.H., docketed "C.G. Whitcomb, Youngs Hill, California" at left; small stamp flaws and some soiling, **F.-V.F.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300



194 ✉ **(Yuba) "Dobbins Ranch, Yuba Co., Cal., 24 Jany",** manuscript postmark (YUB-510, R5) with matching "Paid 6" rating on circa 1853 cover to Ansonia Ct.; some aging, **F.-V.F. and rare.**
Estimate . . . . . $500 - 750

We offered another example of the YUB-510 postmark in Sale 33 Lot 1218 that realized $920.



195 ✉ **(Yuba) "Emerys Xing (Crossing), Cal., Febr. 2, '56",** manuscript postmark (YUB-570, R5) on buff cover bearing 10¢ green, type III (15), four margins, cancelled by matching manuscript to Fairplay Wisc., accompanying correspondence letter datelined "Emerys Crossing, Jan 30th '57" may not belong, **Very Fine and rare.**
Estimate . . . . . $500 - 750

The Emery's Crossing post office is known opened June 2nd, 1855 to July 15, 1858. ***This is the earliest recorded Emery's Crossing postmark as listed in Williams.***

196 ✉ **(Yuba) "Emerys xing, April 16th /57",** manuscript postmark (YUB-570, R5) and matching "Paid 10c" rating on orange buff cover to Fairplay Wisc., original letter datelined "Emery Crossing March 31st 1857", **Very Fine and choice example of this rare postmark.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

Emery's Crossing post office was open from Jun. 2nd 1855 to July 15th 1858 with only manuscript postmarks of "Emerys xing" and "Emery's Crossing" known from Feb. 2nd 1856 to Sep. 16th 1857.



197 ✉ **(Yuba) "Foster's Bar, Cal., Apr. 18",** manuscript postmark (YUB-620) with matching "6 cts" rating on cover with blue **Prospecting Miners** illustrated cameo design showing **Panning for Gold Scene** addressed to Swanzey N.H., two strikes of blue "Paid" oval handstamp **(undoubtedly an Express Company marking)**, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $1,000 - 1,500

198 ✉ **(Yuba) Johnsons Ranch, Cal., Jan 2 (1856),** bold double circle postmark (YUB-710) on 10¢ green Nesbitt entire to Ohio, minor edge wear and flap torn, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300



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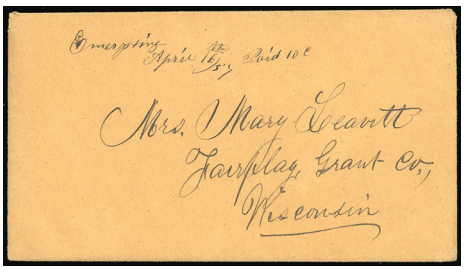

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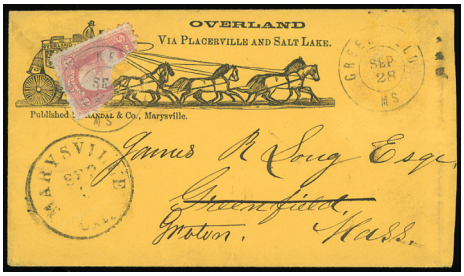

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199 ✉ **(Yuba) Marysville, Cal., 12½, Apr 16,** integral west coast rate cds (YUB-820, R5) on folded letter to San Francisco, datelined "Long Bar, Yuba River, California, Apr 3d, 1851" with letter mentioning sending money by Tracy's Express; minor faint toning, **Very Fine,** a rare integral 12½ rate postmark from Marysville used for a short time between February and June of 1851.
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

200 ✉ **(Yuba) Marysville, Cal., Sep. 3,** cds on orange buff **Overland Mail Via Placerville and Salt Lake** Randal & Co. illustrated Six-Horse Stagecoach design to Greenfield Mass., forwarded to Groton, bearing 3¢ rose (65) tied by "Greenfield Ms Sep 28" cds and additional strike at right; part of 3¢ missing, reduced slightly at right, **Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $400 - 600

A RARE EXAMPLE OF THIS OVERLAND MAL ILLUSTRATED PROPAGANDA COVER.



201 ✉ **(Yuba) Oregon House, Cal., Dec 24,** manuscript postmark (YUB-1140) at lower left corner of 1855, 10¢ Nesbitt entire to Spruce Hill, Pa., with original 1860 4-page enclosure with **interesting content regarding the 1860 Presidential Election**…*I was at the Election of the 6th of Nov & voted for Lincoln & Hamlin. I remained on the ground all day & electioneered for the Republicans. At my voting place Lincoln had 27 votes, Douglas 24, Breckenridge 21 & Bell 1…Lincoln carries California by 632 majority over Douglas. He carries Oregon by 301 majority over Breckenridge…**The Pony Express brought the news that Lincoln was elected in six days.*, **Very Fine,** a wonderful California political letter.
Estimate . . . . . $500 - 750

202 ✉ **(Yuba) Oregon House, Cal., Oct. 15,** manuscript postmark and matching manuscript cross-hatch cancels 10¢ green (68) on **Our Union - Our Constitution Flag patriotic** cover to Hackettstown N.J.; reduced slightly at right, **Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300



203 ✉ **(Yuba) Park's Bar, Cal.,** blue manuscript postmark (Williams YUB-1240) on 1856 cover to **France** franked with 1851 3¢ with matching blue manuscript cancel & notation at top left "Paid 26c" for the West Coast rate, cover slight corner wear, **Very Fine,** pictured in *Letters of Gold*, ex-Chase, Alexander.
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

204 ✉ **(Yuba) Strawberry Valley, Yuba Co., Cal., July 11, 1865,** clear strike of cds (YUB-1480) on cover bearing 3¢ rose (65) tied by matching **fancy shield** cancel to Downieville Cal.; small repaired nick at bottom and no flap, **Very Fine appearance.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

California Town Postmarks - Balance Lots

205 ✉ **Amador County Covers,** group of over 115 covers and cards, towns include scarce Ione Valley with ms. "Ione Valley, Aug 6" postmark, another ms. and cds strikes, Amador City, Buena Vista with two ms. 1870s postmarks, Carbondale, Defender, Dry Town, Electra, Forest Home, Fiddletown incl. two 10¢ entires, Jackson, Lancha Plana, Martell, May, Oleta, Pine Grove, Pioneer, Plymouth, Ritchey, Sutter Creek incl. two 10¢ uses, Volcano, Waterman, etc.; some faults, **F.-V.F.**
Estimate . . . . . $500 - 750

206 ✉ **California County Balance,** group of 226 covers and cards, counties include Colusa (53), Glenn (31), Inyo (35), Madera (40), San Mateo (24) and Tehama (43); towns include Borden with fancy ovals, Coarse Gold Gulch, Gold Gulch, Grub Gulch incl. unlisted 1890 ms. postmark, Madera, Butte City, Germantown, Red Bluff inc. 1855 ms. postmark Jacinto with unlisted 1874 ms. postmark, Menlo Park, San Mateo, College City, Colusa, Epperson with 1880 ms. postmark, Grand Island, Kenawha with 1874 ms. postmark, Maxwell, Princeton, Spring Valley incl. ms. postmark eku, St. John, Willows, etc.; some faults.
Estimate . . . . . $500 - 750

207 ✉ **California Incoming Covers,** 11 covers, many with original correspondence; includes four 1850's foreign origin covers from England to San Francisco, others domestic including "40" rate from New York and various "6" and "10" rate usages from eastern states; condition a little varied, **generally F.-V.F. or better.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

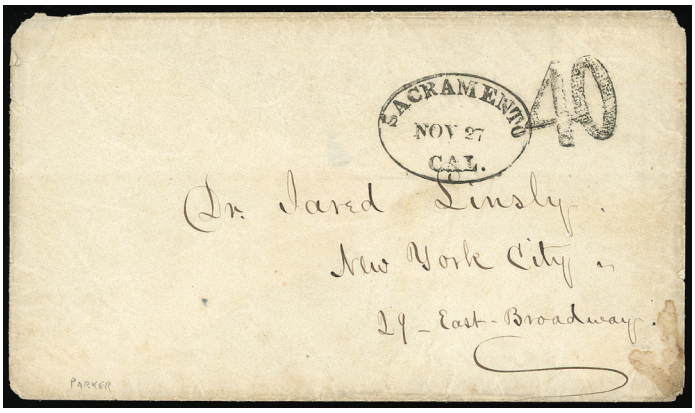
208 ✉ **California Postmark Cover Group,** approximately 40 covers; nice array of town and usages; includes early usages with 1854 Diamond Springs (ex-Haas), 1859 Grass Valley cds tying 10¢ (32), foreign destinations with 1866 Mokelumne Hill to France, 1857 Weaverville to Switzerland and 1852 Auburn to Scotland, 1850's forwarding with San Francisco cds, Stockton cds & Vallejo manuscript, Stockton "40" rate, other usages from town including Fort Jones, Culloma, 1856 Yreka with the questionable fancy "Bison" mark, Montezuma, Martinez, Grizzly Flat, 1883 Chico with fancy "CHICO" killer handstamp, 1874 Georgetown with fancy red hollow star canceling, 1858 Nevada City with enclosure datelined from Gold Mountain, etc.; nice clear strikes throughout, **generally F.-V.F. or better.**
Estimate . . . . . $1,000 - 1,500

209 ✉ **California Town Balance, 1880s-1900s,** balance in small box of over 400 covers and cards, range of towns and counties including ovals and count/postmaster cds's, includes Roberts provisional cds, Baird oval, Mullberry county, Live Oak county cds, Gazelle octagon d.s., etc.; some better strikes but mixed condition; a great lot with plenty of value, **F.-V.F.** (no photo).
Estimate . . . . . $750 - 1,000

210 ✉ **El Dorado County Covers,** better group of over 170 covers and cards, better includes "Cold Spring Cal Jun 27" manuscript postmark on cover to Iowa City Ia., "Spanish Flat Cal Aug 14th" manuscript postmark, faulty "Brownville Cal March 10" postmark to Louisville Cal., two Mud Springs double-circle stampless uses, Spanish Flat cds cover with #65 to Floyd N.Y., Indian Diggins cds on cover with #94 to Placerville Cal., towns include Grizzly Flat, Latrobe, Lotus, Mendon, Pacific, Nashville, Newtown, Pilot Hill, Placerville, Coloma, Diamond Springs, Fairplay, Georgetown, Greenwood, etc., **F.-V.F.**
Estimate . . . . . $750 - 1,000

211 ✉ **Mariposa County Covers,** group of over 90 covers and cards, towns include Baxter, Bear Valley incl. two early #65 uses, Ben Hur, Bondville, Buck Meadows, Camp Curry, Cathey with unique "Cathay Cal, 10-3-1885" manuscript postmark use, Chowchiela, Coulterville, Exchfquer, El Portal, Hornitos, Incline, Indian Gulch, unrecorded "Leach's Store Cal, Sept 14 1858" manuscript postmark on faulty cover, Lewis with 1894 ms. postmark use, Mariposa, Maxwell's Creek, ms. "Mt. Baldwin, Nov 12, Cal" postmark use (EKU), Mountain Kin, Mount Ophir, Quartzburg including ms. "Quartzburg Cal, Augt 20/54", Wawona, etc.; some faults, **F.-V.F.**
Estimate . . . . . $500 - 750

212 ✉ **Monterey County Covers,** group of approximately 95 covers and cards, towns include Aromas, Asilomar, Apricot, Bradley, Blanco, Carmel, Castroville, Chualar, Del Monte, Gonzales, Greenfield, Imusdale including 1880 ms. postmark, Jolon including only recorded "Jolon April 6 /74" postmark, Lockwood, Lucia, Metz, Monterey, Moss, Pacific Grove, Posts, Parkfield, Paraiso Springs, Pleyton, Peach Tree including 1875 manuscript postmark, Priest Valley, San Ardo, San Antonio, San Lucas, Salinas City, Slack Canyon, etc.; some faults, **F.-V.F. with many better.**
Estimate . . . . . $400 - 600



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213 ✉ **Sacramento, Cal. Town Balance,** of 10 covers; includes nice selection of seven early 40 trans-continental rate covers with postmarks including oval date stamp (SAC-2480), 1850 forwarding to Marysville with two different cds's, one with interesting miners letter and another from recent eastern immigrant describing San Francisco & Sacramento, S.F. fire, intercoastal steamer travel, etc., few other usages including later 10¢ (35) usage via Panama; nice clear strikes throughout, **generally F.-V.F. or better.**
Estimate . . . . . $500 - 750

214 ✉ **San Bernardino County Balance,** approximately 75 covers and cards, all towns Williams identified, nice array of towns with many rarity 4 rating postmarks; includes 1892 Alessandro (SBE-40, R4), 1883 Banning (SBE-450, R4), 1887 Barstow cds and star duplex (SBE-510, R4), 1893 Burcham Columbian franking registered (SBE-900), c. 1876 Cucamonga (SBE-1690, R3), 1886 Dagget oval (SBE-1790) to Switzerland, scarce Mound Station (SBE-3660, R5), rare 1888 manuscript Needles (SBE-3710), 1883 Ontario (SBE-3970), 1860's San Bernardino (SBE-4840, R4), rare unlisted 1887 Victor (new SBE-5658, R4), 1882 Waterman manuscript (SBE-5870) and cds (SBE-5880), etc.; virtually all clear strikes with many choice and gem townmarks, little to no duplication, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $1,000 - 1,500

215 ✉ **San Diego County Balance,** over 75 covers and cards, all towns Williams identified, nice array of towns with many rarity 4 rating postmarks; includes 1887 Coronado (SAN-905, R4 only recorded example), 1891 Nido (SAN-1490, only recorded example), 1891 Elsinore registered (SAN-1550), 1901 Gavavilla registered (SAN-2020), rare 1870's Julian (SAN-2490, one other recorded), 1894 Merton (SAN-3100, one other recorded), 1881 National City (SAN-3360, only recorded example) and a allover illustrated map cover, 1875 North San Diego (SAN-3620, R4), 1887 Nuevo (SAN-3690, only one other recorded), 1894 Otay (SAN-3990, one other recorded), 1883 Pala (SAN-4130, R4), scarce 1870's Poway manuscript (SAN-4560, R4), 1865 San Luis Rey manuscript (SAN-5850), 1891 Siempreviva (SAN-6210, R4), 1910 Sylvan (SAN-6420, R4), 1889 Terra Cotta (SAN-6530, R4), 1895 Tiajuana U.S./Mexico mixed franking, 1870's Viejas manuscript (SAN-6680, R4), 1887 Vineyard (SAN-6700, R4), etc.; virtually all clear strikes with many choice and gem townmarks, little to no duplication, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $1,000 - 1,500

216 ✉ **San Diego County Better Balance,** 30 mostly scarce to rare covers, all towns Williams identified, nice array of towns; with 1884 Apex manuscript (SAN-150, R4), 1885 Ballena manuscript (new SAN-195), 1884 Ballena (SAN-190, only recorded example), 1883 Buena manuscript to Salvador (SAN-570, only recorded example) and the following sawtooth cds (SAN-580) & fancy star, 1887 Carlsbad (Unlisted and earliest, unique?) with Maltese cross cancel, 1878 Descanso manuscript (SAN-1190, R4), 1881 El Rio manuscript (SAN-1500, R4), 1884 Fallbrook duplex (SAN-1840, R4), 1883 Howe manuscript registered (SAN-2220, R4), early Jamul and Julian, 1880's Mesa Grande manuscript (SAN-3130, only recorded example), 1873 Mount Fair View manuscript (SAN-3290, R4), 1890 Orcutt manuscript (SAN-3960, only one other recorded), 1887 Ramona manuscript (SAN-4680, only recorded example, 2 known), 1850's San Diego (SAN-4850, R4) tying 1851, 10¢ type I (31), manuscript postmarks from San Marcos, South San Diego (2) and Wildomar; condition mixed with mostly clear strikes throughout, **generally F.-V.F. or better** (no photo).
Estimate . . . . . $1,000 - 1,500

217 ✉ **San Francisco, Cal. Town Balance,** of over 30 items; includes early 1849 "40" rate cover with content regarding voyage to S.F. and "30" rate cover to Lima, Peru, few other later "40" rate usages, four 1850's usages to France, 1850-60's 1¢ & 2¢ drop rate covers, 1850's integral "Free" cds, some interesting stamped 1860's usages, 1850's private carried to London, 1870's telegram, etc., **generally F.-V.F. or better.**
Estimate . . . . . $500 - 750

218 ✉ **Siskiyou County Covers,** group of over 96 covers and cards, towns include Berryvale, Beswick, Black Bear, Brownell, Bogus, Bray, Callahans Ranch incl. two 3¢ star die entires with one having ms. postmark and cds eku, Coles, Dunsmuir, Edgewood, Etna Mills incl. cds eku and ms. postmark, Fort Jones, Forks of Salmon, Cottville, Gazelle, Henley incl. ms. postmark, Happy Camp, Mott, Oak Bar, Oro Fino, Ottitiewa with ms. postmark, Sawyers Bar, Scott River, Sisson, Walker, etc.; some faults.
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

219 ✉ **Trinity County Covers,** group of 63 covers and cards, towns include Anada, Abrams, Burnt Ranch, Junction, Forest Glen, Cedarville, Burris, Island Mountain, Caution, Cinnabar, Dedrick, Deadwood, Dohleska, Denny, Francis, Hawkins Bar, Hyampom, Hayfork including ms. "Hay Fork Cal 6.5/82" postmark, Junction City, Island Mountain, Lewiston, Lowdens Ranch, Mad River, Quinby, Trinity Centre, Weatherville including couple oval datestamps, Zenia, etc.; some faults, **F.-V.F.**
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

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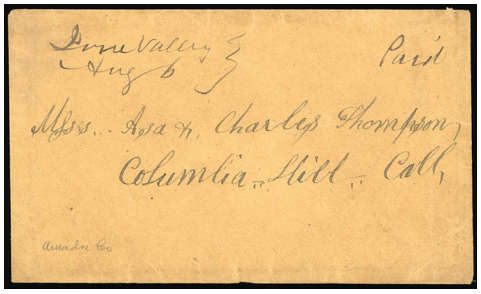



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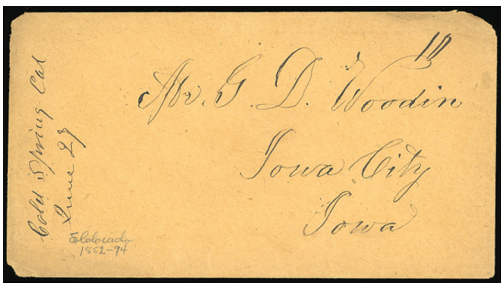

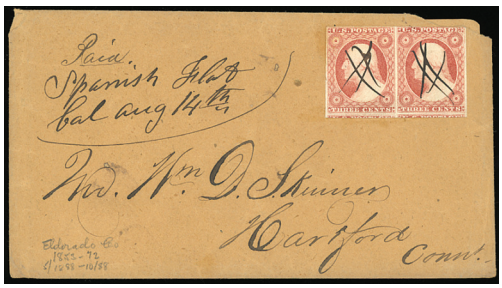

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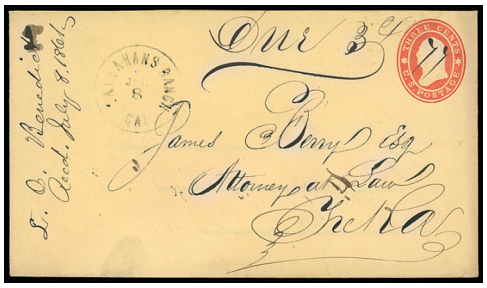

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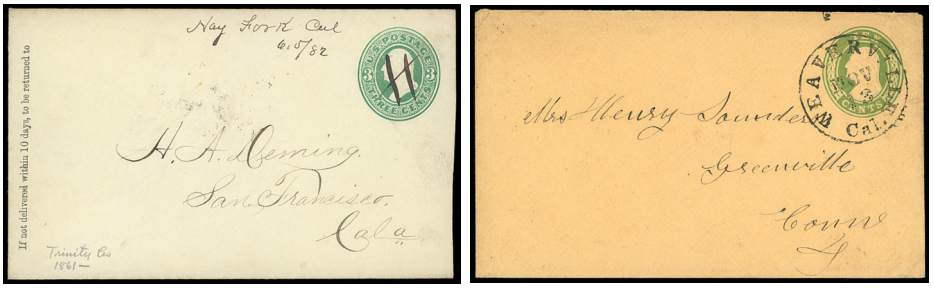

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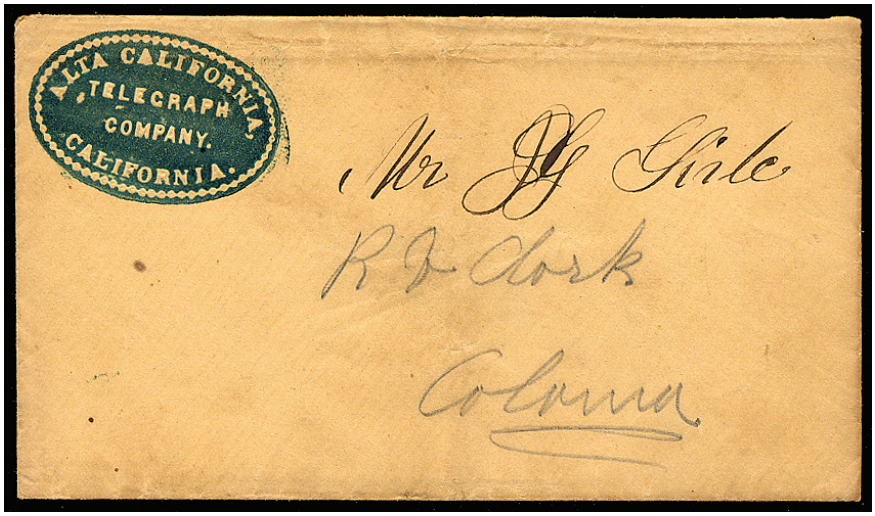
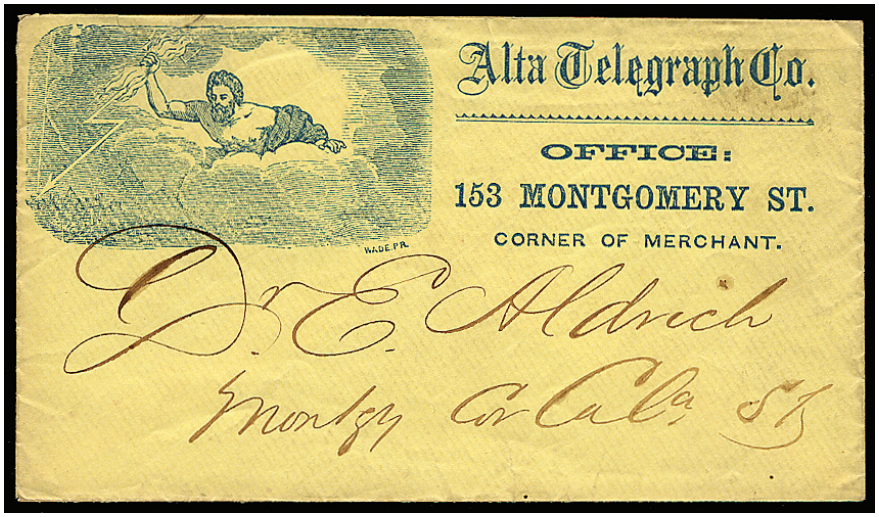
220 ✉ **Tuolumne County Covers,** group of over 150 covers and cards, towns include Big Oak Flat, Blanchard, Bronson with 1883 ms. postmark, Confidence, Chinese Camp, Copperopolis, Columbia (10) including two-line stampless postmark, Carters, Confidence, Don Pedros Bar with two ms. postmarks, Garrote with three ms. postmarks, Groveland, Green Springs ms. postmark, Jamestown (12) incl. ms. postmark and 10¢ entire use, Jacksonville, Keystone incl. 1905 ms. postmark, Montezuma incl. ms. postmark and cds on 10¢ entire, Quartz, Shaws Flat, Sonora (32) including two-line postmark stampless use, range of stampless markings, 10¢ uses, etc., Soulsbyville, Sequoia, Sugar Pine, Springfield, Wood Diggins with 1852 ms. postmark, etc; some faults, **F.-V.F.**
Estimate . . . . . $750 - 1,000

221 ✉ **Yuba County Covers,** group of over 106 covers and cards, towns include Arboga, Brownsville, Browns Valley including only recorded strike of YUB-40 cds, Bullard's Bar, Camptonville, Dobbins, Empire Ranch, Honcut with 1876 ms. postmark, Erle, Forsters Bar, Hansonville with ms. postmark, Johnsons Ranch including ms. postmark and two cds strikes, Long Bar, Marysville with over 30 covers including 40¢ integral cds, 10¢ entires, etc., Oregon House incl. ms. postmark, Park's Bar cds on 10¢ #15, Strawberry Valley incl. fancy red cds, Smartsville, Timbuctoo incl. ms. postmark, Waldo, Wheatland, etc.; some faults, **F.-V.F.,** An excellent group of this popular county.
Estimate . . . . . $500 - 750

Telegraphs



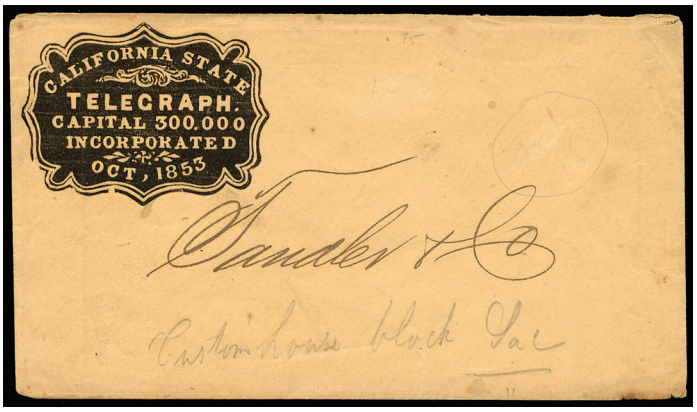
222 ✉ **(Telegraph) Alta California Telegraph Company, California,** blue embossed cameo corner card on cover to Coloma, with **original Coloma 1856 company letterhead telegram** with message from Placerville, **Very Fine,** a very rare early Telegraph cover from California.
Estimate . . . . . $500 - 750



223 ✉ **(Telegraph) Alta Telegraph Co., Office: 153 Montgomery St., Corner of Merchant,** imprint on lemon cover used locally with blue illustrated corner card of Zeus with Lightening Bolts, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400



224 ✉ **(Telegraph) California State Telegraph,** red embossed cameo corner card on fresh locally addressed cover, **Extremely Fine and choice,** a very scarce early telegraph cover.
Estimate . . . . . $500 - 750

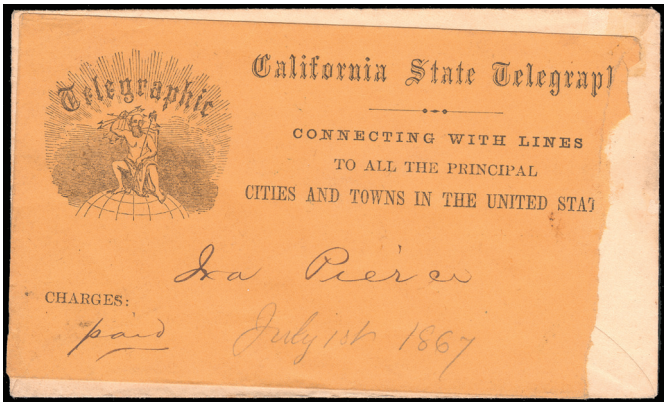


225 ✉ **(Telegraph) California State Telegraph,** black embossed cameo corner card on cover addressed locally to Custom House in Sacramento, **Very Fine,** a very rare early Telegraph cover from California, *ex-Tatham*.
Estimate . . . . . $400 - 600

226 ✉ **(Telegraph) California State Telegraph, San Francisco,** illustrated design on orange buff cover with pencil address to "Golden Eagle", charges notated as "160", no postal markings; light stain; accompanied by original telegraph datelined "Silver Mountain May 16, 1866", **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

Silver Mountain, originally called "Kongsberg", was a ghost town founded in the late 1850's-early 1860's by Scandinavian miners prospecting for silver. By 1863, the name was changed to Silver Mountain City. By 1866, the town had a population of 3,000 and was the seat of Alpine County from 1864 to 1875. The demonetization of silver in 1873 caused its decline and was pretty much abandoned by 1886.





227 ✉ **(Telegraph) California State Telegraph,** printed cover to with illustrated Zeus corner card cover **used as a paste-up with 1864-65 3¢ entire with Wells, Fargo & Co. company frank** & cancelled by blue "Wells, Fargo & Co./Sacramento" double circle handstamp, addressed to Knights Landing, **Very Fine,** a very unusual and rare usage.
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

228 ✉ **(Telegraph) California State Telegraph Company,** dull red illustrated Zeus on Globe telegraph cover locally addressed,with **original Sept 1, 1860 enclosure**, **Very Fine and choice.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

229 ✉ **(Telegraph) California State Telegraph, San Francisco,** red illustrated design on cover to local address, charges notated as "Pd.", no postal markings; reduced slightly at right, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

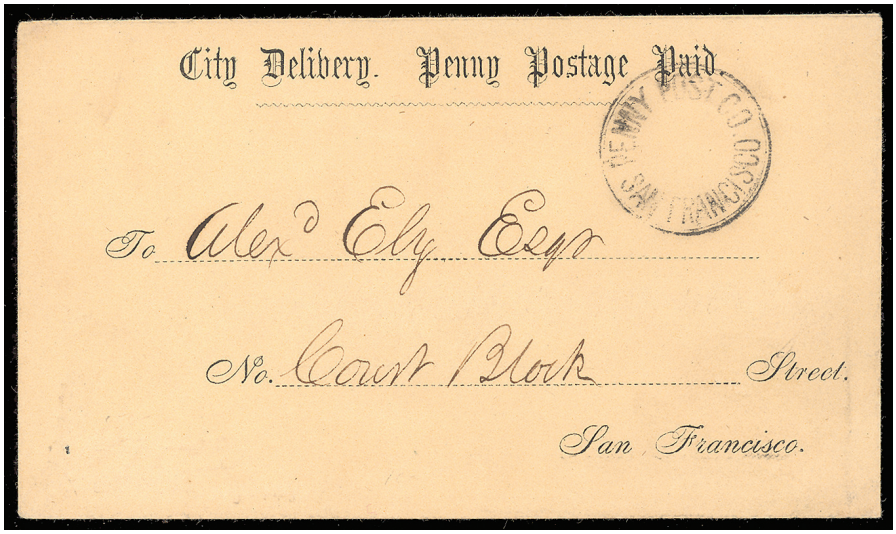
230 ✉ **(Telegraph) Colusa, Lake & Mendocino Telegraph Co.,** printed company light buff envelope with No. "7 - Paid"; cover toning, **Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200



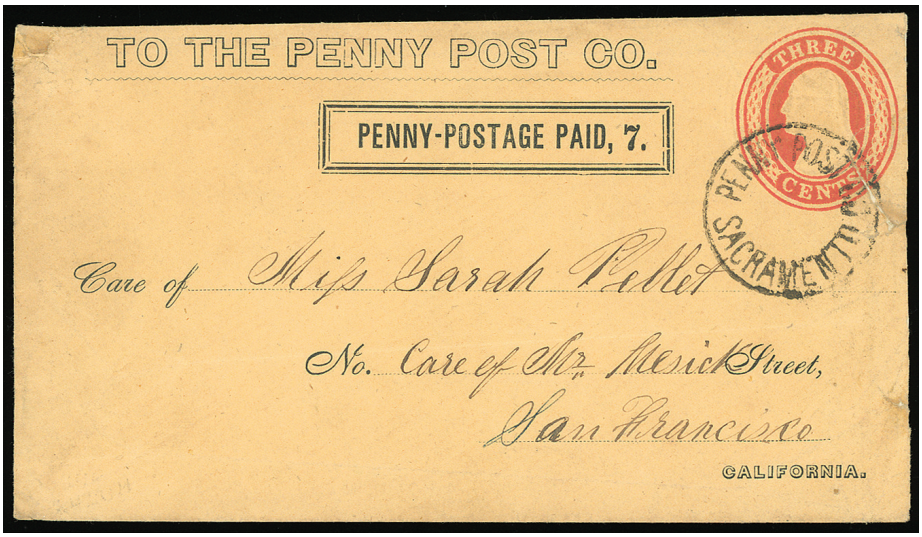
231 ✉ **(Telegraph) Northern California Telegraph, To Marysville, Sacramento, San Francisco and All Principal Towns in the State,** imprint on cover to Yreka with illustrated corner card of Zeus with Lightening Bolts, **Extremely Fine,** ex-Tatham.
Estimate . . . . . $400 - 600

232 ✉ **(Telegraph) The Western Union Telegraph Company,** printed orange buff San Francisco envelope addressed locally to Jno. McHenry, charges notated as "35"; small edge and flap tears, original The Western Union Telegraph Company, Pacific Division letterhead enclosure datelined "San Leandro, Jun 15th 1871", **F.-V.F. and scarce.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

California Penny Post Co.



233 ✉ **(California Penny Post Co.) California Penny Post Co. (2¢) City Delivery. Penny Postage Paid,** printed frank on fresh printed San Francisco form address cover, clear strike of "Penny Post Co., San Francisco" circular handstamp, reverse with printed mailing instruction at bottom, **Extremely Fine,** an **Outstanding Example of this Extremely Rare California Penny Post Local Entire**, pictured in Coburn's *Letters of Gold* (pg. 66), *ex-Clifford, Golden*.
Scott No. **unlisted** . . . . . Estimate $2,000 - 3,000



234 ✉ **(California Penny Post Co.) California Penny Post Co., 1855-59, 7¢ black on buff,** Impressed on 3¢ red (U10) on buff Nesbitt entire to San Francisco, cancelled by clear strike of "Penny Post Co., Sacramento" circular handstamp; edge faults at right into indicia and refolded at top, **F.-V.F. appearance.**
Scott No. **34LU11** . . . . . Estimate $750 - 1,000

A RARE USE OF THE PENNY POST CO. 7¢ ENTIRE CANCELLED WITH THE COMPANY CIRCULAR HANDSTAMP.



235 ✉ **(California Penny Post Co.) Penny Post Co., San Francisco,** remarkable bold strike of circular company handstamp on cover to Fitchburg Mass. bearing **1855 10¢ green (14)**, four margins and rich color, cancelled by manuscript cross-hatch, tied by "San Franciso Cal. 20 Sep" cds, reverse with "Direct answers to Morgans Ranch, San Francisco" endorsement; 10¢ light creases, **Very Fine and rare,** *ex-Emerson, Jessup and Haas*; with 2012 P.F. certificate.
Estimate . . . . . $3,000 - 4,000

THE ONLY RECORDED USE OF THE 10¢ 1855 ISSUE USED WITH THE PENNY POST CO. CIRCULAR HANDSTAMP.

Routes & Forwarders



236 ✉ **(Routes & Forwarders) "Forwarded by Thomas O. Larkin, Monterey, California",** clear strike of oval forwarder handstamp on flap of blue folded letter datelined "Boston January 15th 1845" to Ship *Vandalia*, on the Coast of Upper California, letter states it is being sent care of Midshipman Charles Henry Caldwell who sails from Portsmouth in a few days for the Pacific; some paper loss on flap affects oval, **Very Fine,** *ex-Hackett*.
Estimate . . . . . $2,000 - 3,000

AN EARLY LETTER FROM BOSTON TO SHIP "VANDALIA" ON COAST OF UPPER CALIFORNIA WITH THE RARE THOMAS O. LARKIN OF MONTEREY, ALTA CALIFORNIA FORWARDING HANDSTAMP, THE FIRST AND ONLY UNITED STATES CONSUL TO ALTA CALIFORNIA.

Letters to the West Coast of North America prior to January 1849 were carried privately and forwarded by a network of agents and U.S. consuls making use of whatever vessels were available.

Thomas O. Larkin arrived in California in 1832 and was appointed the first and only U.S. Consul to Alta California (then part of Mexico) at Monterey on May 1, 1843 by President James K. Polk. This was to become a turbulent time leading up to Mexican War and Larkin played an important part in diplomatic relations. He also served as a mail forwarder in addition to other diplomatic duties until 1846, when war broke out with Mexico and he was captured by the Mexican Army.



237 ✉ **(Routes & Forwarders) From Noisy Carriers. Mail., 77 Long Wharf S.F. Cal.,** sharp strike of fancy box handstamp on cover to Holly Springs Miss. bearing **3¢ orange brown (10A) horizontal pair**, deep rich color, large margins except just in at top right, right stamp tear, tied by "San Francisco Cal. 1 Jan" cds; small cover tear and stain spot, **a Very Fine and scarce use with the 3¢ orange brown.**
Estimate . . . . . $500 - 750

Noisy Carriers acted as a forwarder in San Francisco and sent mails to the east by both the Panama and Nicaragua routes. The proprietor, Charles P. Kimball (1821-1894) was active during the period of the rate change for over 3,000 miles from 6¢ to 10¢ on April 1st 1855.

238 ✉ **(Routes & Forwarders) Noisy Carriers Mail. 77 Long Wharf, S.F. Cal.,** bold strike of fancy boxed handstamp on reverse of 1854 folded letter to Washington D.C., front with "San Francisco, Cal., 10, Oct 16 "integral rate cds (SAF-380) for unpaid letter rate, **Very Fine,** a choice strike of the Noisy Carrier's fancy box handstamp.
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400



239 ✉ **(Routes & Forwarders) Putt's Overland Envelope,** red all-over propaganda design with "The Pacific Railroad" satirical verses on reverse, on cover bearing 10¢ green (35), straddle line single, tied by "Sacramento City, Cal., Jul 10, 1860" cds to Washington Mich., cover reduced slightly at left with small flaws, **Fine and rare.**
Estimate . . . . . $1,000 - 1,500

A RARE PUTT'S OVERLAND ENVELOPE USE BEARING THE 10¢ 1857 ISSUE TO WASHINGTON MICH.



240 ✉ **(Routes & Forwarders) (Via Tehauntepec) 1858 (Dec. 18) Sacramento City Cal. to Howell Mich.,** buff cover bearing **10¢ green, type III (33)**, left s.e., tied by "Sacramento City Cal Dec 18 1858" cds on buff cover to A. S. Adams at Howell Me., endorsed "***Via Tehauntepec***" at bottom left; some edge wear and back faults, **Fine and rare,** *ex-Skinner*.
Estimate . . . . . $750 - 1,000

In October 1858, a route was contracted as 8162 from San Francisco to New Orleans using a mixed steamboat and overland route via the Tehuantepec Isthmus in Mexico. Contracted at $250,000 for 12 months with twice a month service. The course of the route was by steamboat to either Acapulco or Salina Cruz, then overland by mule to Suchile, then by river boat to Minatitlan on the Caotzacoalcos River and then by steamboat to New Orleans, La. The route was little used as the section over the mountain range by mule created a long transit time. The total revenue collected for the route was just $5,276.66 and the route was not renewed in 1859. From October 1858 to March 1859, the "Quaker City" was used on the New Orleans to Minatitlan portion of the route. A total of 25 covers endorsed as going "Via Tehuantepec" are recorded in the census.



241 ✉ **(Routes & Forwarders) Vanderbilt Line, For San Francisco, C. Vanderbilt, Agent, New York,** illustrated steam liner company agent corner card on orange 1853 cover to Monticello, N.Y., entered N.Y. on the steamship *Star of the West* from Nicaragua and entering the mails with "New York, Ship, 7cts, Mar 2" integral ship rate cds; some edge wear at sides, **Very Fine,** a very rare corner card cover sent shortly before the named changed to the Nicaragua Steamship Company a month later.
Estimate . . . . . $1,500 - 2,000

Western Express Covers

Adams Express

242 ✉ **Adams & Co., Auburn, Express,** blue starburst handstamp (ADA-102a) on cover to the Marshall of Sacramento, Cal.; small piece of bottom flap missing, **Very Fine,** with **only three examples are recorded from the town of Auburn**, one is recorded on a small oval while the other two are found on this type of oval.
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200



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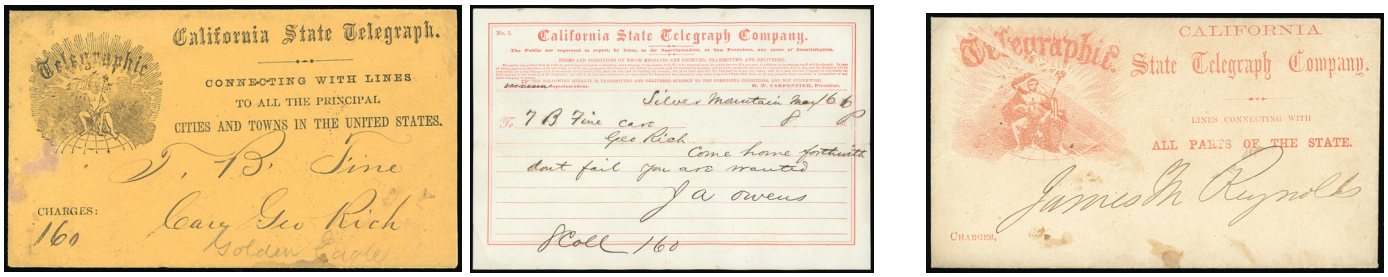

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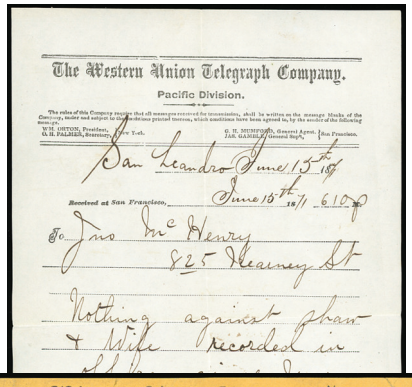



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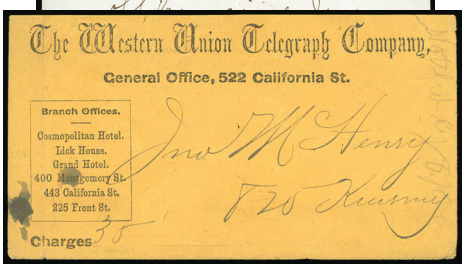

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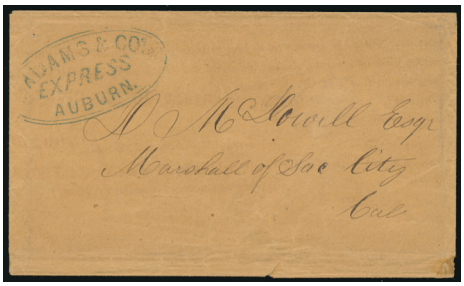

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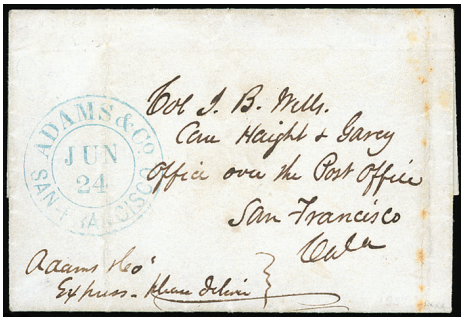

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243 ✉ **Adams & Co., Sacramento, Sep 4,** blue double cds (ADA-100) on 1854 folded letter sheet to San Francisco, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $100 - 150



244 ✉ **Adams & Co., Sacramento, Express,** bold red stylized rope oval handstamp with matching red "Paid" straight line on blue 1851 folded letter to San Francisco, Cal., with December 19th letter regarding the state of the whiskey market, **an Extremely Fine strike,** quite possibly the earliest known Adam's cover with the current finest collection of Adams not having a cover prior to July 1, 1851.
Estimate . . . . . $750 - 1,000



245 ✉ **Adams & Co's Express, San Diego,** blue oval handstamp (ADA-103) on folded letter sheet to Los Angeles, endorsed "Por favor de Sñr Reyner" and docketed "Agto 27 de 1854" on sideflap, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

ONE OF TWO KNOWN ADAMS HANDSTAMPS FROM SAN DIEGO.



246 ✉ **Adams & Co., San Francisco, Express,** full complete blue starburst oval handstamp (ADA-102a) on folded letter sheet to Sacramento, letter docket January 8, 1853, **Extremely Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $100 - 150

247 ✉ **Adams & Co., San Francisco, Jun 24,** blue double circle handstamp (ADA-1000) on 1854 folded letter to San Francisco, sent from George Derley in San Diego dealing with the purchase of the rancho Santa Margarita de los Peñasquitas…*There is a beautiful little rancho near here called Peñasquitas which I can buy cheap*, letter carried by Adams from San Diego to San Francisco with handstamp applied to letter when it reached San Francisco, manuscript "Adams & Co. Express - Please Deliver" at lower left, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300



248 ✉ **Adams & Co. Express, Southern Coast.,** large red circular handstamp (ADA-107) on folded letter dated "May 11, 1854" and addressed to San Francisco dealing with timber on unfinished wharf at San Diego, manuscript "due 25 cts" pencil express and "per Str Southerner" ship endorsement; file folds and some light toning, **otherwise Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $2,000 - 3,000

THE ONLY RECORDED EXAMPLE OF THIS EXTREMELY RARE SOUTHERN COAST HANDSTAMP IN RED - TWO OTHER EXAMPLES ARE IN BLUE WITH ONE RESIDING IN THE WILTSEE COLLECTION.

The Steamer Southerner was first outfitted for the Law's Line as the Steamer Isthmus (500 tones) and first arrived in San Francisco on May 9, 1850. The Isthmus was acquired by The Pacific Mail Line, renamed Southerner and in 1854 was operating between San Diego and San Francisco. She was lost on January 17, 1855 after striking a sand bar at the mouth of the Columbia River.

249 ✉ **Alta Express Co., Paid,** fancy company frank in black on 1853, 3¢ Nesbitt entire to San Francisco with manuscript endorsement "With $140 Gold Dust", flap with colorless embossed corner card of Grocer in Georgia Slide, Cal. (a mining area near Georgetown); cover with light vertical fold & light soiling, **F.-V.F.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300



250 ✉ **Alta Express Co., Paid,** black company printed frank (Haller FA3 type 2) on 1853-55 3¢ Nesbitt entire to San Francisco with **manuscript "Greenwood, Sep 21"** (El Dorado) (note: this is not a Post Office marking since no state or year); most of backflap missing, **Very Fine,** a rare usage, one of two manuscript Greenwood origin notations recorded, *ex-Tatham*.
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

251 ✉ **Alta Express Co., Forest Hill,** full bold red oval handstamp on fresh 1853 3¢ red on buff entire to Todds Valley, Cal., black company frank with small "Paid"; trimmed at left, **otherwise Very Fine,** a choice example of the Forest Hill handstamp.
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200



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Bamber & Co. Express

252 ✉ **Bamber & Co.'s Contra Costa Express,** bold oval handstamp on 1861, 3¢ pink entire to San Francisco with "Answer By Bamber & Co.'s Express…" boxed handstamp, small pencil initial at top right corner thought to be the Wells, Fargo & Co. agent's, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $75 - 100

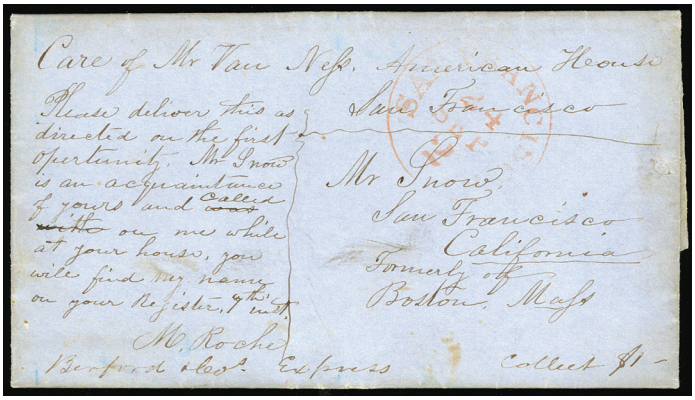
253 ✉ **Bamber & Co.'s, Contra Costa Express, Paid.,** red oval frank handstamp (BAM-101) on 1861, 3¢ pink paste-up entire to San Jose, indicia canceled by "San Jose, Cal., Jul 17, 1863" postal cds; some faint staining at bottom, **still Very Fine and very rare,** three red handstamp franks are known, one of the three resides in the Wiltsee Collection.
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300



254 ✉ **Bamber & Co.'s Express, W.B. Hardy's Office, Oakland, Paid,** scroll frank **in brown** (BAM-003a) on 1864, 3¢ pink entire to La Porte, Cal., with blue" J. Bamber & Co., S.F., Jun 11" cds and blue Wells, Fargo & Co. oval date stamp of the same day; slightly reduced at right, **Very Fine,** very rare and most likely a unique example of a Bamber frank recorded in a brown color, carried by Bamber from its W. B. Hardy's Office in Oakland to San Francisco and then by Wells Fargo north to La Porte.
Estimate . . . . . $400 - 600

255 ✉ **J. Bamber & Co., Contra-Costa Express, San Francisco,** oval handstamp on two covers from same correspondence to Oakland Cal., first with "**Wells Fargo & Co., Grass Valley, Nov 26**" blue oval datestamp on 3¢ red (U10) buff Nesbitt entire, printed black Wells Fargo paid frank; second with blue "**Wells, Fargo & Co., Benicia, Dec 11**" oval on 3¢ red (U9) entire, printed black Wells Fargo paid frank, each was taken to San Francisco and handed over to Bamber & Co., **a Very Fine pair of conjunctive uses.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

256 ✉ **Bamber & Co.'s Express, S(an) F(rancisco), Feb 15,** red double circle handstamp on 1864, 3¢ pink entire to San Francisco, with company ribbon frank of the Oakland office; reduced at left just affecting frank, **Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $100 - 150



257 ✉ **Berford & Co. Express,** manuscript endorsement at bottom of folded letter datelined "San Jose Sept 19th, 1850" to San Francisco, with "Collect $1-" express free, entered the mails with scarce **red "San Francisco, 2, Sep 24" integral drop rate cds** (SAF-400), letter regarding ordering supplies and to reply by mail…*(or better by Berfords Stages)*, mention of the 1850 San Francisco fire; small edge tear at right, **Very Fine,** a very early Berford's Express usage in combination with the rare San Francisco integral "2" drop rate postmark, ex-Dale Liechtenstein.
Estimate . . . . . $400 - 600



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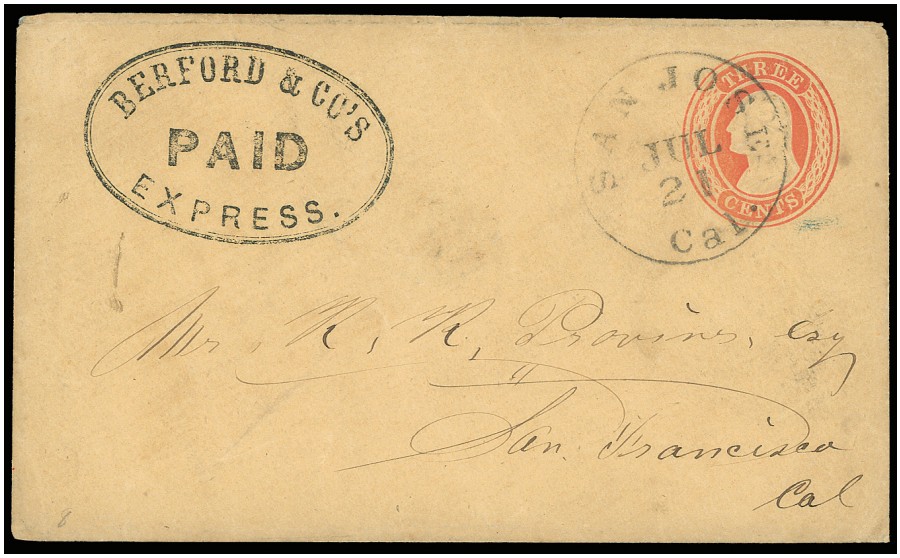


258 ✉ **Berford & Co's Express, Paid,** oval handstamp frank (BER-103a) on 1853, 3¢ Nesbitt entire to San Francisco, entered the mails with "San Jose, Cal., Jul 21" cds, **Very Fine,** a rare express frank with only four used examples are recorded in black.
Estimate . . . . . $400 - 600

The Finest Example Of The Farley's Express Camptonville Handstamp



259 ✉ **Farley's Express, Camptonville,** sharp strike of blue fancy framed handstamp on buff cover Burnham Me., "Camptonville Cal Dec 17" cds with matching "Paid" and circled "10" rating handstamps, original enclosure datelined "Indian Creek Cal Dec 13 /57" with minor mining news mentioning limited snow but considerable rain: "plenty of water, the most important element in mining…", **Extremely Fine & choice.**
Estimate . . . . . $3,000 - 4,000



260 ✉ **Freeman & Co's Express,** clear complete strike of early oval handstamp (FRE-101) from the Freeman's Office at Marysville, on buff cover to Sacramento; minor scuff in address panel, **otherwise Very Fine,** ex-Tatham.
Estimate . . . . . $2,000 - 3,000

ONE OF TWO EXAMPLES OF THE SMALL BLUE FREEMAN & CO'S EXPRESS OVAL HANDSTAMP FROM THE MARYSVILLE OFFICE.

Only two examples of the small blue Freeman first period (November, 1850 - November, 1851) ovals are recorded. Both are addressed to Sacramento. This small oval is recorded in black from San Francisco, red from Sacramento and blue from Marysville. This is the only instance of an early express using color with the same type of handstamp to delineate office location. All of the small ovals are rare with the red being the most common.

261 ✉ **Freeman & Co's Express, Los Angeles,** blue oval handstamp (FRM-102) canceling on 1853, 3¢ Nesbitt entire to San Francisco, red Freeman scroll frank at top (FRM-002), handstamp slightly enhanced, **otherwise Very Fine and very rare,** single examples of a black and a blue Los Angeles hand stamp were recently found in an old collection, this being the example of the blue mark.
Scott No. **U10** . . . . . Estimate $300 - 400

262 ✉ **Freeman & Co.'s Express, Murphy's,** black oval handstamp on 1853, 3¢ Nesbitt entire with red banner company frank, on cover to San Francisco, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

263 *✉ **Frey's Valentine Express,** red advertising corner card on unused buff cover, with "With Compliments of St. Valentine" above address, **Very Fine,** a rare San Francisco Valentine local.
Estimate . . . . . $500 - 750



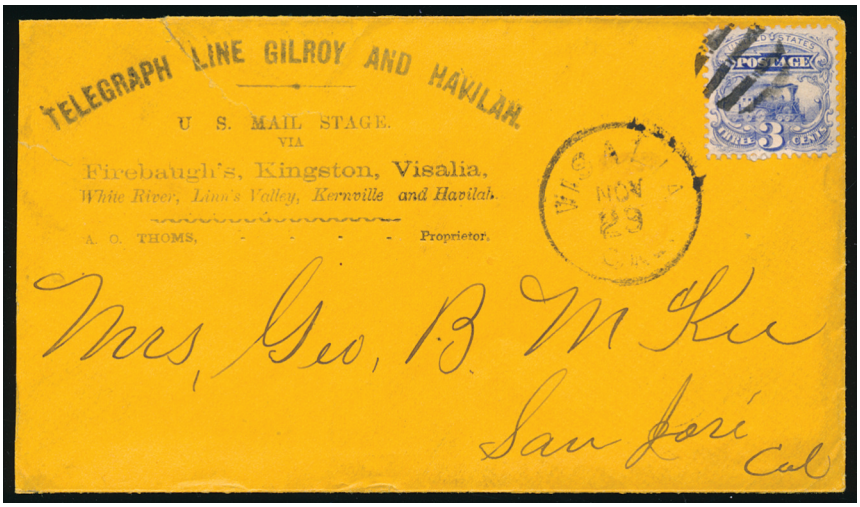
264 ✉ **(Gahagan & Howe) City G & H Express,** blue oval handstamp with "423 Washn. St. S.E. Cor. Sansome St.", neatly struck on locally addressed San Francisco cover, **Very Fine and choice,** a lovely example of this short lived company which delivered mail locally in San Francisco, ex-Clifford, Haas.
Estimate . . . . . $750 - 1,000



265 ✉ **Gilbert & Hedges Express, San Diego.,** blue oval handstamp (GIL-100) on 1853, 3¢ Nesbitt entire to San Francisco, with **Wines Express blue fancy boxed "Collect" handstamp** (WIN-2020a, four examples recorded, one is found in Wiltsee) applied when turned over to Wines for delivery in San Francisco, penciled street address likely notated by Wines; small cover tone spots, **otherwise Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $4,000 - 6,000

THE UNIQUE GILBERT & HEDGES EXPRESS HANDSTAMP FROM SAN DIEGO - A REMARKABLE COMBINATION USAGE WITH WINES & CO. EXPRESS DELIVERING LOCALLY WITHIN SAN FRANCISCO.

Gilbert & Hedges express operated around 1855 along the California coast from San Francisco south to San Diego. In 1854, the express firn Dillon, Hedge & Co. was located on Kearny St. near Merchant and it is believed that the Hedge of this firm is the same in the Gilbert & Hedges partnership. Only four Gilbert & Hedge's handstamps have been recorded. Two "Monterey" handstamp usages and one "San Francisco" handstamp (Wiltsee Collection) are known.



266 ✉ **Gilroy and Havilah Telegraph Line, U.S. Mail Stage Via Firebaugh's…and Havila,** corner card on cover addressed to San Jose, Cal., franked with **1869, 3¢ ultramarine** tied by grid handstamp, matching "Visalia, Cal, Nov 29" cds alongside; cover tear at top and slight reduction at left, **otherwise Very Fine,** with only **two examples of this very rare stage service are known** and both have been out of collector hands for many years, one is posted November 21 and this example is posted November 29, both examples going to the same address in San Jose.
Scott No. **114** . . . . . Estimate $1,000 - 1,500

267 ✉ **Greenhood & Newbauer Northern Express,** printed paid frank on 3¢ pink (U59) buff entire uprated with 10¢ green, E. grill (89) horizontal pair, cancelled by oval fancy cancels, for registry rate to San Francisco Cal., matching "Weaverville Cal. Jul 14" cds, manuscript "Reg. No 5" number at bottom left, 1868 original letter; some edge wear and soiling at top affecting pair, **F.-V.F.,** a scarce registered express use.
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400



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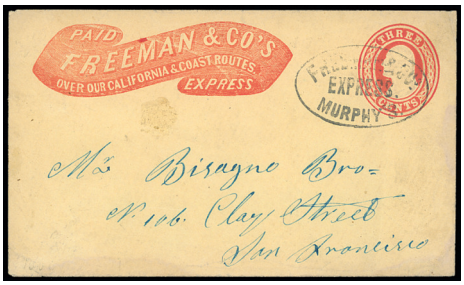

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268 ✉ **Gregory's Express, Sacramento,** red truncated box handstamp with red "NOT PAID" in double circle with pencil crossing out and pencil "Free" as addressed to state Comptroller, Vallejo, CA, docketed as received "Aug. 14, 1852", also has manuscript "Per Gregory's Express", **Very Fine,** scarce marking.
Estimate . . . . . $400 - 600

269 ✉ **Gregory's Express Office, San Francisco,** clear strike of blue three-line handstamp (GRE-111) on c. 1852-53 folded letter to Baltimore, Md., with matching "Paid" on oval handstamp; edge tone spot at top center, **Very Fine,** a rare example of this Gregory's three-line handstamp type, with **only seven examples recorded in the Thomas census** with this example not recorded.
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

The ship that conveyed this letter to the eastern seaboard may have gone directly to Baltimore since there is no indication of mailing or private carriage from New York.



270 ✉ **Gregory's, Express Office., San Francisco,** blue three-line handstamp with matching "Not Paid" oval handstamp on folded letter datelined "San Francisco Dec. 4 / 51" and addressed to Port Richmond on Staten Island, N.Y., carried by the *Golden Gate* departing Dec. 5th to Panama arriving Dec. 18th, and then on the *Ohio* departing Chagres Dec. 22nd to New York arriving Jan. 6th; some edge wear, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400



271 ✉ **Care of T.M. Heston's Express, Visalia,** manuscript endorsement (HES-101) on 1853, 3¢ Nesbitt entire to Keysville, uprated with 1851, 3¢ dull red (11) and tied by "San Francisco, Cal., Oct 13, 1857" cds, postal carried from San Francisco to Visalia and then by express to Keysville; some corner wear, **otherwise Very Fine,** the only manuscript known from this express.
Estimate . . . . . $500 - 750

Early in 1863 Thomas Heston was involved in a gun fight with a doctor from Visalia over a "family matter". Many shots were exchanged by the two men on the main street of Visalia. Two bullets struck the doctor mortify wounding him. He died later in the day. The last bullet fired by the doctor struck the gun that Heston was using blowing it out of his hand. Later, in June of the same year, Thomas Heston disappeared after leaving Camp Independence bound for Visalia with express material. At first it was thought that he had run afoul of the Indians that were uprising in the area at this time. The following year, after the melting of the winter snows, his bones were found on the eastern slope of the Sierra Mountains in Nine Mile Canyon most likely murdered by family or friends of the Doctor.



272 ✉ **Heston's Express, Visalia, Cal.,** mostly clear double lined oval handstamp (HES-100) canceling on 1853, 3¢ Nesbitt entire to Jamestown, Cal., with Wells, Fargo & Co. printed frank (Haller WF-E) at top; minor waterstain in address panel, otherwise fresh, **otherwise Very Fine,** illustrated in Nathan.
Estimate . . . . . $2,000 - 3,000

ONE OF TWO KNOWN EXAMPLES OF THE HESTON'S EXPRESS HANDSTAMP.

Thomas M. Heston started an express servicing the mining camps along the King River between Horintos, the San Joaquin River crossing at Millerton and Visalia, connecting with Wells Fargo. Later he established a stage line between Visalia and Hornitos. After selling his stage line, he started a pack mule express service that crossed the Sierra Mountains from Visalia to the Coso Mining area and on to Camp Independence. Of the two known Heston's Express handstamps, one is struck in blue and this example in black. Both are on Wells, Fargo & Co. franked entires.

273 *✉ **Holladay Overland Mail & Express Co.,** black company frank (HLY-001) on fresh unused 1864, 3¢ pink entire, **Extremely Fine,** ex-Lichtenstein.
Scott No. **U59** . . . . . Estimate $100 - 150



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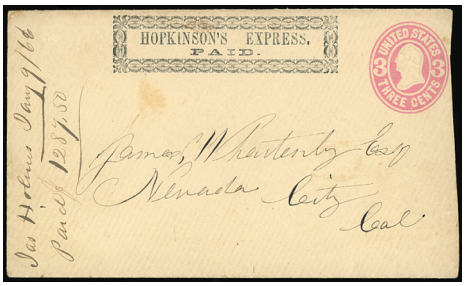

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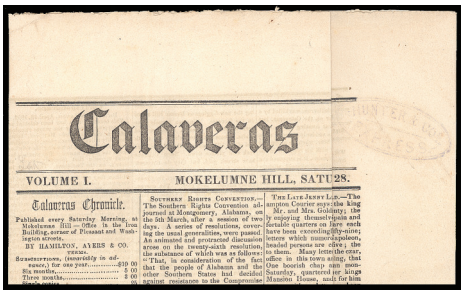

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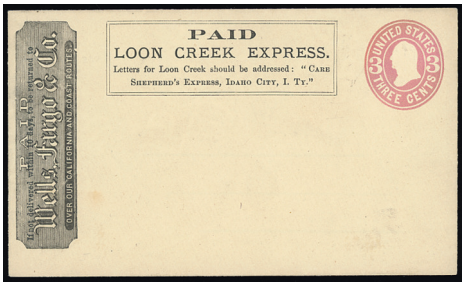

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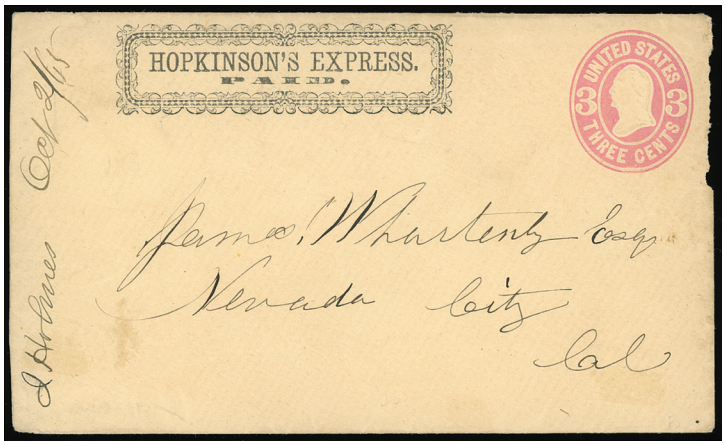
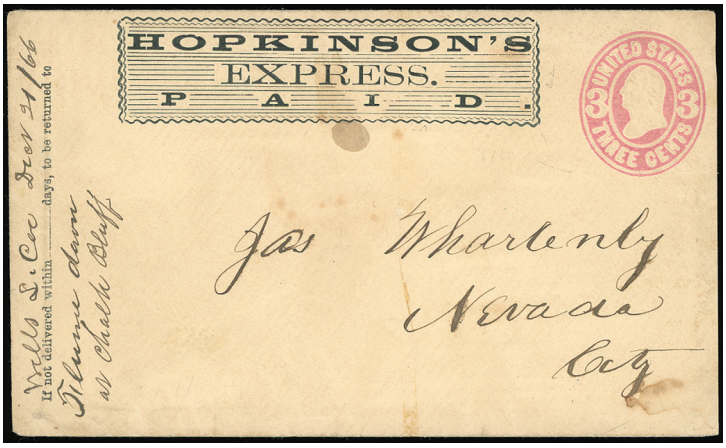
274 ✉ **Holladay Overland Mail & Express Co.,** black company frank (HLY-001) on 1864, 3¢ pink entire to New York City, entered the U.S. mails with "San Francisco, Cal., Nov 12" cds and matching cogwheel handstamp canceling, unusual crude "Due 3" handstamp at bottom left for double rate; expertly restored cover tears affecting postal marking and indicia at top with part backflap restored, **Very Fine appearance.**
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

The Overland Stage Line became the Holladay Overland Mail and Express Company in February 1866 when Ben Holladay took over the Butterfield Overland Mail Company. In November 1866, Ben Holladay sold out to Wells Fargo. Holladay Overland Mail & Express Co. was covering 2,670 miles with Concord stages.



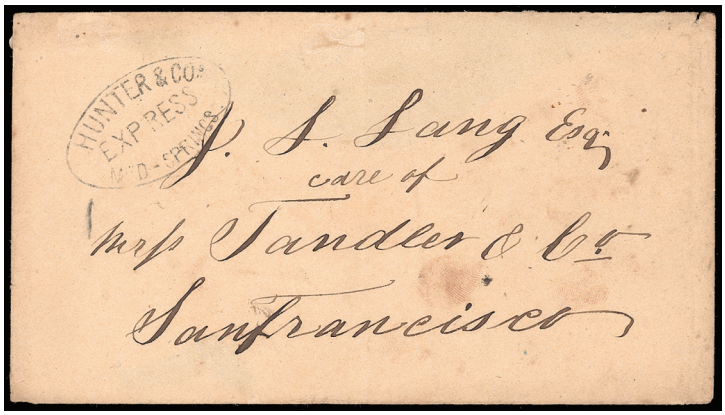
275 ✉ **Hopkinson's Express., Paid.,** printed paid frank in ornamental border (HOP-001) on 3¢ pink (U59) buff entire to Nevada City Cal., 1865 docketing at left; slight edge flaws, **otherwise Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $400 - 600



276 ✉ **Hopkinson's Express., Paid.,** printed frank (HOP-006) on 3¢ pink (U59) buff entire to Nevada City, 1866 docketing at left; barely reduced at right, small stain, **otherwise Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

277 ✉ **Hopkinson's Express., Paid.,** printed paid frank in ornamental border (HOP-004) on 3¢ pink (U58) entire to Nevada City Cal., 1866 docketing at left; reduced at right, **F.-V.F.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

278 ✉ **Hunter & Co.'s Express,** double line oval handstamp on the **Mokelumne Hill, Saturday, April 24, 1852 edition of the Calaveras Chronicle** newspaper, paper contents including Southern Convention, The Late Jenny Lind, Two Men Hung at Coloma, etc., **F.-V.F.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300



279 ✉ **Hunter & Co's. Express, Mud - Springs.,** clear oval handstamp on cover addressed to San Francisco, Cal.; partial backflap, **Very Fine,** this is **the unique example of this Hunter & Co. handstamp**, *ex-Tatham*.
Estimate . . . . . $1,000 - 1,500

Langton's Express



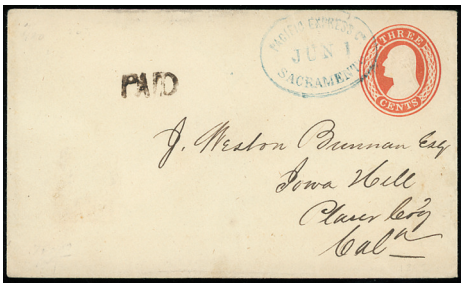
280 ✉ **Langton's Pioneer Express, Camptownville,** blue oval handstamp and "Paid" blue straight line handstamp on 1853-55 3¢ Nesbitt entire to Nevada City, exchanged with **"Pacific Express Co./Marysville"** undated blue double-lined oval handstamp, **Extremely Fine and choice,** a scarce conjunctive use, *ex-Edwards*.
Estimate . . . . . $750 - 1,000



281 ✉ **(Langton's) Pioneer Express, Downieville, Cal., S.W.L.,** clear strike of negative monogram (of Samuel W. Langton) seal handstamp (LAN-401) used in combination with "Paid" in oval handstamp as express frank on fresh 1853, 3¢ Nesbitt entire to San Francisco, matching "**Langton's Express, Downieville, Dec 12**" oval date stamp canceling, additional blue circular "**Langton's Pioneer Express, Marysville**" transit handstamp (LAN-105) and matching "Reply By, Langton's Pioneer Express." two-line ad handstamp on reverse, **Very Fine and choice**; with 2004 P.F. certificate.
Estimate . . . . . $2,000 - 3,000

A UNIQUE USAGE OF THIS NEGATIVE LANGTON'S MONOGRAM SEAL USED AS PART OF A EXPRESS FRANK.

282 ✉ **Langton's Express, Downieville, Feb 15,** oval date stamp on 1853, 3¢ Nesbitt entire to San Francisco, black company frank at top left; some edge faults at left, **otherwise Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $100 - 150



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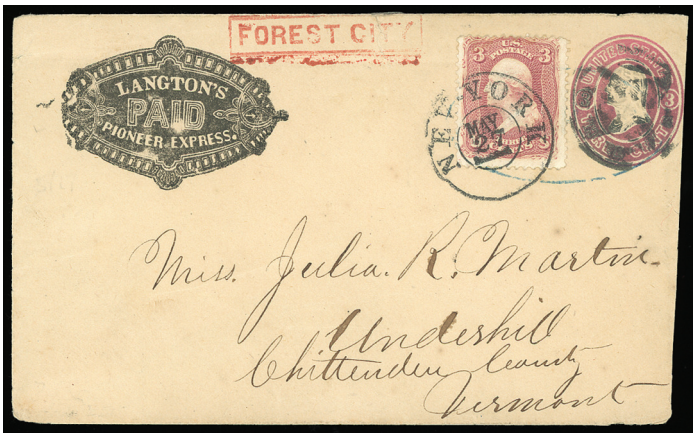
283 ✉ **Langton's Pioneer Express, Forest City,** clear blue oval handstamp on 1864, 3¢ pink entire to Sacramento, early black company ornate frank at top, additional partial blue "**Wells, Fargo & Co., Marysville**" oval date stamp; tiny cover tear at top, **Very Fine,** a nice usage from Forest City connecting with Wells, Fargo & Co. in Marysville for delivery, ex-Hackett.
Estimate . . . . . $500 - 750



284 ✉ **Langton's Pioneer Express, Paid,** fancy black frank (LAN-002) on 1861, 3¢ pink entire to Vermont, additionally franked with **1861 3¢ rose affixed over blue oval "Alleghany" handstamp** (applied by Langton's prior to use), tied by "New York" double circle postmark & fancy geometric cancel, entire struck with **red "Forest City" handstamp in rectangle** at top & 2nd strike on reverse; small sealed tear at top affecting Forest City marking, slightly reduced at right, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

THE UNIQUE LANGTON'S FOREST CITY MARKING IS ONE OF THE RAREST OF ALL LANGTON HANDSTAMPS.

Starting in Alleghany, Sierra Co., this entire then moved north to Forest City where a red straight line cancel was applied to the front and back of envelope. Langton carried, most likely to Placerville, on to San Francisco and from there to New York. Placed in the U.S. Mail at New York but postal authorities required the addition of 1861 3¢ stamp because the blue Alleghany oval had canceled the indicia.

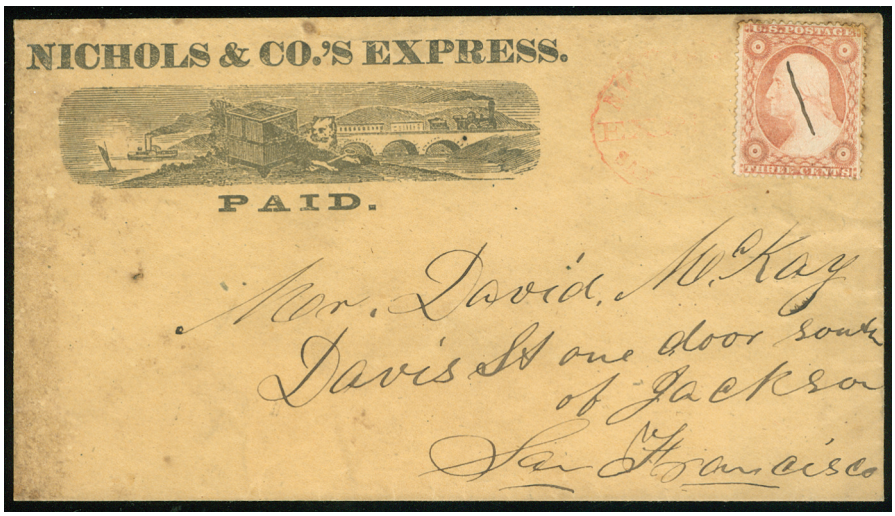
285 *✉ **Loon Creek Express,** black boxed printed frank (LOS-001) with "Letters for Loon Creek should be addressed: "Care Shepard's Express, Idaho City, I. Ty."" directive on unused 1864, 3¢ pink entire, additional Wells, Fargo & Co. printed frank at left, **Extremely Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $100 - 150



286 ✉ **Mead & Clarke Letter Express,** complete oval handstamp (MEC-100) on 1861, 3¢ pink entire to San Francisco, indicia canceled by blue "**Wells, Fargo & Co., Havilah, Jun 7**" date stamp, **Very Fine.**
Scott No. **U58** . . . . . Estimate $1,500 - 2,000

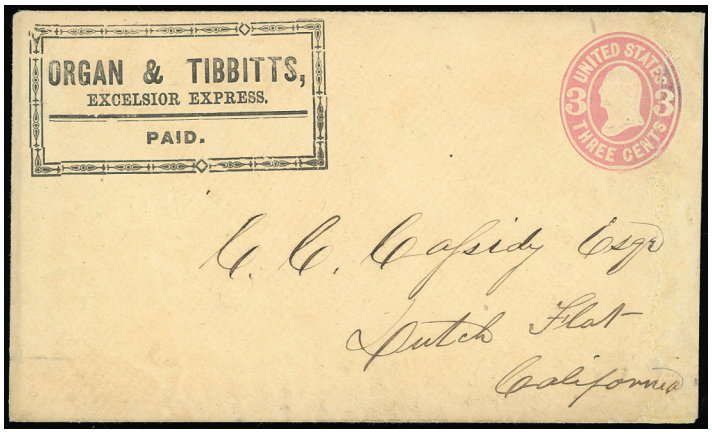
THE FINER OF TWO KNOWN USAGES OF THE MEAD & CLARKE HANDSTAMP.

This entire was received by Wells, Fargo & Co. at Havilah with Mead & Clark transporting it between that location and Visalia where envelope was given back to Wells Fargo for transportation to San Francisco.



287 ✉ **Nichols & Co.'s Express, Paid.,** fancy illustrated printed frank on cover to San Francisco, franked with manuscript canceled 1857, 3¢ dull red additionally tied by red "Nichols & Co's Express, San Francisco" oval handstamp; minor tone spots, **Very Fine,** a very rare Nichols & Co.'s Express usage with only a few known bearing their San Francisco handstamp.
Estimate . . . . . $750 - 1,000

C. P. Nichols and Edward Ludlow started their express in the spring of 1858, carrying mail between San Francisco and San Jose, and eventually expanding their routes northward; their distinctive express frank pictures a dog guarding a safe, sailing schooner, steam vessel and railroad train, and it was printed on plain envelopes and on 3¢ entires. Nichols & Co. eventually sold out to American Express, who adopted the same woodcut frank.



288 ✉ **Organ & Tibbetts' Excelsior Express,** boxed printed frank (ORG-002) on 1864, 3¢ pink entire to Dutch Flat; reduced at right just into indicia and restored, **Very Fine appearance,** the finest example known of this express frank as the two other recorded examples have had the indicia completely removed; with 2009 P.F. certificate.
Scott No. **U58** . . . . . Estimate $750 - 1,000

Pacific Express



289 ✉ **Pacific Express Co., Crescent City, Mar 17,** blue oval date stamp (PAC-102) used as a frank 1853, 3¢ Nesbitt entire to San Francisco; couple small opening tears at top, **an Extremely Fine strike,** the only recorded usage of this Crescent City handstamp.
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

290 ✉ **Pacific Express Company, from Cuero, Texas (Forwarded By),** black on red label affixed to piece, **Very Fine,** a very rare label, Cuero was one of the stopping points on the Chisholm Trail.
Estimate . . . . . $75 - 100



291 ✉ **Pacific Express Co./Georgetown,** red oval handstamp with matching straight line "Paid" on 1853-55 3¢ Nesbitt entire to San Francisco, an early entire with Nesbitt indicia on flap, insignificant flap tear, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400



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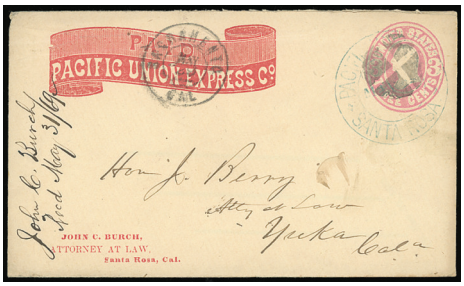

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292 ✉ **Pacific Express Co., Los Angeles, Nov 9,** blue oval date stamp (PAC-102j) on 1855 folded letter to San Francisco, from Pico to Castro, with matching "Paid" in oval handstamp; cover edge fade, chipping and file fold separations, **still a Very Fine strike,** one of **four known examples of the Pacific Express "Los Angeles" handstamp**.
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300



293 ✉ **Pacific Express Co., Mok Hill, Apr 10,** blue oval datestamp and matching blue "Pacific Express Co., Mok Hill, Paid" oval frank handstamp on 3¢ red (U10) buff entire to Stockton Cal., **Very Fine and choice.**
Estimate . . . . . $400 - 600

A SCARCE EXAMPLE OF THIS PACIFIC EXPRESS CO. MOK HILL PROVISIONAL FRANK HANDSTAMP.



294 ✉ **Pacific Express & Co., Placerville, Sep 29,** blue oval handstamp (PAC-102) on 1853, 3¢ Nesbitt entire to San Francisco, with print "Pacific Express Co., Paid" pony and rider **blue** frank (PAC-005); small repair to upper right corner, **otherwise Very Fine,** around ten examples of the Pacific Express blue franked envelopes are recorded, most from Sacramento, this being the only known example from Placerville.
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

295 ✉ **Pacific Express Co., Sacramento, Jun 1,** blue oval date stamp canceling on 1853, 3¢ Nesbitt entire to Iowa Hill, with "Paid" handstamp used as frank, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $100 - 150

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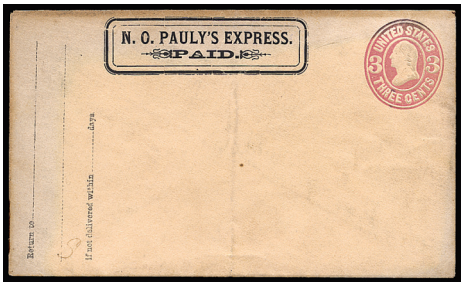

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296 ✉ **Pacific Express Co., San Francisco, Jul 18,** complete strike of blue circular date stamp (PAC-100) canceling on 1853, 3¢ Nesbitt entire to Pacific Ord in Los Angeles, Cal., with matching blue defunct Adams "Paid" in oval handstamp used as frank, 1855 docketing at left, **Very Fine,** with **less than ten examples of this handstamp are recorded**.
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

Address to Pacificus Ord, the US District Attorney at Los Angeles. Pacificus was one of the framers of California Constitution and, as most historians agree, that he and his brothers are the illegitimate grandsons of King George IV. Fort Ord is named after his brother Edward.



297 ✉ **Pacific Express Co., San Francisco.,** red oval handstamp (PAC-108) canceling on 1853, 3¢ Nesbitt entire (Nesbitt backflap seal) to Dr. James Ord in Monterey, with matching red defunct Adams "Paid" in oval handstamp used as a frank, non-contemporary enclosure notation on reverse dating letter to May 9th, 1855, **Very Fine,** one of **three known examples of this San Francisco handstamp in red**.
Scott No. **U2** . . . . . Estimate $200 - 300

Address to Dr. James Lycurgus Ord. Most historians now agree that he and his brothers are the illegitimate grandsons of King George IV. Fort Ord is named after his brother Edward.

298 ✉ **Pacific Express Co., Stockton, Paid,** blue double oval frank handstamp on 1853, 3¢ Nesbitt entire to San Francisco, with blue "Pacific Express Co., Stockton, Feb 18" oval date stamp canceling indicia, Hewlett & Collins merchant handstamp on backflap; trivial tone mark at left, **Extremely Fine**; with 2011 P.F. certificate.
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

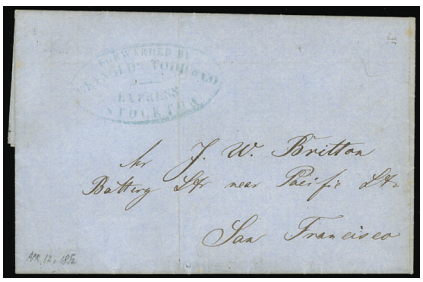


299 ✉ **Pacific Express Co., Volcano., Jul 6,** blue oval date stamp (PAC-102) tying four margin 1851, 3¢ dull red on cover to Noisy Carrier in San Francisco, with the **very rare Pacific Express pony & rider type PAC-001a frank** applied to a non-government envelope due to the shortage of government entires; tear in backflap, **Very Fine,** this rare franked envelope has only been recorded from four locations with **only six examples known**.
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

Pacific Union Express



300 ✉ **Pacific Union, Kernville,** red Pacific Union frank (PAU-001) with a **manuscript "P. U. Exp Co./Kernville Sept/21 68"** cancelling on 1864, 3¢ pink entire to San Francisco, receiving date stamp and docketing on reverse; few filing pinholes affecting frank, **otherwise Very Fine,** the only known example of a Pacific Union from this location.
Scott No. **U58** . . . . . Estimate $500 - 750



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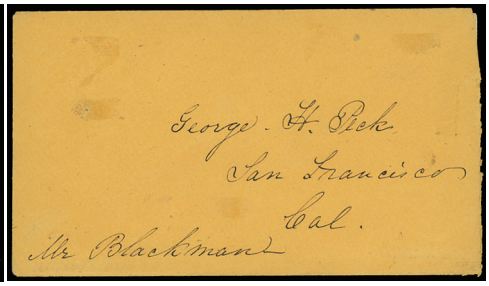

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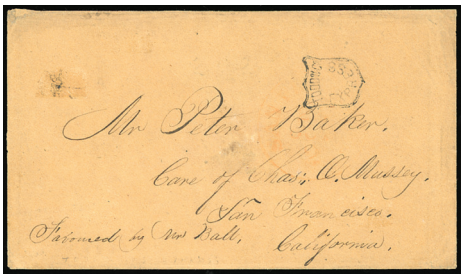

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301 ✉ **Pacific Union Ex. Co., Los Angeles,** red printed ribbon frank **printed at angle** on 1864 3¢ pink part past-up entire to San Francisco, Cal., cancelled with clear blue double circle date stamp, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $100 - 150

302 ✉ **Pacific Union Ex. Co., Napa,** blue cds (PAU-100) canceling on 1864, 3¢ pink entire to San Francisco, red ribbon frank and corner card for Lumber Dealer at lower left; reduced at right into indicia, **Fine,** only three example of this Napa handstamp have been recorded.
Estimate . . . . . $100 - 150

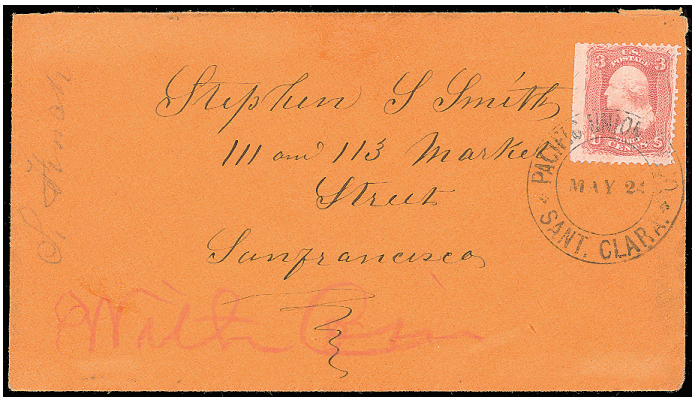


303 ✉ **Pacific Union Express Co., New York, Jul. 3.,** blue double circle handstamp (PAU-101) with "5" manuscript day date correction on 1864 3¢ pink entire with **rare black Pacific Union printed frank** to Treasure City, Nevada, lightly soiled, **Very Fine,** a wonderful item with this rare black frank used on transcontinental mail, much the way the Wells, Fargo & Co. red franks were used on their transcontinental mail, express uses from New York are quite rare, especially from companies other than Wells, Fargo.
Estimate . . . . . $1,000 - 1,500

Rare New York PAU-101 hand stamp which is only found on the black franks applied to indicia. Only five example of the rare black frank from New York have been recorded of which this is one of the finest examples.

304 ✉ **(Pacific Union Express Co.) Sac.(ramento) Messr (Messenger), Oct 8,** exceptional strike of bold blue cds, canceling on 1864, 3¢ pink entire to San Francisco, red ribbon frank at top; reduced at right slightly into indicia, **an Extremely Fine strike.**
Estimate . . . . . $100 - 150

305 ✉ **Pacific Union Ex. Co., Sacramento, July 7,** blue cds (PAU-100) on fresh 1864, 3¢ pink entire to Auburn, red ribbon frank at top; slight reduction at right, **Extremely Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $100 - 150



306 ✉ **Pacific Union Ex. Co., Sant. Clara, May 24,** cds tying 1867 3¢ rose, F. grill on cover to San Francisco, Cal., **Very Fine,** very scarce usage without a frank, ex-Tatham.
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

307 ✉ **Pacific Union Ex. Co., Santa Rosa, May 28 (Sonoma),** blue double-circle datestamp on 3¢ pink (U58) entire to Yreka Cal., entered mails with "Sacramento Cal May 29" cds, docketed as received May 31st 1869 at left, printed red Santa Rosa Cal. corner card and printed red Wells Fargo paid frank at top left, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

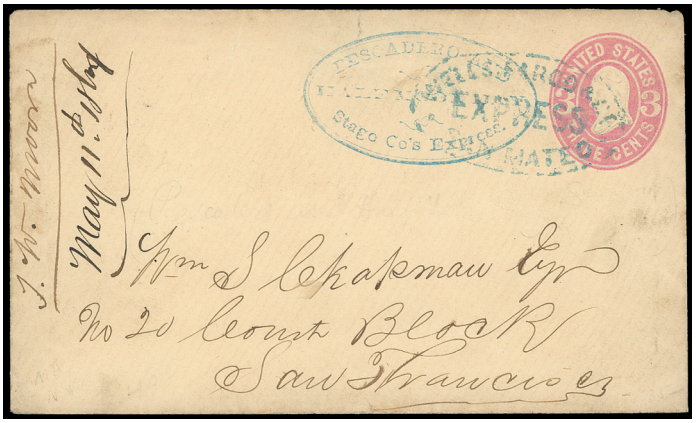


308 ✉ **Pacific Union Ex. Co., Suisun, Oct 21 (Solano),** blue cds (PAU-100) canceling on 1864, 3¢ pink entire to San Francisco, with **greenish gray J.M. Coghlan, Attorney, Suisun City, Cala. allover shaded ad**, red ribbon frank at left, **Very Fine and choice,** the only recorded example from Suisun on an advertising cover.
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

309 ✉ **Pacific Union Ex. Co., Vaca Station, Aug 28,** blue cds (PAU-100) canceling on 1864, 3¢ pink entire to San Francisco, red ribbon frank at top; reduced at left and slight waterstaining at bottom left edge, **otherwise Very Fine,** only **two examples of this Vaca Station date stamp have been recorded**, Vaca Station was located on the railroad line about five miles east of Vacaville.
Estimate . . . . . $100 - 150

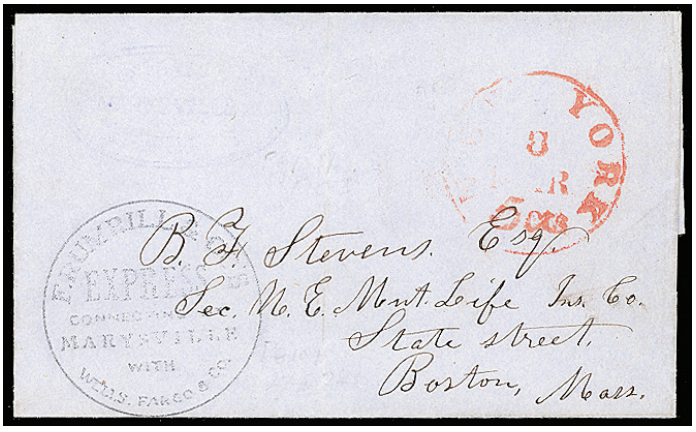
310 ✉ **Pacific Union Express Co., Watsonville, Nov.,** blue cds on fresh red printed ribbon franked 1864, 3¢ pink entire to San Francisco, **Extremely Fine,** probably the finest Watsonville strike.
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

311 *✉ **N.O. Pauly's Express,** printed boxed frank (PUL-001) on unused 1864, 3¢ pink entire; some edge toning at top and light fold affecting frank, **F.-V.F.,** very scarce with several examples known.
Estimate . . . . . $50 - 75



312 ✉ **Pescadero & Half Moon Bay Stage Co.'s Express,** blue oval handstamp (PES-100) on 1864, 3¢ pink entire to San Francisco, in conjunction with blue "**Wells, Fargo & Co., Express, San Mateo**" oval handstamp cancelling indicia, with "May 11th, 1864" docketing at left; small cover tear at top, **Very Fine,** one of ten recorded usages, this being one of the finest examples, ex-Dale-Lichtenstein.
Scott No. **U58** . . . . . Estimate $750 - 1,000

313 ✉ **Reynolds, Todd & Co.'s Express, Stockton, Forwarded By,** blue oval handstamp (RTO-101) on 1852 folded letter to San Francisco, **Very Fine,** a rare Stockton handstamp, with only seven examples recorded in Thomas.
Estimate . . . . . $100 - 150

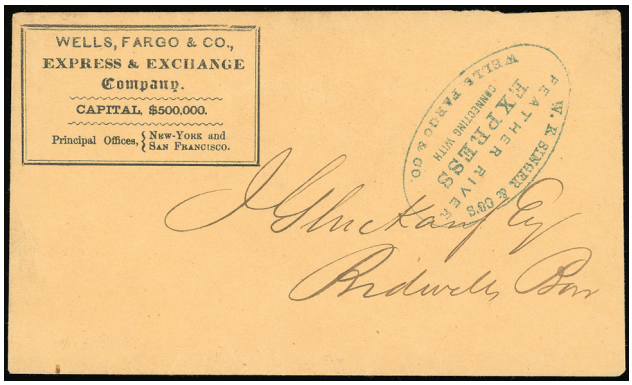


314 ✉ **Rumrill & Co.'s Express, Connecting at, Marysville with, Wells, Fargo & Co.,** clear circular handstamp on ca. 1853 folded letter sheet to Boston, Mass., entering the mails with red "New York, 5 cts, Mar 8" cds, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $500 - 750



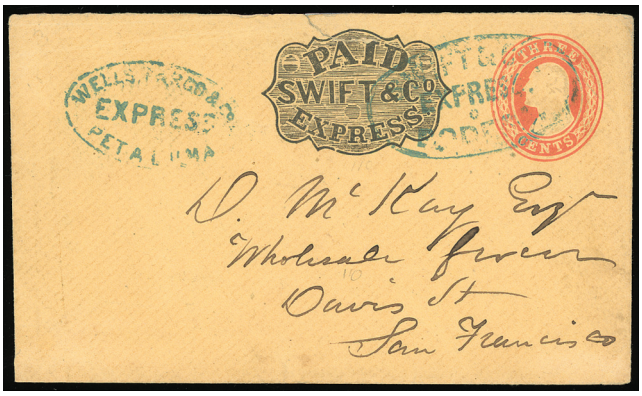
315 ✉ **Rumrill & Co.'s Northern Express, Connecting with Wells, Fargo & Co.,** blue four line handstamp on cover to Saint Louis, Cal., two blue Bennington, Vt., Nov 17 origin cds's with matching straight line "Paid" handstamp and manuscript "6" rate, manuscript **"adv 50¢"** notation, "Ford's Bar" and "Paid 50¢" credit notations at top with additional "50/1.00" addition of credited express rate and advertising fee in pencil, minor corner wear, **Very Fine,** an unusual express advertising usage.
Estimate . . . . . $1,500 - 2,000

316 ✉ **San Francisco Letter Express,** blue horse & rider oval handstamp and matching boxed "Paid" handstamp on paste-up cover, reverse with local addressing on reverse cover, **Very Fine and choice.**
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

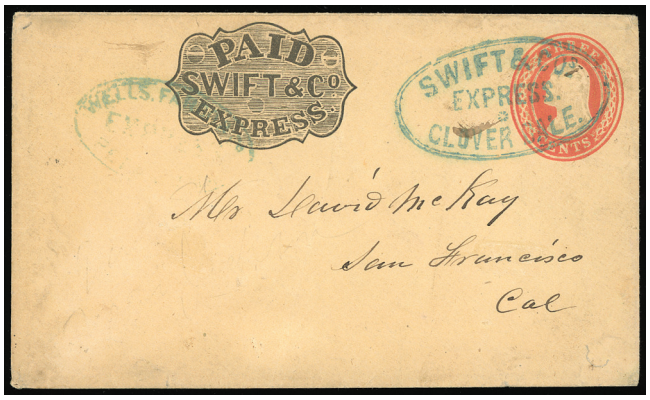


317 ✉ **W.E. Singer & Co.'s Feather River Express, Connecting with Wells, Fargo & Co.,** complete sharp strike of oval handstamp (SIN-100) on fresh stampless cover to Bidwell's Bar that originated with Wells Fargo, with **Wells, Fargo & Co., Express & Exchange Company printed corner card**, so likely from San Francisco; backflap tear, **Extremely Fine**, *Sent by Wells, Fargo & Co. to either Sacramento or Marysville and transferred to Singer for delivery at Bidwells Bar in Butte county.*
Estimate . . . . . $500 - 750

Swift & Co. Express



318 ✉ **Swift & Co.'s Express, Bodega,** blue oval handstamp cancels 3¢ red (U10) buff entire to San Francisco, printed black Swift & Co. paid frank, blue "Wells, Fargo & Co Express, Petaluma" oval handstamp; small edge tear and no flap, **Very Fine and scarce use**, *E. Swift operated this express from Santa Rosa, Petaluma and way points to as far north as Weaverville during the late 1850s and early 1860s, connecting with Wells Fargo & Co..*
Estimate . . . . . $750 - 1,000



319 ✉ **Swift & Co.'s Express, Clover Dale.,** complete clear strike of blue oval handstamp on 3¢ red (U10) buff entire to San Francisco Cal., printed black Swift & Co. paid frank, partial blue "Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, Petaluma" oval handstamp; couple small flaws; internal tear, **still Very Fine and choice strike of the Swift & Co. Clover Dale oval**, *The Swift & Co. Cloverdale oval is quite scarce with about 3 examples recorded.*
Estimate . . . . . $750 - 1,000

AN EXCEEDINGLY RARE SWIFT & CO. CLOVERDALE USE IN CONJUNCTION WITH WELLS, FARGO & CO.



320 ✉ **Swift & Co.'s Express, Paid,** crude printed shield frank at top center on 3¢ red (U10) buff entire to San Francisco, cancelled by blue **"Wells Fargo & Co., Steamboat"** handstamp (Leutzinger type 2-7), **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $750 - 1,000

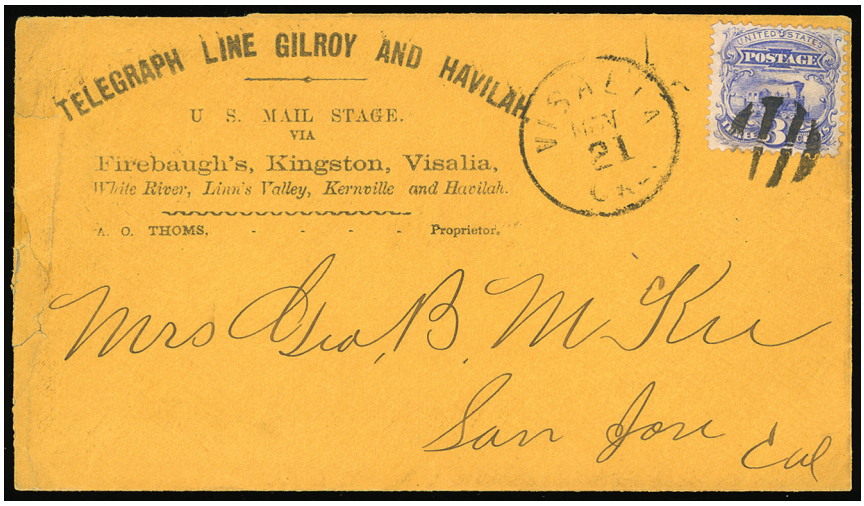
A RARE SWIFT & CO. AND WELLS FARGO & CO. CONJUNCTIVE STEAMBOAT USE.



321 ✉ **Swift & Co.'s Express, Santa Rosa,** bold strike of blue oval handstamp on 3¢ red (U10) buff entire to San Francisco Cal., printed black Swift & Co. paid frank, partial clear strike of blue "Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, Petaluma" oval handstamp; flap tear, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $750 - 1,000

A CHOICE AND EXCEEDINGLY RARE SWIFT & CO. SANTA ROSA USE IN CONJUNCTION WITH WELLS FARGO & CO.

322 ✉ **Swift & Co.'s Express, Santa Rosa,** blue double oval handstamp (SWI-104) on paste-up of 1853, 3¢ Nesbitt entire without address with Swift & Co.'s Express boxed frank (SWI-002), **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300



323 ✉ **Telegraph Line Gilroy and Havilah, U.S. Mail Stage via Firebaugh's, Kingston, Visalia,** corner card advertising cover to San Jose, Cal., franked with 1869, 3¢ ultramarine tied by grid cancel with matching "Visalia, Cal., Nov 21" cds alongside; small sealed edge tears at left, **otherwise Very Fine.**
Scott No. **114** . . . . . Estimate $1,000 - 1,500

ONLY TWO EXAMPLES OF THIS VERY RARE SANTA CLARA TO KERN COUNTY STAGE AND EXPRESS SERVICE ARE KNOWN.

This stage line operated between Los Angeles and the Southern Pacific railhead in the Central California valleys and continued on to the Owens Valley & Cerro Gordo mining district, it connected with the Coast Line Stage Co., Southern California Atlantic & Pacific Stage lines.



324 ✉ **Telegraph Stage Co., Los Angelos, Jul 6, 1873,** red cds (TEL-100) on 1870, 3¢ green entire to San Francisco, canceled by blue "**Wells, Fargo & Co., Los Angeles**" oval date stamp, black company frank at top and pencil manuscript "10" stage fee which indicates that this stage/express company may have functioned as a local in the Los Angeles area, carried from Los Angeles to San Francisco by Wells Fargo, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $1,000 - 1,500

ONLY TWO EXAMPLES OF ENVELOPES ARE KNOWN WITH A TELEGRAPH STAGE CO. HANDSTAMP, THIS BEING THE ONLY ONE WITH THE HANDSTAMP APPLIED TO THE FRONT OF THE COVER.

325 ✉ **Todd & Co. Express,** clear strike of small shield handstamp (TOC-100) on cover carried to San Francisco, placed in the U.S. mails where it received a light red "San Francisco, Cal/2" integral rate cds (SAF-400) for drop rate, **F.-V.F.,** the drop rate townmark is very rare used only from August to October of 1850.
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

326 ✉ **Todd's Express, Stockton - Forwarded By,** blue oval handstamp on 1852 folded letter to Montesuma Flats with T"o be left at the Montesuma House" directive at bottom left, cover soiling and erosion, **Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $75 - 100



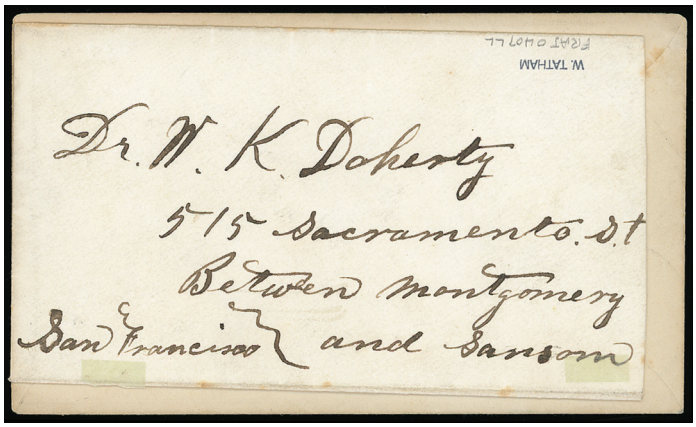


327 ✉ **(Tracy & Spear's Express) T&S,** manuscript with boxed "Paid" used as frank on 1853, 3¢ Nesbitt entire used as a paste-up, carried from the Placerville area to San Francisco, operating north of Placerville T&S turned this letter over to the Wells Fargo at Spanish Flat with cds for November applied (we know from other letters that the agent at Spanish Flat was using the same canceling device for both the U.S. Mail and WF material), from Spanish Flat the letter was carried north by Wells Fargo to its center at Georgetown where it received four oval handstamps on the back side and one on front, Wells Fargo then carried it to San Francisco, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $2,000 - 3,000

A GREAT EXPRESS RARITY WITH ONLY TWO EXAMPLES KNOWN. THIS BEING THE ONLY ONE IN COLLECTOR'S HANDS AS THE OTHER IS IN THE WILTSEE COLLECTION.

Tracy & Spear's Express is very rare as it operated but a few months in 1858 around the city of Placerville. By 1859 Spear had departed and Theodore Tracy was working as Wells Fargo's agent in Placerville. In 1864 he became the mayor of Placerville. His brother, Edward was his agent at some earlier point and in 1859 moved to Portland to start his own express operation in conjunction with Wells Fargo.





328 ✉ **Truman & Chapman's Express, S.F. & S.J. Railroad,** black double framed box with illustrated train with four cars in center, on 1861, 3¢ pink complete paste-up entire addressed to San Francisco, Cal., with **bold blue double circle "Redwood, Cal." express company cancel**, **Extremely Fine,** a newly discovered and **unique Truman cancellation**, ex-Tatham.
Estimate . . . . . $400 - 600

329 ✉ **Truman & Co.'s Express,** black company frank (TRE-003) on 1864, 3¢ pink entire to San Francisco, pencil "Feb 21" date canceling, 1867 docketing on reverse, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $100 - 150

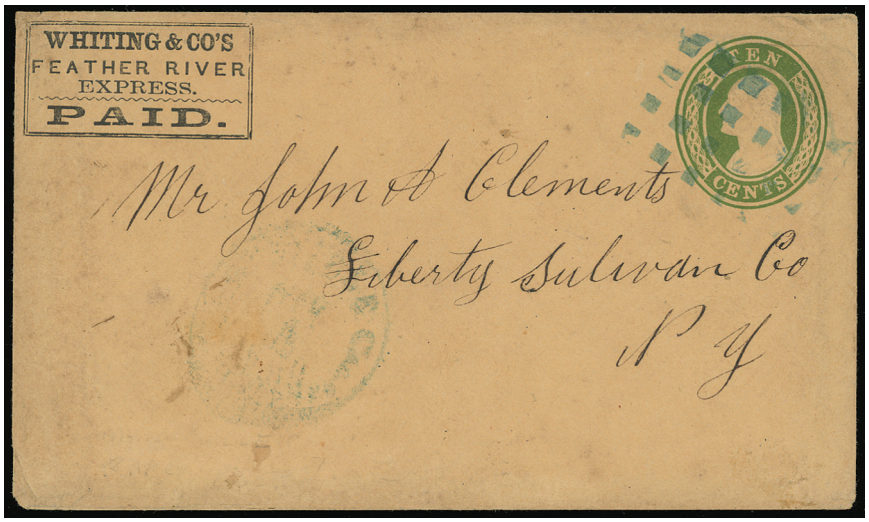


330 ✉ **Washburn's Express, News Agency, Camptonville,** remarkable bold strike of blue oval handstamp (WAH-100) on small lady's enamel cover to Camptonville Cal. with manuscript "Russian River, Cal Feb 18" postmark and bearing **3¢ dull red (11A)**, four margins, cancelled by matching pen stroke; minor edge wear and aging not mention on certificate, **Very Fine**; with 2015 P.F. certificate.
Estimate . . . . . $3,000 - 4,000

A STUNNING WASHBURN'S EXPRESS USE WITH GREAT EYE APPEAL BEARING THE 3¢ 1852 ISSUE.

According to Thomas, this express is believed to have worked the mining camps along the northern Yuba River. He may have operated between Marysville, California and Camptonville, Cal. Most of the known examples of this express handstamp are he correspondence from Russian River to William H. Trimble.

331 *✉ **Wheeler, Rutherford & Co.'s Express,** black company banner frank (Haller FW11) on unused 1864, 3¢ pink entire, some staining on reverse only, **otherwise Very Fine,** a very scarce unused entire.
Scott No. **U58** . . . . . Estimate $100 - 150



332 ✉ **Whiting & Co.'s Feather River Express, boxed frank handstamp with "R" in "Feather" left of "G"** (WHI-002a), on 1855, 10¢ Nesbitt entire to Liberty, N.Y., entered the mails with light blue "Marysville, Cal., Paid By Stamps" cds with matching waffle grid handstamp canceling indicia; P.F. cert mentions small corner tear which appears only to be a tiny wrinkle, **Very Fine,** a very rare Whiting Express frank, this being **one of three recorded examples in Thomas**; with 2009 P.F. certificate.
Scott No. **U16** . . . . . Estimate $400 - 600

This frank should not be confused with it's more common counterpoint, in which the "R" in "Feather" is under the "G" rather than to the left.



333 ✉ **Whiting & Co.'s Feather River Express/Paid,** black oval handstamp on **1864 3¢ pink entire** with "Containing $40-" and "Paid" manuscript notations, Samuel Hill correspondence to San Francisco, exchanged with "Wells Fargo & Co./Marysville May 24" blue double oval handstamp (Leutzinger type 11-5) on **Wells Fargo & Co.'s Express From black on orange label** on the back, "1865" docket on the back, **Very Fine, an uncommon money letter usage.**
Estimate . . . . . $500 - 750

Eastern Sierra Express Companies

The link between East and West in the days before the coming of the railroad and the building of adequate roads and snow-removal equipment was the Expresses of the Eastern Sierra. There had been many peoples passing through prior including Native Americans, European-American explorers Lt. John C. Fremont accompanied by Kit Carson and Gold Miners in mass chasing California Gold, which eventually depended on these expressmen for correspondence with the rest of the world. The following group of covers is the most complete offering of expresses from this area ever offered in a catalog listing.



334 ✉ **(Eastern Sierra) Buckley's Express., Paid.,** blue boxed handstamp frank (BUK-100) at left of 1874, 3¢ green entire to San Francisco, entereed the mails with "Panamint, Cal, May 29" cds and quartered cork duplex, with black printed frank (WFE-030) at top, **Very Fine,** ex-Polland, Kramer and Myerson.
Scott No. **U163** . . . . . Estimate $1,000 - 1,500

ATTRACTIVE TO-THE-MAILS USAGE OF THE RARE BUCKLEY'S EXPRESS FRANK IN PANAMINT, CAL.

A scarce frank from this stage/express that ran between Bakersfield and the eastern Sierra Coso Mining District. They not only delivered the mails along the but deposited mail into the government system at stops along the route. Only two examples are recorded posted from the ghost town of Panamint, Inyo County.

335 ✉ **(Eastern Sierra) Esmeralda, Nev.,** cover to Sonora franked with 1861, 3¢ rose and tied by "Esmeralda, Nev, Jan 2, '66" cds and target duplex, carried from Big Pines, Inyo County (North of Independence, CA) by favor or local eastern Sierra Express, with enclosures; some cover corner wear, **otherwise Very Fine.**
Scott No. **65** . . . . . Estimate $300 - 400

Accompanied by two letters (Dec 28 & 30) enclosed from brother at Big Pine Saw Mill to Sonora, Cal. Great content in both letters, Mill is frozen due to weather, Christmas dance at Independence that had thirteen ladies, received your letter from Sonora, ten days in transit.



336 ✉ **(Eastern Sierra) Kenson's Owens River Express, Paid.,** black frank (KNS-001) at top center of cover to San Francisco, with **"San Carlos Dist., Inyo" circular handstamp** used by Kenson's Express (KNS-100), franked with 1861, 3¢ rose (tears) canceled by target handstamp and tied by "Esmeralda, N.T., Feb 24" where the cover entered the mails, manuscript "1398" which is believed to be the postal box for Mr. Doble; stamp and cover flaws including partial sideflap, tear at bottom left and small piece of corner restored at top left, none of which affect the express markings, **F.-V.F. appearance,** *ex-Lichtenstein*.
Scott No. **65** . . . . . Estimate $5,000 - 7,500

THE UNIQUE EXAMPLE OF THIS KENSON'S OWENS RIVER EXPRESS FRANK IN COMBINATION WITH THE SAN CARLOS DISTRICT HANDSTAMP.

Only one example from each of the two different frank types is known from this very rare Eastern Sierra/Nevada Express. This is considered to be the earlier example frank type of the two known and it is the only one that contains both the Kenson's Frank and Kenson hand stamp. The last time this item was offered in public was the Harmer Silver Sale of 1997. At that time this item sold for $4,250 plus commission. It is the key to any Inyo County Express Collection.



337 ✉ **(Eastern Sierra) Kenson's Owens River Express, Paid.,** red printed frank (KNS-002) at top of cover addressed to the Alta (newspaper) Office in San Francisco, franked with 1861, 3¢ rose (tears) canceled by "Esmeralda, Nev, Jul 20, '64" cds and target duplex where the cover entered the mails; stamp and cover flaws including edge wear, soiling and some toning, **Fine appearance.**
Scott No. **65** . . . . . Estimate $5,000 - 7,500

THE UNIQUE EXAMPLE OF THE RED KENSON'S OWENS RIVER EXPRESS PRINTED FRANK.

Only one example from each of the two different frank types is known from this very rare Eastern Sierra/Nevada Express.



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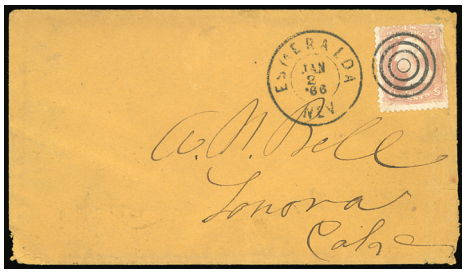

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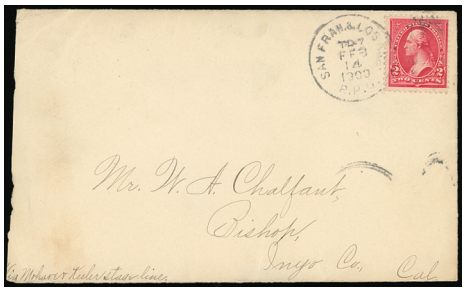

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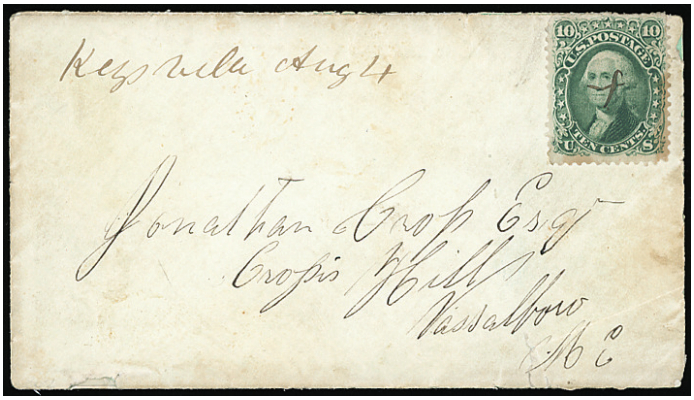
338 ✉ **(Eastern Sierra) (Kenson's Owens River Pony Express.) San Carlos Dist., Inyo, Aug 15, 1863,** black circular handstamp with pencil manuscript date (KNS-100) on 1861, 3¢ pink entire to San Francisco, blue "**Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, Aurora**" oval date stamp and black printed frank (type WFE-030) at top; some cover edge wear and small tears with partial backflap, **F.-V.F.**
Scott No. **U35** . . . . . Estimate $750 - 1,000

ONE OF SIX EXAMPLES KNOWN OF THE KENSON'S SAN CARLOS DISTRICT CIRCULAR HANDSTAMP AND ONE OF TWO KNOWN IN CONJUNCTION WITH WELLS, FARGO & CO. EXPRESS.

All examples of this very rare hand stamp are known dating to the 1863-64 period. This cover was carried north by Kenson's pony rider from the area around Independence, Cal. to Aurora and placed in the hands of Wells Fargo for transportation to San Francisco.



339 ✉ **(Eastern Sierra) Keysville, Aug. 4 (Tulare),** manuscript postmark (TUL-1460) on cover addressed to Vassalboro, Me., franked with manuscript canceled 1861, 10¢ green, carried from the "Owens River" Inyo Co. (July 27, 1862) by favor or local eastern Sierra Express, with original enclosure; small cover and stamp flaws, **otherwise Very Fine.**
Scott No. **68** . . . . . Estimate $300 - 400

Letter addressed to Father tells him that he is 300 miles from anyplace; I will come home when the War has ended. Very early, possibly the earliest posting from the Owens River, Inyo Co.

340 ✉ **(Eastern Sierra) Via Mohave & Keeler Stage Line,** manuscript endorsement at bottom left of cover to Bishop, Cal., franked with 1899, 2¢ red tied by "San Fran. & Los Ang., R.P.O., Feb 14, 1900" duplex postmark, carried by stage to Bishop; slight cover reduction at left, **Very Fine,** a unique usage on this late letter stage line, ex-Polland.
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

From Mohave the stage would run to Garlock, Randsburg and on to Keeler a distance of about 120 miles. At Keeler the letter would be place on the narrow gauge railroad and transported 75 miles North to Laws, from there it would move to Bishop which is about five miles distance.



341 ✉ **(Eastern Sierra) Panamint Pony Express via San Bernardino, Paid 25 Cents.,** black fancy pony rider frank (PAN-001) on 1870, 3¢ green entire addressed to Chester, Pa., entered the mails with blue "San Bernardino, Cal., Nov 5" cds and quartered cork handstamp canceling, reverse with printed "These Envelopes to be had" location notice which included Panamint, San Bernardino, Los Angeles and two locations in San Francisco; restored reduction at right slightly affecting indicia, **otherwise Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $2,000 - 3,000

THE ONLY KNOWN USED EXAMPLE OF THE PANAMINT PONY EXPRESS FRANK ENTIRE.

It is believed that fewer than five unused examples of this frank are known. This express was the last pony service used in the old west. It was used to transport mail over a distance of 200 miles using six relays of horses between the ghost town of Darwin, Inyo County, thence over the Cajon Pass and on to San Bernardino, California.



342 ✉ **(Eastern Sierra) Silver Mountain, Cal., Cal., Aug 8 (Alpine),** clear origin cds (ALP-230, R4) on 1868 cover to **London, England**, franked with **1861, 12¢ black** canceled by cork handstamp, manuscript "Via overland to N.Y." routing endorsement, red "New York, Paid All, Aug 23" transit and red "London, Sp 7, 68" entry postmark, receiving backstamp, with original lengthy 3-page letter giving much information about many of the silver mines in the area and supplies a code for future letters, **Very Fine.**
Scott No. **69** . . . . . Estimate $750 - 1,000



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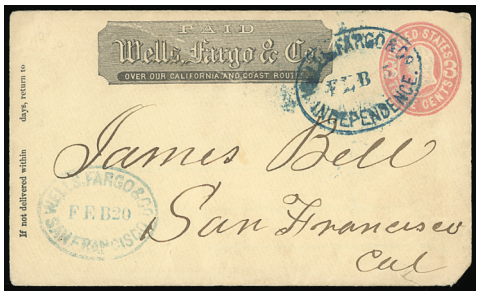

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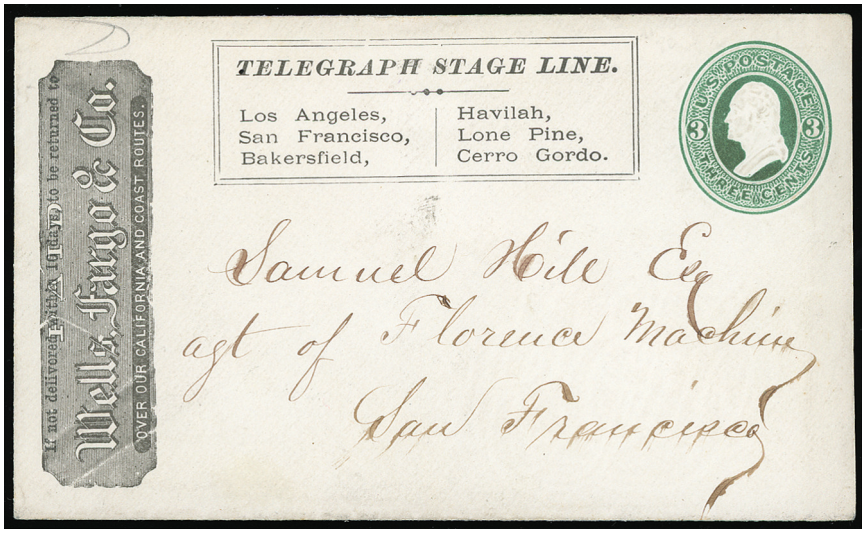

343 ✉ **(Eastern Sierra) Telegraph Stage Company, Los Angelos, Jan 12, 1873,** two strikes of cds (TEL-100) on reverse of 1870, 3¢ green entire to San Francisco, **black "Telegraph Stage Line" boxed corner card** used conjunctively with a vertical **Wells, Fargo & Co. frank** (WFE-020a) at left, January 15th receiving docketing on reverse, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $1,500 - 2,000

THE UNIQUE BLACK TELEGRAPH STAGE COMPANY CIRCULAR DATE STAMP ON ENTIRE BEARING THE ONLY KNOWN COMPANY CORNER CARD.

This corner card indicates that this service extended from Los Angeles to the back side of the Sierras into Lone Pine.

344 ✉ **(Eastern Sierra) Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, Aurora,** dark violet oval handstamp on 1874, 3¢ green entire to San Francisco, with black printed frank (WFE-030) at top, return corner card at left from Clinton; couple opening tears at top and small piece of backflap missing, **otherwise Very Fine.**
Scott No. **U163** . . . . . Estimate $200 - 300

345 ✉ **(Eastern Sierra) Wells, Fargo & Co., Benton,** dark blue oval handstamp (11-15) from the station at Benton, Cal., on 1874, 3¢ green entire to San Francisco, black printed frank (WFE-030) at top; opening tears at bottom, **otherwise Very Fine,** it appears that no date was ever used in this very rare handstamp, one the best examples of several known.
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300



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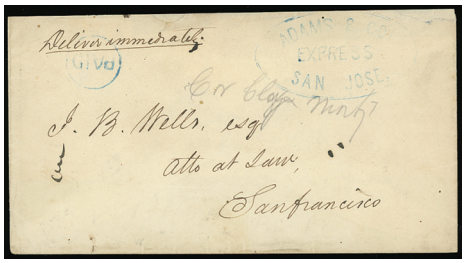

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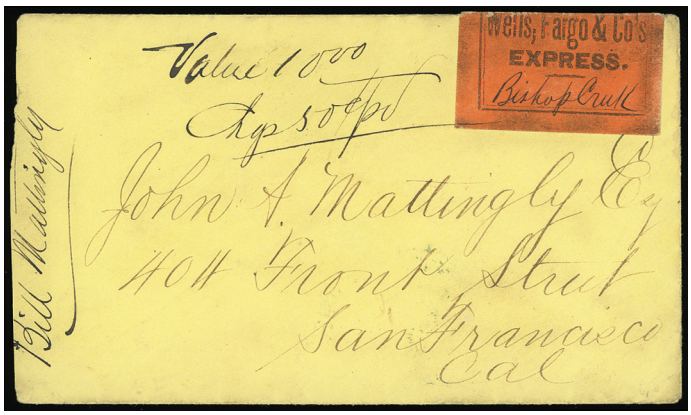


346 ✉ **(Eastern Sierra) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Bishop Creek,** black on orange express label with manuscript town name, slightly overlapping cover to San Francisco from the Mattingly correspondence, manuscript "Value 10.00, Chgs 50¢" postage due notations at top; cover slightly reduced at left, **Very Fine,** express label usage on cover from this period of Mono or Inyo County are quite rare.
Estimate . . . . . $400 - 600

347 ✉ **(Eastern Sierra) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, From Bishop Creek,** black on orange express label with manuscript town name from Bishop, Inyo County, California; small internal hole, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $20 - 30

348 ✉ **(Eastern Sierra) Wells, Fargo & Co., Bodie, Cal., Oct 18,** dark violet oval date stamp (12-3) on 1883, 2¢ red entire to San Francisco, black printed frank (WFE-060) at top, reverse with blue "Wells, Fargo & Co., San Francisco, Oct 20, 1884" oval receiving date stamp, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

349 ✉ **(Eastern Sierra) Wells, Fargo & Co., Independence, Feb 5,** bold blue oval date stamp (11-13) on 1864, 3¢ pink entire to San Francisco, black printed frank (WFE-030) and blue "Wells, Fargo & Co., San Francisco, Feb 20" oval receiving date stamp, 15 days in transit most likely due to weather; small corner opening nick at lower right, **Very Fine and choice,** ex-Leutzinger.
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200



350 ✉ **(Eastern Sierra) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, From Independence,** black on orange express label with illustrated locomotive and steamer with manuscript town name, on Wells, Fargo & Co. printed address money envelope to San Francisco, blue "Nov 8, 1871" corner card date stamp from the banking house of Harris & Rhine, **Very Fine,** express labels from this period of Inyo County are very rare.
Estimate . . . . . $500 - 750

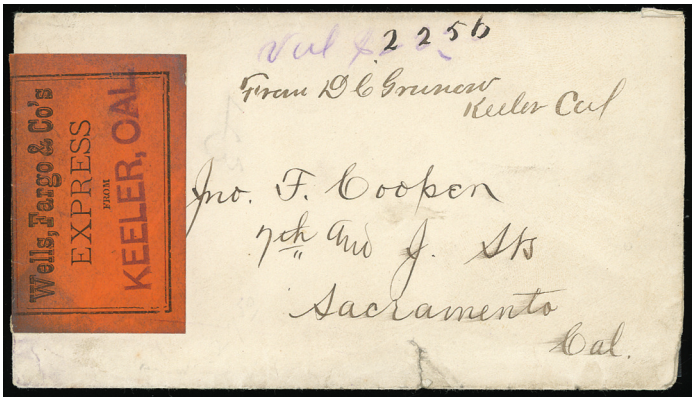
351 ✉ **(Eastern Sierra) Wells, Fargo & Co., Independence. Cal., Apr 20,** exceptional strike of blue oval date stamp (12-1) on 1874, 6¢ red legal size entire (U182) to Wells, Fargo & Co. Bank in San Francisco, black printed frank (WFE-030) at top, **Extremely Fine and choice,** a wonderful strike.
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200



352 ✉ **(Eastern Sierra) Wells, Fargo & Co., Independence, Cal.,** blue oval date stamp (12-1) on 1874, 3¢ green entire to Lookout, Inyo Co., Cal., with brown allover **Harris & Rhine, Banking and Exchange, Independence, California** shaded ad, black printed frank (WFE-030) at left, **Very Fine and choice.**
Estimate . . . . . $1,000 - 1,500

THE ONLY KNOWN WELLS, FARGO & CO. OVERALL ADVERTISING COVER FROM INYO COUNTY.

The exact location of Lookout is unknown. It is believed to be on Saw Mill Creek below Lookout Peak.



353 ✉ **(Eastern Sierra) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, From Keeler, Cal.,** black on orange label with purple straight line town and state handstamp, on money envelope to Sacramento, Cal., manuscript "value $22.50" and sender notations; small cover tear at bottom center, **otherwise Very Fine,** only two Wells Fargo items are known from Keeler, Inyo County, the other is located on a large size envelope.
Estimate . . . . . $400 - 600

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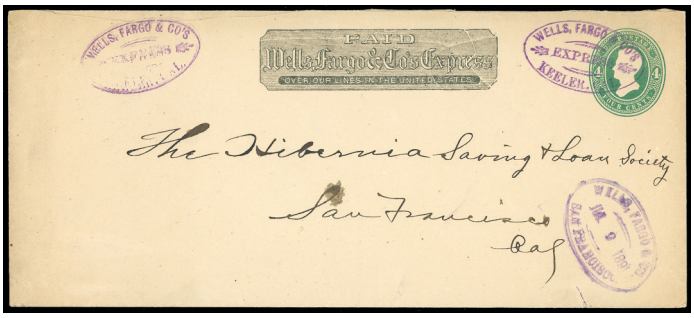

354 ✉ **(Eastern Sierra) Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, Keeler, Cal.,** two strikes of purple oval handstamp on 1886, 4¢ green legal size entire addressed to San Francisco, black frank (WFE-060) at top and "Wells, Fargo & Co., San Francisco, Jul 2, 1891" oval receiving date stamp, **Very Fine and choice.**
Estimate . . . . . $750 - 1,000

THE ONLY KNOWN EXAMPLE OF THE WELLS, FARGO & CO. KEELER HANDSTAMP.

The Wells Fargo Keller office was located in the Keller Train Station which was at the end of the line for the narrow gage railroad line which ran through the valley.

355 ✉ **(Eastern Sierra) (Wells, Fargo & Co.) "Lundy, Cal 9/23/80",** manuscript from the ghost town of Lundy, Inyo County, Cal., along with a "Wells Fargo Messenger" (8-1) on 1874, 3¢ green entire (U163), black printed frank (WFE-030) carried entirely by Wells Fargo from Lundy to Hollister; reduced at left and some soiling, **Fine,** an unlisted and unknown Wells Fargo town, accompanied by separate Lundy express label.
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

356 ✉ **(Eastern Sierra) Wells, Fargo & Co., Markleville., May 19,** blue oval date stamp from Markleeville, Alpine County on 1861, 3¢ pink entire (U35) to Jamestown, Cal., black printed frank (WFE-030) at top; small piece of back flap missing, **Very Fine and choice.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

357 ✉ **(Eastern Sierra) (Wells, Fargo & Co.) Monitor, April 22, 1865,** Wells Fargo marked manuscript from the ghost town of Monitor, Alpine County, with blue "Wells, Fargo & Co., Markleeville, Apr 25" oval date stamp (11-9) on a 1861, 3¢ pink entire (U35), black printed frank (WFE-030) at top, carried entirely by Wells Fargo from Monitor to San Francisco; some expert cover restoration, **Very Fine appearance.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

358 ✉ **(Eastern Sierra) Wells, Fargo & Co., Monitor, Mar 16,** black oval date stamp (11-9) from the ghost town of Monitor, Alpine County, on a 1864, 3¢ pink entire (U58) to San Francisco, black printed frank (WFE-030) at top; back flap missing and some water staining at bottom, **F.-V.F.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

359 ✉ **(Eastern Sierra) Wells, Fargo & Co., Monitor, Jan 21,** oval date stamp (11-9) on 1870, 3¢ green entire (U82) to San Francisco, black printed frank (WFE-030) at top; most of backflap missing, **otherwise Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

360 ✉ **(Eastern Sierra) Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, New York, Apr 11,** blue cds on 1864 3¢ pink entire (U58) from New York to the ghost town of Chrysopolis, Inyo County with "Via Aurora" routing endorsement, blue "Wells, Fargo & Co., Austin, N.T." oval transit date stamp, black printed frank (WFE-030) at top; a bit reduced at left., **otherwise Very Fine,** two other envelopes are known addressed to Chrysopolis, no known envelope is recorded from this location.
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200



361 ✉ **(Eastern Sierra) Wells, Fargo & Co. Virginia City Pony Express,** 1861, 3¢ pink entire to Willow Springs, Coso (Mining District in Inyo County), with large margin **Wells, Fargo & Co. 1862, 25¢ blue** (143L8) tied by blue "Wells, Fargo & Co., San Frco, Sep 17" circular datestamp, printed frank (WFE-030) at top, with additional manuscript **"Care of Kenson's Pony Express"** at "Aurora/Esmeralda", "Coll 2/-" (2 bits or 25¢) manuscript Kenson's express fee to collect, sender's manuscript on reverse from Cobb in San Francisco and "Rec Oct 15th"; cover edge flaws, opened on three sides and reduced at left.
Scott No. **143L8+U34**. . . . . Estimate $5,000 - 7,500

A REMARKABLE AND UNIQUE DOUBLE PONY EXPRESS USAGE CARRIED BY WELLS, FARGO & CO. VIRGINIA CITY PONY EXPRESS AND THE KENSON'S PONY EXPRESS FROM SAN FRANCISCO TO THE COSO MINING DISTRICT.

Only a few of the Virginia City Ponies are double express usage. The other examples, which are believed to be two, started in the east bay and were carried by Bamber Express and turned over to Wells Fargo. This is the only Virginia City Pony cover known that Wells Fargo turned over to another express. The town of Aurora had just been determine (9/16/1863) by a boundary survey to be in Esmeralda County, Nevada. Before that the town's Post Office was known as Esmeralda and the town was believed located in Mono County, California. This cover traveled from San Francisco by steamer to Sacramento, then to Placerville by train and then by pony over the Sierra's to Carson City, Nevada and then down the back side of the Sierras Mountains to Aurora. The pony run from Placerville to Aurora was a distance of about 160 miles. At Aurora, Wells Fargo turned the cover over to Kenson's Pony Express who then carried it south, passing back into California, running next to Owens Lake to Willow Springs which was located east of Coso Junction, Inyo County. The distance of this second pony run is around 200 miles.

Western Express - Balance Lots

362 ✉ **Adams & Co. Express Balance,** 14 stampless covers; includes early red oval handstamp from Los Angeles and Sacramento, circular date stamps from Sacramento, S.F. and Stockton, blue oval handstamp from Camp Seco, San Jose, Stockton and S.F., some duplication; condition varies, **F.-V.F. overall.**
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

363 ✉ **Napa, Cal. Express Covers,** 9 covers; mostly Wells Fargo usage including early Napa City "Express" oval, later 1860-80's oval date stamp usages, late 1890's usage and a Pacific Union Ex. usage; condition varies, **F.-V.F. overall.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

364 ✉ **Pacific Express Co. Express Balance,** 11 covers; 7 stampless with town including Yankee Jims, Diamond Springs, Benecia, Georgetown, Sacramento, S.F. & Mok Hill with early horse & rider frank, other usages on 1853, 3¢ Nesbitt entires from towns including Sonora, Georgetown and Placerville; condition varies, **F.-V.F. overall.**
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400



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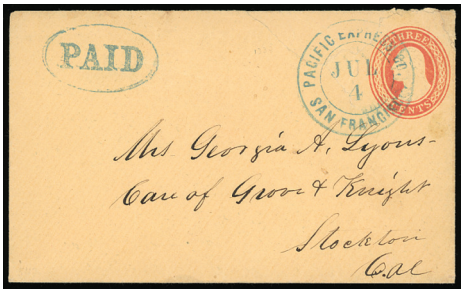

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365 ✉ **Western Express Balance,** group of 6 items comprising "Swift & Co. Express, Petaluma" oval handstamp on faulty 3¢ #U10 entire with printed Wells Fargo & Co. frank to San Francisco, "Thompson & Co's & Wells, Fargo & Co's California Route" printed frank on 3¢ red cutout cancelled by Healdsburg oval handstamp, "Oroville and Quincy Stage Line" illustrated corner card on faulty envelope, Penny Post 5¢ entire addressed to San Francisco with pen cancelled 3¢ #11 that did not originate, 1851 folded letter with blue "Forwarded by Reynold's Todd & Co. Express, Sonora" oval handstamp to San Francisco, and San Francisco cover to Allegany Co. N.Y. with two missing stamps but large oval Noisy Carriers partial backstamp due to flap missing; mixed condition, **Fine and interesting research group.**
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

366 ✉ **Western Express Cover Balance,** of 9 items; includes Wells, Fargo & Co. usages including Pacific Union overprint frank, Pacific Express usage, Noisy Carriers Via Nicaragua cover (faulty), 1898 Forks Queselle Express letter, 1860 Patte House, St. Joseph corner card cover with Central Overland Cal. & Pikes Peak Express wax seal on reverse, also includes Wells, Fargo & Co. Pony Express labels; condition mixed, **generally Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

Wells, Fargo & Co. Express - Arranged by County

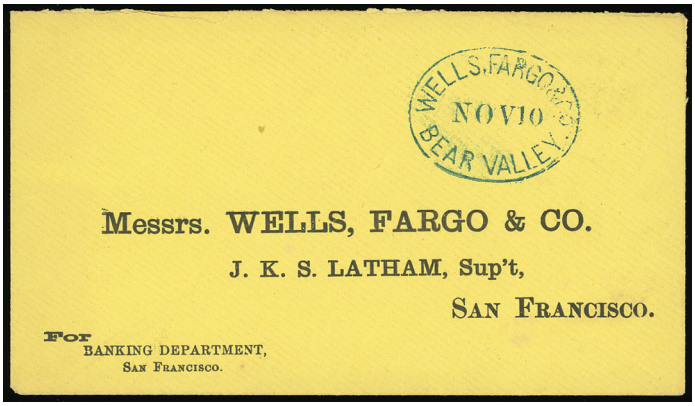
367 ✉ **(Alameda) Wells, Fargo & Co., Niles Station, Oct 26,** clear strike of blue oval datestamp on 3¢ green entire to Half Moon Bay, Cal., bold printed Wells Fargo & Co. paid frank with additional at top left, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300



368 ✉ **(Alameda) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Oakland. (16th St. St'n) Cal.,** bold strike of dark purple oval and matching "W.F. & Co's Express, Messenger, 123" on 2¢ green entire to Mexico, printed green Wells Fargo Mexican frank, magenta "Wells, Fargo y Cia, El Paso, Texas, Dic 9 1892" oval datestamp cancels indicia and second strike below, reverse with Mexico (12.12) transit oval on flap, **Very Fine and attractive use.**
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

369 ✉ **(Alpine) Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, Bear Valley,** clear strike of blue oval handstamp as frank on buff cover to Cleveland Oh. bearing **3¢ dull red (11A) vertical pair** tied by partial "San Francisco Cal. 1 Aug" cds; edge wear and corner mends, **F.-V.F.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

370 ✉ **(Alpine) Wells, Fargo & Co., Express, Bear Valley,** black origin oval handstamp on 3¢ red (U27) star die entire cancelled by manuscript "May 11" dating to San Andreas Cal., printed black Wells Fargo paid frank, blue "Wells, Fargo & Co., Express, Hornitas" oval transit handstamp; partial flap, **otherwise Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400



371 ✉ **(Alpine) Wells, Fargo & Co., Bear Valley, Nov 10,** sharp strike of blue oval datestamp on yellow preprinted return envelope to Wells, Fargo & Co., J.K.S. Latham Sup't, San Francisco; edge tear at right, **otherwise fresh and Extremely Fine with great eye appeal.**
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

372 ✉ **(Alpine) (Wells, Fargo & Co.) Monitor, Oct. 26th, 1864,** manuscript postmark (ALP-90, R5) on 3¢ pink (U35) buff entire to San Francisco Cal., blue "Wells Fargo & Co., Markleeville, Oct " oval datestamp, printed black Wells Fargo paid frank; reduced at ends, small edge tear, **Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

Amador County

373 ✉ **(Amador) Wells, Fargo & Co., Ione, Cal., 7 10 82,** sharp strike of datestamp cancels 3¢ green entire to San Francisco Cal., printed black Wells Fargo paid frank, **fresh and Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

374 ✉ **(Amador) Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, Ione Vy.,** blue double-oval handstamp cancels 3¢ pink (U35) buff entire to San Francisco Cal., printed black Wells Fargo paid frank, **Extremely Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

375 ✉ **(Amador) Wells, Fargo & Co., Jackson, Nov 14,** blue oval datestamp on light buff cover to San Francisco Cal. with preprinted care of "Agent of Wells, Fargo & Co's Express" (Agent crossed out), docketed "Advice of Dust for Coinage, Banking Dep't"; cover tear, **F.-V.F.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

376 ✉ **(Amador) Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, Lancha Plana,** blue oval handstamp (Leutzinger type 3-2) and postal postmark (William AMA-770) on 1864 3¢ pink entire to San Francisco, Cal., black Haller type G1 printed frank (lined LL's); trimmed into indicia, **otherwise Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $100 - 150

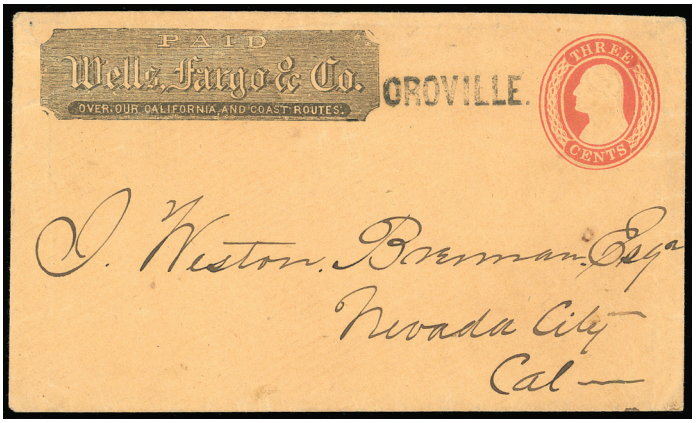
377 ✉ **(Amador) Wells, Fargo & Co., Oleta, Cal.,** clear strike of blue oval handstamp cancels 3¢ green entire to San Francisco Cal., printed black Wells Fargo paid frank, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

378 ✉ **(Amador) Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, Volcano,** clear strike of blue oval handstamp cancels 3¢ red (U10) on buff Nesbitt entire to San Francisco, printed black Wells Fargo paid frank, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $100 - 150

Butte County

379 ✉ **(Butte) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Chico, Cal., Nov 4, 1888,** purple oval datestamp cancels 2¢ green entire to San Francisco Cal., printed black Wells Fargo frank, purple Wells Fargo San Francisco Nov. 5th arrival oval datestamp, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $100 - 150

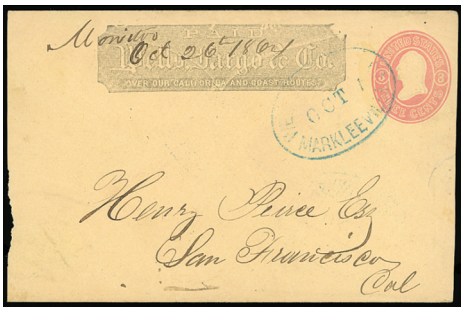
380 ✉ **(Butte) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Honcut, Cal.,** dark purple oval handstamp (Leutzinger 10-26) cancels 2¢ Columbian (U349) entire to San Francisco Cal., additional strike as flap seal, printed blue Wells Fargo 1892 Columbian frank, blue crayon "7" marking, small flaws, **F.-V.F.,** scarce marking.
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200



381 ✉ **(Butte) (Wells, Fargo & Co.) Oroville,** Wells, Fargo straight line handstamp (Leutzinger Type 14-1) on 1853-55 3¢ Nesbitt entire to Nevada City with early second type black company frank, embossed sender's return on backflap, **Extremely Fine,** A rare Wells, Fargo & Co. Express handstamp.
Estimate . . . . . $400 - 500

382 ✉ **(Butte) Wells, Fargo & Co.'s, Express, From Oroville,** black on orange label with illustrated train and steamboat (Mosher WFCX-L545), affixed to 1861, 3¢ pink entire addressed to San Francisco, black company frank at top and entered the mails with "Chico, Cal, Jun 6" cds; slight soiling, **F.-V.F.**
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

383 ✉ **(Butte) Wells, Fargo & Co., Oroville, Jun 22, 1882,** purple double-circle datestamp duplexed with three-ring cancel on 3¢ green entire, additional strike of three-ring as flap seal, original California Insurance Co. letterhead enclosure, purple "From Bank of Rideout, Smith & Co., Oroville" corner card handstamp; reduced slightly irregular at left, **Fine and very unusual Wells Fargo cds.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200



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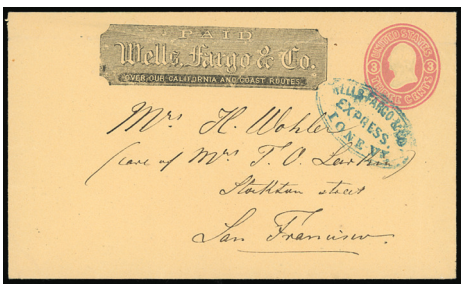

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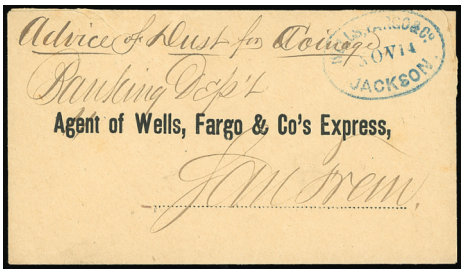

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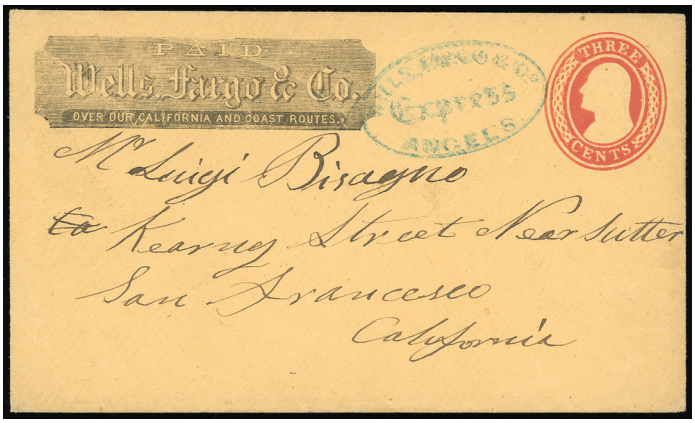

384 ✉ **(Calaveras) Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, Angels,** blue oval handstamp cancels 3¢ red (U10) on buff entire to San Francisco Cal., printed black Wells Fargo paid frank, **Extremely Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400



385 ✉ **(Calaveras) Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, Campo Seco,** oval handstamp cancels 3¢ pink (U59) on buff entire to San Francisco Cal. bearing 3¢ rose (65) tied by manuscript "Collect" cancellation, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

386 ✉ **(Calaveras) Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, Mok Hill,** blue oval handstamp cancelling 3¢ red (U10) buff entire to San Francisco Cal., printed **"Mokelumne and Campo Seco Canal and Mining Co." corner card**; small part of flap missing, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200



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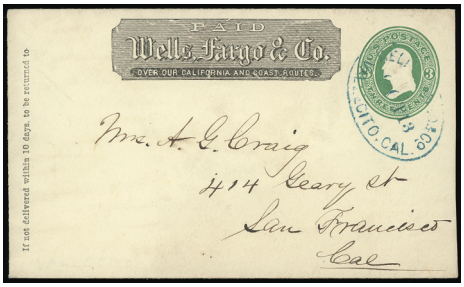

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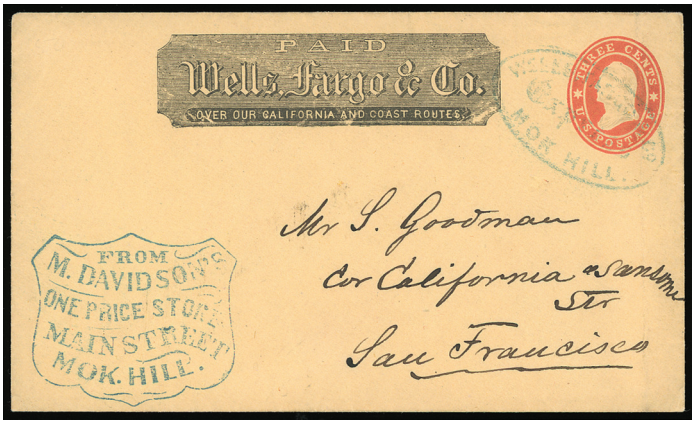

387 ✉ **(Calaveras) Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, Mok Hill,** blue oval handstamp on 3¢ red (U27) buff entire to San Francisco Cal., printed black Wells Fargo paid frank, fancy blue "M. Davidson's One Price Store, Mok. Hill." shield corner handstamp; light vertical file fold at right, **a Very Fine and attractive use.**

Estimate . . . . . $400 - 600



388 ✉ **(Calaveras) Terrill & Peters, Drugs, Cigars and Variety Store, Express and Tel. Office, Main St., Mok Hill, Cal.,** complete strike of oval cancels 3¢ green entire to San Francisco Cal., printed black Wells Fargo paid frank; slight internal cover wrinkle, **Very Fine and choice.**

Estimate . . . . . $400 - 600

Terrill & Peters was the Wells Fargo agent at Mok Hill Cal.



389 ✉ **(Calaveras) Wells, Fargo & Co., Moquelumne Hill,** blue oval with company frank at left on 1861 3¢ entire with **green shaded advertising of "B. Sbarboro & Brothers/Liquors, Groceries & Provisions/San Francisco"**, additionally cancelled with blue oval **West Point** postmark, part of flap torn away, **Very Fine,** a wonderful cover originating from West Point, named by Kit Carson as the west point of his explorations.
Estimate . . . . . $750 - 1,000

390 ✉ **(Calaveras) Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, Mokelumne Hill, Jan 12,** blue oval datestamp cancels 3¢ pink (U59) on buff entire to San Francisco Cal., printed black Wells Fargo paid frank, additional blue "West Point, Cal." oval handstamp; some docketing and edge wear, **F.-V.F.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

West Point Cal. (Calaveras) was apparently a Wells Fargo sub office of Moquelumne Hill at this time. This is the only arrangement like this we know of.

391 ✉ **(Calaveras) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Mokelumne Hill, Cal.,** purple oval handstamp cancels 2¢ green on amber entire to Stockton Cal., printed black Wells Fargo paid frank, purple "Thomas Peters, Drugs, Cigars and Variety Store, Express and Tel. Office, Main St. Mok Hill, Cal." corner card handstamp; some edge wear, **F.-V.F.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

392 ✉ **(Calaveras) Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, San Andreas,** clear strike of blue oval handstamp cancels 3¢ red (U9) entire to San Francisco Cal., printed black Wells Fargo paid frank; partial flap, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

393 ✉ **(Calaveras) Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, San Andreas,** blue oval handstamp (11-9) on 1855, 10¢ green entire to Valatie, N.Y., with **red printed company frank at top left** (WFE-022), entered the mails with New-York, Dec 28 cds canceling; file folds, **Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $100 - 150

394 ✉ **(Calaveras) Wells, Fargo & Co., Vallecito, Cal., Oct 13,** blue oval datestamp cancels 3¢ green (U83) entire to San Francisco Cal., printed black Wells Fargo paid frank; reduced slightly at right, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

395 ✉ **(Contra Costa) Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, Pacheco,** blue oval handstamp (Leutzinger type 3-8) on 1861 3¢ pink entire to San Francisco, Cal., black Haller type E printed frank, **Extremely Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

El Dorado County

396 ✉ **(El Dorado) Wells, Fargo & Co., Colomo,** blue oval express handstamp (type 3-1) on fresh buff cover to San Francisco, with matching "Paid" in circle handstamps and small manuscript "50" express rate notation at bottom left, **Very Fine,** a scarce early usage from Colomo.
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

397 ✉ **(El Dorado) Wells Fargo & Co. Express, Georgetown,** full clear oval handstamp (Leutzinger type 3-1) on 1853, 3¢ red entire to San Francisco, Cal., with unusual **matching "Feb 15" straight line handstamp** on indicia, black Haller type E printed frank, **Extremely Fine,** ex-Tatham.
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

398 ✉ **(El Dorado) Wells, Fargo & Co., Georgetown, Feb 7,** oval date stamp (Leutzinger type 11-9) on 1864 3¢ pink entire to San Francisco, Cal., black Haller type E printed frank, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $100 - 150

399 ✉ **(El Dorado) Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, Greenwood,** blue oval handstamp (Leutzinger type 3-2) on 1853 3¢ red entire to San Francisco, Cal., black Haller type E printed frank, **Very Fine and choice.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

400 ✉ **(El Dorado) Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, Indian Diggins,** clear brownish oval handstamp on 1853, 3¢ Nesbitt entire to San Francisco, black early printed frank type (WFE-020); reduced at right a bit into indicia, **a Very Fine strike,** with **only two examples known from this gold ghost town**.
Estimate . . . . . $500 - 750

The other example set a record for a Wells Fargo handstamp in our December 2002 auction when it sold from Basil Pierce's Collection for $4,600 and then resold several years later for over $3,000. This example is a sister to the above listed cover being reduced slightly at the right but strike equal in quality in all respects. Both examples are addressed to Kimball (Noisy Carriers) on Long Wharf.

401 ✉ **(El Dorado) Wells, Fargo & Co., Latrobe, Mar 5,** blue oval datestamp cancels 3¢ green entire to Placerville Cal., receipt docketing at left; rounded right corners, **F.-V.F.,** *ex-Hackett.*
Estimate . . . . . $100 - 150

402 ✉ **(El Dorado) Wells, Fargo & Co., Latrobe, "28th",** violet oval handstamp cancels 2¢ brown entire to Placerville Cal., printed black Wells Fargo paid frank, "1891" docketing at left, reverse with "Placerville Cal. Oct 28, 1890" arrival cds, **Very Fine and scarce.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200



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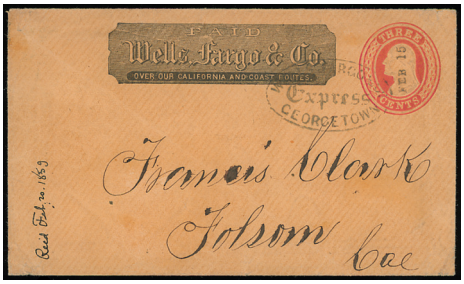

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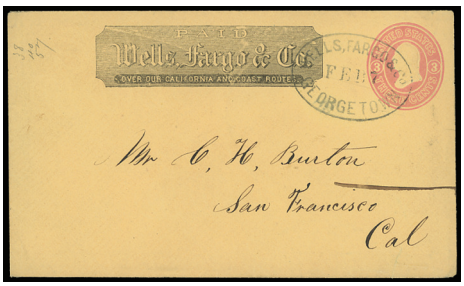

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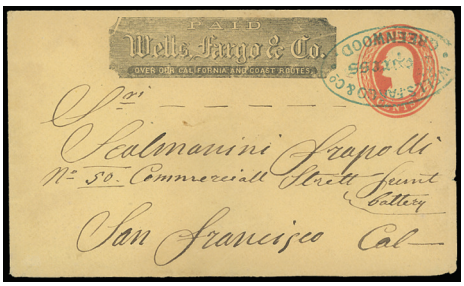

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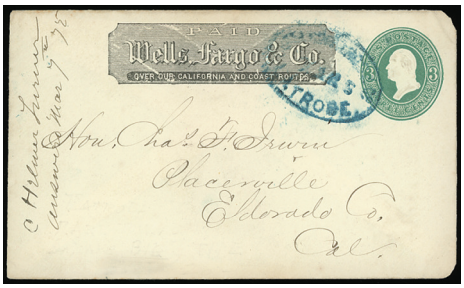

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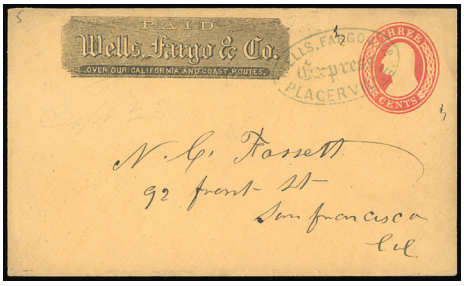

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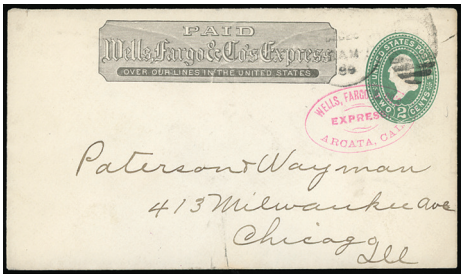

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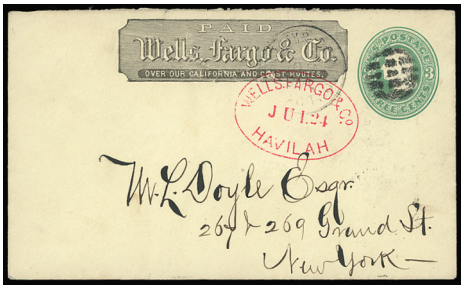

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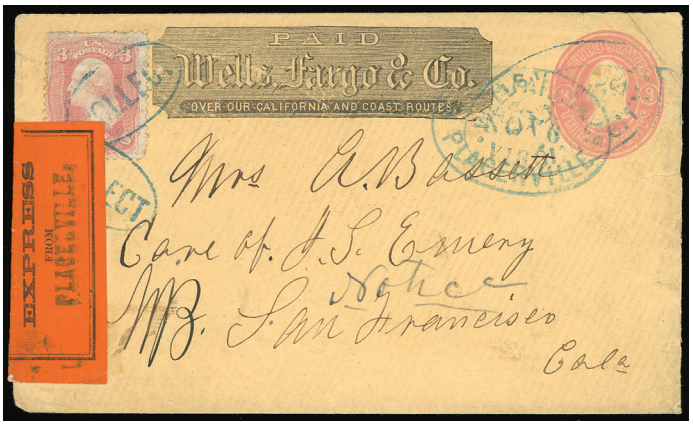
403 ✉ **(El Dorado) Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, Placerville.,** sharp strike of blue oval handstamp cancels 3¢ red (U10) on buff entire to San Francisco Cal., printed black Wells Fargo paid frank, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300



404 ✉ **(El Dorado) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express from Placerville,** black on orange illustrated label showing trains, affixed over edge of 3¢ pink (U35) entire to San Francisco Cal. cancelled by blue "Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, Virginia City" oval handstamp and bearing **3¢ rose (65)** tied by two blue "Collect" oval handstamps, printed black Wells Fargo paid frank, blue "Wells, Fargo & Co., Placerville, Nov 6" oval handstamp; couple small edge flaws, **Very Fine and scarce.**
Estimate . . . . . $500 - 750

405 ✉ **(El Dorado) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Placerville, Cal., Jul 22 1886,** red oval datestamp cancels 2¢ brown entire to San Francisco Cal., purple Andrew Baird corner card oval datestamp, reverse with purple Wells Fargo San Francisco (7.23) oval datestamp, small flaws; and second example with "**Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Placerville, Cal., Oct 10 188**" oval datestamp in dark maroon cancels 2¢ Columbian (U349) entire to San Francisco, purple Wells, Fargo San Francisco (10.11) oval arrival datestamp, **Very Fine pair.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

406 ✉ **(El Dorado) Wells, Fargo & Co., Spanish Ranch, Feb. 9,** sharp strike of oval handstamp cancels fresh 3¢ green entire to San Francisco Cal., printed black Wells Fargo paid frank, **Extremely Fine and choice.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

407 ✉ **(Fresno) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Fresno, Cal., Sep 3 1890,** violet oval datestamp cancels 2¢ green entire to San Francisco Cal., printed black Wells Fargo paid frank, pink "Wells, Fargo & Co, San Francisco, Sep 5 1890" arrival oval datestamp; reduced slightly at right, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $100 - 150

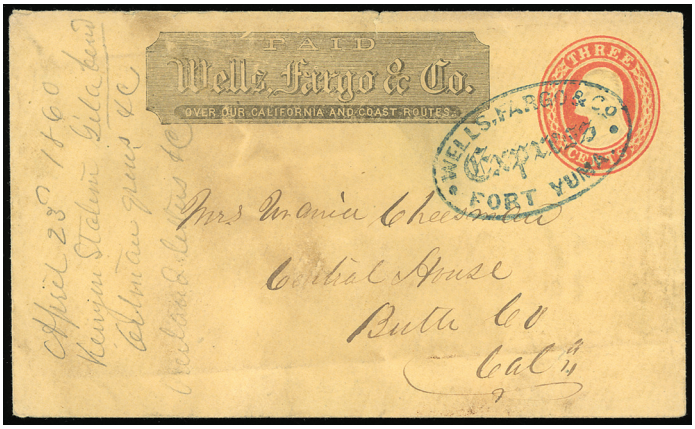


408 ✉ **(Fresno) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Selma, Cal.,** neat bold strike of purple oval handstamp cancels 2¢ Columbian (U349) entire to Fresno Cal., printed blue Wells Fargo Columbian illustrated frank, purple "Nov 6 1893" straightline at left, **Very Fine and exceptionally rare.**
Estimate . . . . . $400 - 600



409 ✉ **(Glenn) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Willows, Cal.,** sharp strike of purple oval handstamp cancels 2¢ green on amber entire to San Francisco Cal., printed black Wells Fargo paid frank, bearing **2¢ Columbian (231)** tied by "San Francisco, Cal. Jul 18 '94" duplex, **a Very Fine to-the-mails use.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

410 ✉ **(Humbolt) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Arcata, Cal.,** pink red oval handstamp (Leutzinger type 10-25) cancels 2¢ green entire to Chicago Ill., printed black Wells Fargo paid frank, entered mails with indistinct Dec. 1899 duplex, Chicago N.W. Sta. arrival backstamp, **Very Fine and rare.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200



411 ✉ **(Imperial) Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, Fort Yuma,** bold strike of blue oval handstamp cancels 3¢ red Nesbitt buff entire to Central House Cal., printed black Wells Fargo paid frank, pencil "April 23d 1860, Kenyon Station" docketing at left; some soiling, **F.-V.F.**
Estimate . . . . . $750 - 1,000

AN EXCEPTIONALLY EARLY FORT YUMA USE.



412 ✉ **(Imperial) Wells, Fargo & Co., Fort Yuma, Apr 3,** full clear strike of blue oval date stamp on fresh 1864, 3¢ pink franked entire to San Francisco, reverse with "Apr 11, 1871" receiving handstamp, **Very Fine and choice,** a very rare express usage from Fort Yuma and certainly one of the finest examples known.
Estimate . . . . . $400 - 600

Kern County

413 ✉ **(Kern) Wells, Fargo & Co's, Bakersfield, Cal.,** neat sharp strike of purple oval handstamp cancels 2¢ brown entire to San Francisco Cal., printed black Wells Fargo paid frank; reduced slightly at left, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

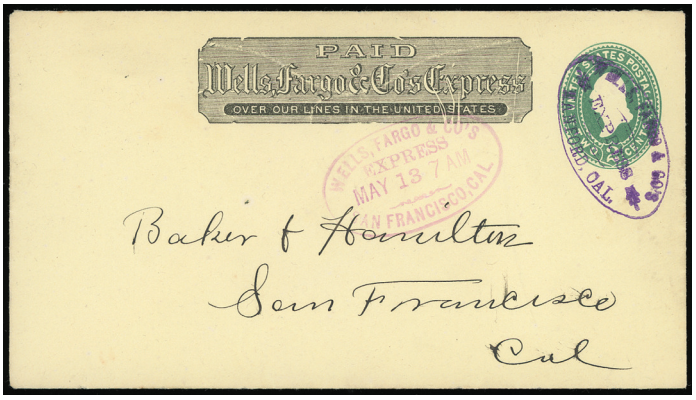
414 ✉ **(Kern) Wells, Fargo & Co., Havilah, Jul 24,** sharp strike of red oval datestamp cancels 3¢ green entire to New York N.Y., indicia canceled by circular grid cancel duplexed with indistinct railroad post office agt. cds, printed black Wells Fargo paid frank, reverse with New York (7.31.83) arrival cds's, **Very Fine and attractive,** *ex-Hertz.*
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

415 ✉ **(Kern) Wells, Fargo & Co., Kernville, Dec 1,** clear strike of blue oval datestamp (Leutzinger type 11-9) on 3¢ green entire to East Oakland Cal., printed black Wells Fargo paid frank, small edge tear at bottom, **still Very Fine and rare,** Only three examples of this Kernville 11-9 handstamp are known.
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400



416 ✉ **(Kern) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Mohave, Cal.,** exceptional strike of purple oval handstamp cancels 3¢ green entire to San Francisco Cal., printed black Wells Fargo paid frank, **Very Fine and scarce strike.**
Estimate . . . . . $500 - 750

417 ✉ **(Kern) Wells, Fargo & Co., Sumner, Cal.,** violet oval date stamp (Leutzinger type 10-19) on 2¢ green entire with company frank at top to Stockton, reduced at right into indicia, **F.-V.F. and rare.**
Estimate . . . . . $100 - 150



418 ✉ **(Kings) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Hanford, Cal.,** dark purple oval handstamp cancels 2¢ green on amber entire to San Francisco Cal., purple "Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, San Francisco, Cal. May 13" oval arrival datestamp, black crayon "7" marking, **fresh and Extremely Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300



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419 ✉ **(Kings) Wells, Fargo & Co., Lemoore, Cal., Oct,** blue oval datestamp and matching blue "Collect" circular handstamp on cover addressed in red ink to Bethany Cala. and matching "R.R.B." endorsement at bottom right, blue "S.P.R.R., Lemoore, Oct 28, 1879" company double-circle datestamp and additional strike on reverse, "S.P.R.R., Lemoore" Southern Pacific Railroad wax seal, **Very Fine and scarce use from Lemoore.**
Estimate . . . . . $500 - 750

420 ✉ **(Kings) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Lemoore, Cal.,** bold strike of blue oval handstamp cancels 2¢ green on amber entire to San Francisco Cal., black printed Wells Fargo paid frank, purple "Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, San Francisco, Cal. Dec 5 7AM" oval arrival datestamp, **Very Fine and choice.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

421 ✉ **(Lake) Wells, Fargo & Co., Bartlett Springs, Cal.,** partial strike of blue oval ties 3¢ green (158) on orange buff cover to Lafayette Cal.; tiny edge flaws, **F.-V.F.,** a scarce use of the 3¢ bank note issue.
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

422 ✉ **(Lake) Wells, Fargo & Co., Lake Port,** oval date stamp (Leutzinger type 11-9) on 1864 3¢ pink entire to San Francisco, Cal., black Haller type E printed frank; reduction at left, **Very Fine,** a rarity, ex Leutzinger.
Estimate . . . . . $250 - 350

423 ✉ **(Lake) Wells, Fargo & Co., Lake Port, Nov,** oval datestamp cancels 3¢ green entire to San Francisco Cal., printed black Wells Fargo paid frank, brown "J.N. League" shaded all-over advertising, **rare and Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

Los Angeles County

424 ✉ **(Los Angeles) Wells, Fargo & Co., Anaheim, Apr 12,** blue oval date stamp on 1870, 2¢ green entire to San Francisco, with **tan allover "Langenberger & Co., Anaheim, Cal." shaded ad**, company frank (WFE-030a) at left, **Very Fine and choice,** overall ads from the Orange county area are very rare.
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

425 ✉ **(Los Angeles) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Anaheim, Cal.,** blue oval handstamp on 1884, 2¢ brown entire to San Francisco, black frank (WFE-060) at top, **Extremely Fine,** Anaheim moved into Orange County when that county was created in 1889, illustrated in Leutzinger, ex-Leutzinger.
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

426 ✉ **(Los Angeles) Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, Claremont,** clear strike of oval handstamp on 2¢ Columbian entire canceled by purple "**Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, Pasadena, Cal., March 19, 1894**" date stamp, company frank and pencil "The Presidio, Suter E. Brown" addressing on reverse, **Very Fine,** the **only recorded example of this Claremont handstamp**.
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

Both hand stamps are rare with fewer than five recorded for Pasadena and this being the only one recorded for Claremont. Both locations are located on the PE Railroad line and envelope most likely used for company business.

427 ✉ **(Los Angeles) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Compton, Cal.,** bold strike of blue oval handstamp canceling on 1874, 3¢ green entire to Los Angeles, black company frank (WFE-060) at top, reverse with red "Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, Los Angeles, Cal., Dec 12, 1883" oval date stamp, **Extremely Fine,** the **Compton handstamp is believed to be unique**.
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

428 ✉ **(Los Angeles) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Englewood, Cal.,** exceptional strike of purple oval handstamp on 2¢ Columbian entire to Los Angeles, blue Columbian frank (WFE-053) and purple "Wells, Fargo & Co. Ex., Los Angeles, Cal., Sep 22, 1893" receiving cds on front and reverse, **Extremely Fine,** this is **the only recorded example of an Englewood handstamp**, unlisted in Leutzinger.
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

429 ✉ **(Los Angeles) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Fullerton, Cal.,** purple oval handstamp on 2¢ Columbian entire to Los Angeles, Columbian frank (WFE-053) at top, purple "Wells, Fargo & Co. Ex., Los Angeles, Cal., Jan 11, 1894" receiving cds on reverse, **Very Fine,** the **only known example of this handstamp**, unlisted in Leutzinger.
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

Fullerton was a small station on the Southern Pacific Railroad Line and become part of Orange County when that county was created in 1889.

430 ✉ **(Los Angeles) Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, Los Angeles,** blue oval handstamp cancelling 10¢ green (U18) buff entire to Providence R.I., "New-York Jul 28" cds, printed red Wells Fargo paid frank, pencil "Jun 19, 1856" docketing; some edge wear, **F.-V.F.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

431 ✉ **(Los Angeles) Wells, Fargo & Co., Los Angeles,** seven Wells Fargo franked covers; handstamp types including 3-1 (including early woodblock frank), 11-9 (red), 16-2, 17-5, 17-14 and an unaddressed 24-5 railroad strike cover; few tone spots on first cover, **otherwise Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400



432 ✉ **(Los Angeles) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Olivewood, Cal., purple handstamp used as a frank** on 1884, 2¢ brown entire to Mystic, Ct., transported by Wells Fargo to Pasadena and placed in the mails with "Pasadena, Cal., Augt 4, 1887" cds, **Very Fine,** a **unique Southern California Wells Fargo handstamp.**
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

Olivewood was a small railroad whistle stop that was located west of Pasadena. This location is not listed in Salley or Williams.

433 ✉ **(Los Angeles) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Pasadena, Cal.,** purple oval handstamp on 2¢ Columbian entire to Los Angeles, Columbian frank (WFE-053) at top; missing backflap, **otherwise Very Fine,** rare with **less than five examples of all know types of hand stamps recorded from this location**, unlisted type and location in Leutzinger.
Scott No. **U349** . . . . . Estimate $150 - 200

434 ✉ **(Los Angeles) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Pasadena, Cal., Jan. 18, 1894,** two strikes of oval date stamp (type 16-02) on 2¢ Columbian entire to Los Angeles, Columbian frank (WFE-053) at top; missing backflap, **otherwise Very Fine and rare,** with **less than five examples of all know types of hand stamps recorded from this location**, unlisted location in Leutzinger.
Scott No. **U349** . . . . . Estimate $150 - 200

435 ✉ **(Los Angeles) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Pasadena, Cal., Jan 24 1894,** two strikes of purple oval datestamp cancels 2¢ brown entire with pencil address to Evening Express, Los Angeles Cal., printed blue Wells Fargo 1892 Columbian illustrated frank, **Extremely Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

436 ✉ **(Los Angeles) Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, Pomona, Ca.,** purple oval date stamp on 1890, 2¢ green entire (U311) to Los Angeles, black printed frank WFE-060, Los Angeles 1893 receiving mark is present over indicia; stained on back and is present on front, **Fine appearance,** two or three examples of the Pomona 16-23 are believed to exist.
Estimate . . . . . $100 - 150

437 ✉ **(Los Angeles) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Pomona, Cal., September 25, 1893,** purple oval date stamp (type 16-23) on 2¢ Columbian entire to New Orleans, La., Columbian frank (WFE-053) at top, **Very Fine,** four examples known from this location of which two are presented here.
Scott No. **U349** . . . . . Estimate $200 - 300

438 ✉ **(Los Angeles) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Pomona, Cal., November 20, 1894,** purple oval date stamp (type 16-23) on 2¢ Columbian entire to Los Angeles, Columbian frank (WFE-053) at top and purple "Wells, Fargo & Co. Ex., Los Angeles, Cal., Nov 21, 1893" receiving cds on indicia and reverse, **Very Fine,** with four examples known from this location.
Scott No. **U349** . . . . . Estimate $200 - 300

439 ✉ **(Los Angeles) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Puente, Cal.,** purple oval handstamp canceling on 1883, 2¢ red entire to San Francisco, black company frank (WFE-060) and "Wells, Fargo & Co., San Francisco, Sep 9, 1884" oval date stamp on reverse; section of reverse missing and reduced at right, **still a Very Fine strike,** rare, believed to one of two known from this location, ex-Hertz.
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

The Puente office was a small Southern Pacific Railroad station located west of Pomona.

440 ✉ **(Los Angeles) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Redondo Beach, Cal.,** two strikes of oval handstamp on 2¢ Columbian entire to Los Angeles, Columbian frank (WFE-053) at top and red "Wells, Fargo & Co. Ex., Los Angeles, Cal." cds's for July 9th & 10th on 1893; cover reduced at left, **Very Fine,** This being **the only known example of this handstamp from this location.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

Redondo Beach was located at the end of the southern coastal Pacific Electra Rail Line.



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441 ✉ **(Los Angeles) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Redondo Beach, Cal.,** purple oval express handstamp (Leutzinger 10-16) on 2¢ Columbian (U349) entire to Los Angeles La., printed blue Wells Fargo 1892 Columbian illustrated frank, purple Wells Fargo Aug. 15, 1893 receiving cds, **Very Fine and scarce.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200



442 ✉ **(Los Angeles) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, San Gabriel, Cal.,** exceptional strike of dark blue oval handstamp canceling 1884, 2¢ brown entire to Sacramento, company frank (WFE-060) at top; barest reduction at right, **Extremely Fine,** rare and unique and unlisted in Leutzinger, ex-Lichtenstein, Tatham.
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

The San Gabriel office was a small Southern Pacific Railroad station located west of El Monte.

443 ✉ **(Los Angeles) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, San Pedro, Cal.,** purple oval handstamp canceling on 1874, 6¢ vermilion entire to San Francisco, black company frank at top and reverse with violet "Wells, Fargo & Co., San Francisco, Dec 17, 1883" oval receiving date stamp; opening tears and nicks at top affecting frank, **Fine,** only two examples of this hand stamp are known to collectors, the other is applied to legal size envelope.
Scott No. **U181** . . . . . Estimate $150 - 200

San Pedro serviced as both the terminus for the railroad and the port city of Los Angeles.

444 ✉ **(Los Angeles) Wells, Fargo & Co., Santa Ana, Cal.,** magenta oval handstamp on 1884, 2¢ brown entire to Los Angles, black frank (WFE-060) at top, Wells Fargo delivered to a Railroad Post Office with indistinct cds, "Los Angeles Mar 29, 1886" receiving backstamp, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

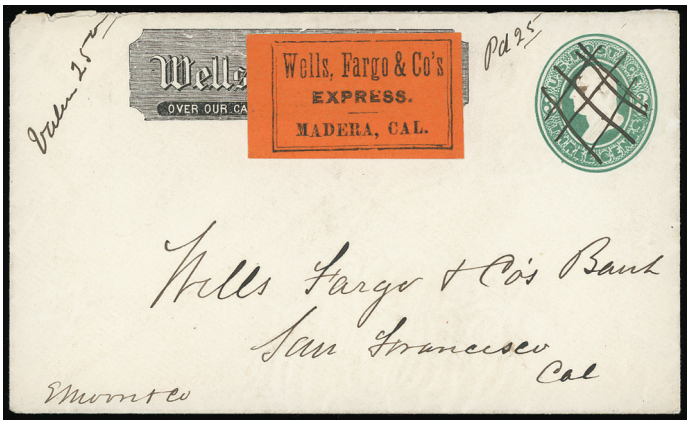
445 ✉ **(Los Angeles) Wells, Fargo & Co., Santa Monica, Cal.,** blue oval handstamp (type 12-03) canceling 1874, 3¢ green entire to Eureka, Cal., company frank (WFE-030) at top; reduced a right, **F.-V.F.,** rare, this is one of two different handstamps from this location, both examples are unlisted in Leutzinger and are believed to be unique.
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

446 ✉ **(Los Angeles) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Santa Monica, Cal.,** purple oval handstamp (type 10-18) canceling on 1887, 2¢ green entire to San Diego, Cal., company frank (WFE-060) at top; light tone spot affecting indicia, **otherwise Very Fine,** rare, this is one of two different handstamps from this location; both examples are unlisted in Leutzinger and are believed to be unique, ex-Hertz.
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

447 ✉ **(Los Angeles) Wells, Fargo & Co., Wilmington, Aug 15,** blue oval date stamp on 1864, 3¢ pink entire to San Francisco, black frank (WFE-030) at top, **Very Fine and choice.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

448 ✉ **(Los Angeles) Wells, Fargo & Co., Wilmington, Dec 13,** blue oval date stamp on 1864, 3¢ pink entire to San Francisco, red scroll frank (PAU-001) at top after Pacific Union ceased to exist, docketed December 18, 1869 on reverse as received and opened in error in San Francisco, edge nicks with backflap and portion of back missing, **Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $100 - 150

449 ✉ **(Los Angeles) Wells, Fargo & Co., Wilmington, May 24,** full bold strike of blue oval date stamp on 1870, 3¢ green entire to San Francisco, black company frank at top; minor edge tone spots, **Very Fine and choice.**
Estimate . . . . . $100 - 150



450 ✉ **(Madera) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express., Madera, Cal.,** black on orange label affixed over printed black Wells Fargo paid frank on 3¢ green entire cancelled by manuscript cross-hatch to Wells Fargo & Co's Bank, San Francisco Cal., endorsed "Value 25-" and "Pd 25" at top, **fresh and Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

451 ✉ **(Madera) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Madera, Cal.,** violet oval handstamp cancels 2¢ green entire to Stockton Cal., printed black Wells Fargo paid frank, **Very Fine and rare town.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

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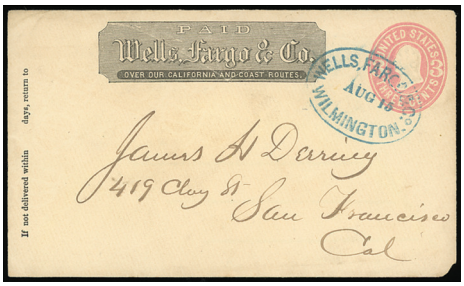

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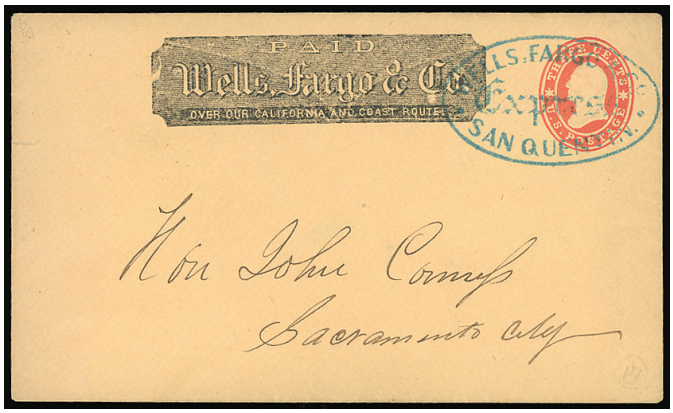
452 ✉ **(Marin) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Nicasio, Cal.,** oval handstamp cancels 2¢ Columbian (U349) entire to San Francisco Cal., printed blue Wells Fargo Columbian Issue illustrated frank, purple "Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, San Francisco, Cal, Apr 5" oval arrival datestamp; accompanied by second from same correspondence with "**H.F. Taft / Agent Wells, Fargo & Co. / Nicasio, Cal.**" three-line handstamp cancelling 2¢ Columbian (U349) entire to San Francisco Cal., printed blue Wells Fargo Columbian Issue illustrated frank, blue "Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, San Francisco, Cal, Mar 15" oval arrival datestamp, **Very Fine and scarce exhibit pair.**
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400



453 ✉ **(Marin) Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, San Quentin,** choice strike of blue oval date stamp (3-2) on fresh 1860, 3¢ Star Die entire to Sacramento City, black frank at top; small tear at left, **Extremely Fine.**
Scott No. **U27** . . . . . Estimate $200 - 300

Mariposa County

454 ✉ **(Mariposa) Wells Fargo & Co. Express, Bear Valley,** rare purple oval handstamp (Leutzinger type 3-2) on cover to San Francisco, Cal., similar red Sacramento handstamp (Leutzinger type 3-1) was most likely used to frank the envelope, manuscript "15" in pencil, **Very Fine,** a scarce usage of these handstamps and the only example of Bear Valley we have seen in purple, *ex-Tatham*.
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

455 ✉ **(Mariposa) Wells Fargo & Co. Express, Bear Valley,** blue oval handstamp (Leutzinger type 3-2) on 1864 3¢ pink entire to San Francisco, Cal., black Haller type E printed frank, **Very Fine and choice,** quite scarce.
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

456 ✉ **(Mariposa) Wells, Fargo & Co., Mariposa,** clear strike of blue oval handstamp as frank on 3¢ red (U10) buff entire to San Francisco Cal., **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

457 ✉ **(Mariposa) Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, Mount Orphir,** blue oval handstamp cancels 3¢ pink (U35) buff entire to San Francisco Cal., additional strike below, printed black Wells Fargo paid frank, **F.-V.F.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

458 ✉ **(Mariposa) Wells, Fargo & Co., Wawona, Cal.,** perfect strike of purple oval express handstamp on 1887, 2¢ green entire to Fresno; slight reduction at left, **Very Fine and choice,** a rare express handstamp with only three examples recorded.
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

459 ✉ **(Mariposa) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Yosemite, Cal.,** complete sharp strike of purple oval handstamp on 2¢ brown entire to Lenox Mass., printed black Wells Fargo paid frank, entered mails with Mo. duplex, reverse with "Lenox, Mass. Aug 29 1887" arrival backstamp, **Very Fine and choice.**
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

460 ✉ **(Mendocino) Wells, Fargo & Co's, Caspar, Cal.,** bold strike of oval handstamp cancels 3¢ green entire to Cayucos Ca., printed black Wells Fargo paid frank, **a Very Fine strike.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

461 ✉ **(Mendocino) Wells, Fargo & Co., Gualala, Oct 8,** dark blue oval datestamp cancels 2¢ red on amber entire to San Francisco Cal., printed black Wells Fargo paid frank, reverse with blue "Wells, Fargo & Co., San Francisco, Oct 9 1884" arrival oval datestamp, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

462 ✉ **(Mendocino) Wells, Fargo & Co., Point Arenas,** dark violet oval handstamp cancels 2¢ Columbian entire (U349) entire to San Francisco Cal., printed dark blue Wells Fargo 1892 Columbian illustrated frank, purple Wells Fargo San Francisco (6.19) oval arrival datestamp, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

463 ✉ **(Mendocino) Wells, Fargo & Co., Ukiah,** blue oval datestamp with printed black Wells Fargo "Paid 25 Cts." frank on 3¢ pink (U35) entire to San Francisco Cal., **Very Fine and scarce frank.**
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

464 ✉ **(Merced) Wells, Fargo & Co., Plainsburg, Cal., Jun 24,** blue oval datestamp cancels 3¢ green entire to Stockton Cal., **a Very Fine use.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

465 ✉ **(Merced) Wells, Fargo & Co., Snelling,** blue oval handstamp cancels 2¢ brown on amber entire to San Francisco Cal., printed black Wells Fargo paid frank, **fresh and Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

466 ✉ **(Mono) Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, Aurora,** blue oval handstamp (Leutzinger type 11-9) on 3¢ pink entire with Wells Fargo Co. printed frank (Haller type E) to Hammersmith, England, red "New York Am. Pkt., 3, Nov 28" exchange credit cds and additional 7-Point Star within Octagon cancel (Skinner NYFM 63-3) cancelling indicia, red "London-E.C./XB/DE 9/63/Paid" arrival cds; some edgewear, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

This appears to be pasteback as the cover should have been franked with a total of 29¢. A scarce Wells Fargo Co. transatlantic use. At the time of this letter, Aurora was in Mono County. They would later fix the state line separating Nevada and California, and the town would become part of Esmeralda County, Nevada as a county seat in part of the 1860s. The Nevada postmaster originally started using Esmeralda the town name but this wasn't accepted in the end. Aurora is a ghost town now.

467 ✉ **(Mono) Wells, Fargo & Co., Bodie, Cal., Jul 2,** bold strike of blue oval datestamp cancels 3¢ green on amber entire to Carson City Nev., printed black Wells Fargo paid frank, red "July 3" receipt docketing at left; mild corner crease, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400



468 ✉ **(Mono) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Bodie, Cal.,** black on orange label, affixed on 3¢ green entire to Carson Nev., printed black Wells Fargo paid frank, endorsed "Paid 40¢" at top and docketed "S. Kimber, Sept 14 '78" at right; some label soiling, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $750 - 1,000

A RARE WELLS, FARGO & CO. BODIE, CAL. LABEL USE.



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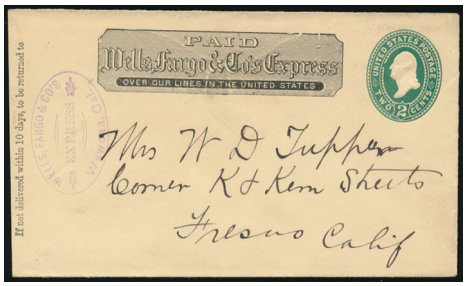

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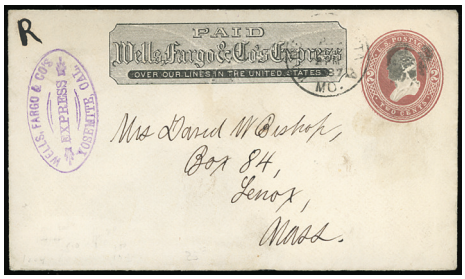

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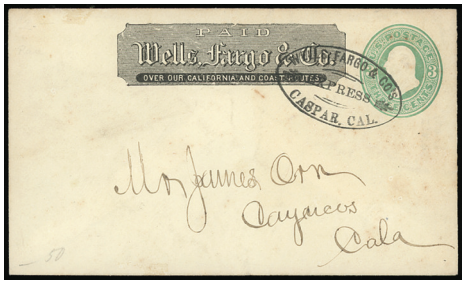

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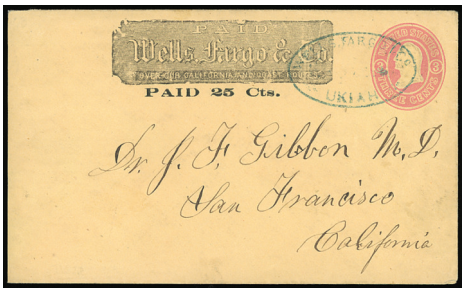

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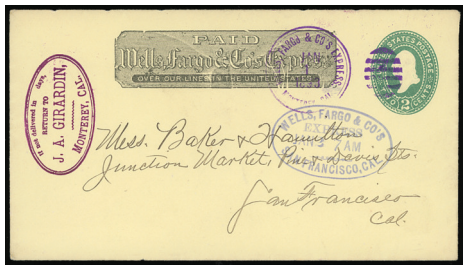

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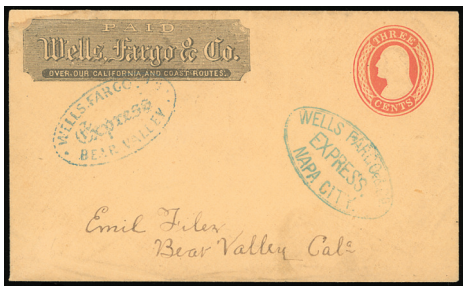

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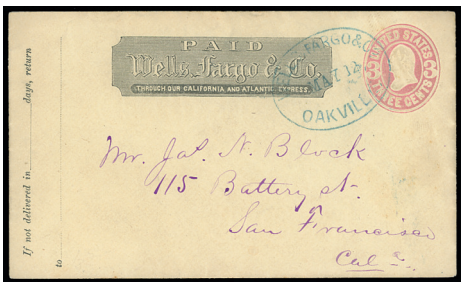

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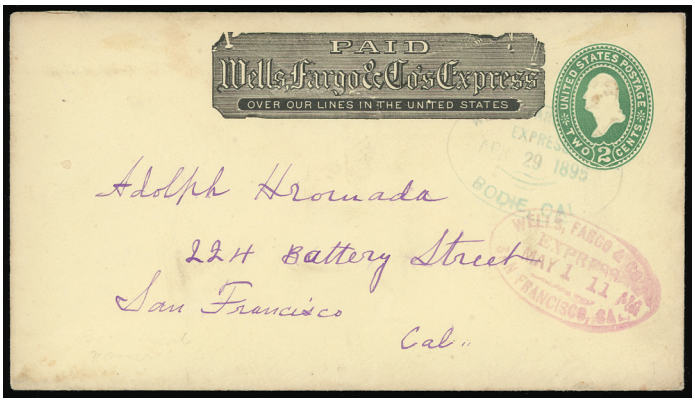


469 ✉ **(Mono) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Bodie, Cal., Apr 29 1895,** light blue oval handstamp cancels 2¢ green entire to San Francisco Cal., printed black Wells Fargo paid frank, purple "Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, May 1 11AM, San Francisco, Cal." oval arrival datestamp, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $500 - 750

THE ONLY RECORDED EXAMPLE OF THIS WELLS FARGO & CO. BODIE HANDSTAMP.

470 ✉ **(Monterey) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Castroville, Cal., Feb 10,** blue three-line fancy postmark (Leutzinger 17-11) cancels 2¢ green entire to San Francisco Cal., **Very Fine,** a scarce marking.
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

471 ✉ **(Monterey) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Monterey, Cal., Jan 1 1893,** purple duplex with oval grid cancel on 2¢ green (U312) entire to San Francisco Cal., bold purple "J.A. Girardin, Monterey, Cal." oval corner card handstamp, printed black Wells Fargo paid frank, blue "Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, San Francisco, Cal, Jan 2 7AM" oval arrival datestamp, **fresh and Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

472 ✉ **(Monterey) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Monterey, Cal., Apr 10, 1893,** purple cds and duplexed cork cancel (Leutzinger 17-9) on 2¢ green on amber entire to San Francisco, black printed Wells Fargo paid frank, San Francisco (4.11) receiving duplex ties 1¢ blue (219) vertical pair, reverse with additional San Francisco Rec'd (4.11) cds; reduced at left, **Very Fine and rare marking.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300



473 ✉ **(Monterey) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Monterey, Cal.,** bold sharp strike of purple oval handstamp cancels 2¢ Columbian (U349) entire to San Francisco Cal., two strikes of magenta "Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, San Francisco, Cal., Jun 5" and "Jun. 7" oval arrival datestamps, purple "J.A. Girardin" corner card handstamp; purple crayon "2" marking, **Extremely Fine and choice with great eye appeal.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

Napa County

474 ✉ **(Napa) Wells, Fargo & Co., Monticello, May 14,** clear strike of blue oval datestamp on 3¢ green entire to San Francisco, printed black Wells Fargo paid frank, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

Monticello was a town in Napa County, California. The site of the settlement is now completely covered by Lake Berryessa.



475 ✉ **(Napa) Wells, Fargo & Co., Napa, Dec 29,** blue oval datestamp cancels 3¢ green entire to San Francisco, printed black Wells Fargo paid frank, bold strike of **W. Webster Wagon & Carriage Making shield illustrated corner card** handstamp showing wagon, **Very Fine and attractive.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

476 ✉ **(Napa) Wells, Fargo & Co., Napa, Jun 20,** blue oval datestamp cancels 3¢ green entire to San Francisco, printed black Wells Fargo paid frank, **reverse with Wm. Webster, Napa City illustrated ad showing Hydaulic Wine Press**; minor paper loss from hinge removal, **F.-V.F.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

477 ✉ **(Napa) Wells, Fargo & Co's, Napa, Cal.,** blue oval handstamp cancels 2¢ green entire with preprinted address to San Francisco Cal., printed black Wells Fargo paid frank, bearing 2¢ bureau issue tied by "San Francisco Cal. Jun 26, 1895" machine cancel, reverse with "San Francisco Jun 26, 1895" arrival backstamp, **a fresh and Very Fine to-the-mails use.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

478 ✉ **(Napa) Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, Napa City,** blue oval handstamp on 3¢ red (U10) buff entire to Bear Valley Cal., printed black Wells Fargo paid frank, blue "Wells, Fargo Co. Express, Bear Valley" oval arrival handstamp, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

479 ✉ **(Napa) Wells, Fargo & Co., Oakville,** blue oval datestamps on three 3¢ entires (U58 (2), U83) with type E printed franks to San Francisco, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

480 ✉ **(Napa) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, St. Helena, Cal.,** purple oval handstamp ties 2¢ green (213), s.e. at right, on light buff cover to St. Helena Cal., printed "From Wells, Fargo & Co's Express." return address at bottom left; small flaws and partial flap, **F.-V.F.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300



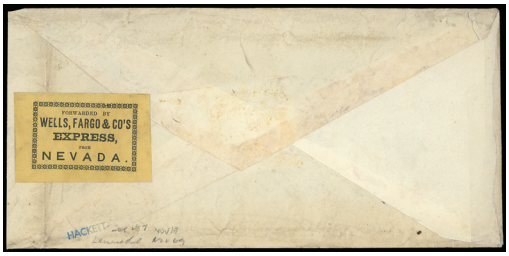
481 ✉ **(Nevada) Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, Grass Valley,** clear strike of blue oval handstamp cancels 3¢ red (U4) buff entire with Nesbitt seal on flap to San Francisco Cal., matching blue "Paid" in double-oval handstamp as frank; flap tear and minor edge stain, **otherwise Very Fine and rare provisional frank use.**
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

482 ✉ **(Nevada) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, From Nevada,** black on yellow label (Mosher WFCX-L270) affixed on reverse of legal size cover to San Francisco, endorsed on front "W.F. & Co $1.50" & "$1.50 + $1" tallied with manuscript "Collect $2.50" in pencil & "Not There", **Very Fine,** a very rare Nevada City express label usage, ex-Hackett.
Estimate . . . . . $400 - 600

483 ✉ **(Nevada) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, From Nevada (City),** red and orange express label (Mosher WFCX-L545) with blue town handstamp, affixed to legal size linen cover to San Francisco, with "Collector's Office, U.S. Internal Revenue, Fourth District, California, Official Business" at top left; some cover wear and reduction at right, **F.-V.F.**
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

484 ✉ **(Nevada) Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, Rough & Ready,** sharp strike of blue oval handstamp on 3¢ red (U10) buff entire to San Francisco Cal., printed black Wells Fargo paid frank, manuscript "69" at lower left is addressee's file marking; reduced at right into indicia, **Fine,** An exceptionally rare example of the Wells Fargo Rough & Ready oval handstamp.
Estimate . . . . . $500 - 750

485 ✉ **(Orange) Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, Anaheim,** blue oval handstamp (Leutzinger type 5-2) on 1861 3¢ pink entire to San Francisco, Cal., black Haller type E printed frank, **Very Fine,** ex-Leutzinger.
Estimate . . . . . $100 - 150



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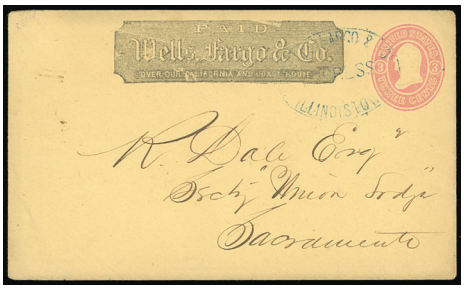

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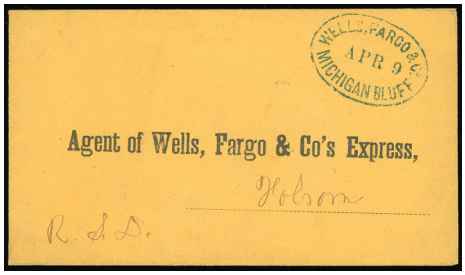

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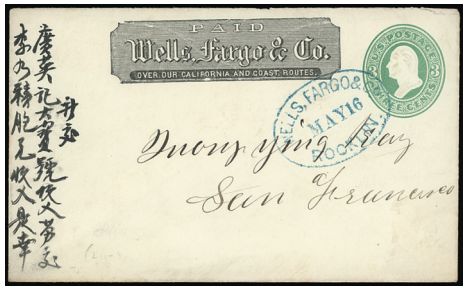

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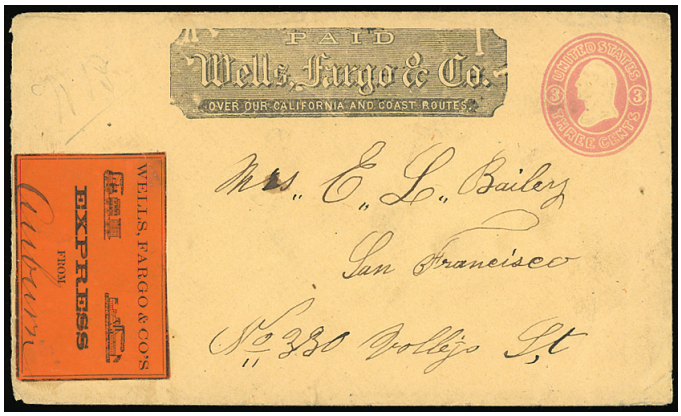
486 ✉ **(Orange) Wells, Fargo & Co., Midway, Nov 28,** clear strike of blue oval handstamp cancels 3¢ green on amber entire to San Francisco Cal., printed black Wells Fargo paid frank; reduced slightly at right, **Very Fine, The only recorded Well's Fargo Co. use from Midway**, *ex-Hertz*.
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

487 ✉ **(Orange) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Santa Ana, Cal., Mar. 20 1894,** blue oval datestamp cancels 2¢ Columbian (U439) entire to Los Angeles La., printed blue Wells Fargo 1892 Columbian illustrated frank, purple "Wells, Fargo & co's Ex., Los Angeles, Cal. Mar 20 1894" arrival backstamp, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $100 - 150

Placer County



488 ✉ **(Placer) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express From "Auburn",** black on orange illustrated label with trains and manuscript town designation affixed on 3¢ pink (U35) buff entire to San Francisco Cal., printed black Wells Fargo & Co. frank, **Very Fine,** *ex-Hackett*.
Estimate $300



489 ✉ **(Placer) Wells Fargo & Co., Clipper Gap,** blue oval handstamp (Leutzinger type 11-9) on fresh 1864 3¢ pink entire to Auburn, Cal., black Haller type E printed frank, **Extremely Fine,** one, if not the finest strike of the rare Clipper Gap oval date stamp; *ex-Chalconer, Leutzinger*.
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

490 ✉ **(Placer) Wells, Fargo & Co., Colfax,** two strikes of blue oval date stamp, one tying 1861, 3¢ rose on 1864, 3¢ pink entire to San Francisco, black frank at top, **fresh and Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $100 - 150



491 ✉ **(Placer) Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, Illinoistown.,** blue oval handstamp (type 6-8) on 1853 folded letter sheet to Secretary of State J.W. Denver in Benicia, endorsed "Free" at top; light file fold through postmark, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $1,000 - 1,500

A RARE AND UNIQUE EARLY "FREE" FRANK WELLS, FARGO & CO. EXPRESS USAGE FROM ILLINOISTOWN.

492 ✉ **(Placer) Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, Illinoistown,** blue oval handstamp cancels 3¢ pink (U35) buff entire to Sacramento Cal., printed black Wells Fargo paid frank; flap torn, **Very Fine and scarce town.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

493 ✉ **(Placer) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, From Iowa Hill,** black on orange label with handstamp town name in arc and train illustrations, affixed on orange buff cover to San Francisco Cal., endorsed "Paid" and "Value $" at top; reduced slightly at right, **Very Fine,** *ex-Hackett*.
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

494 ✉ **(Placer) Wells, Fargo & Co., Michigan Bluff, Apr 9,** bold strike of blue oval datestamp on orange buff cover to the Wells Fargo agent at Folsom Cal., **an Extremely Fine gem.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300



495 ✉ **(Placer) Wells Fargo & Co.'s Express, Ophir,** blue double oval handstamp on cover from the East Coast with indistinct cds & "Paid" handstamp in arc with manuscript "6" rate, sent to Mormon Island & forwarded with their oval postmark to Auburn, some minor wear, **Very Fine,** reported to be the earliest recorded Ophir Wells, Fargo & Co. marking.
Estimate . . . . . $500 - 750



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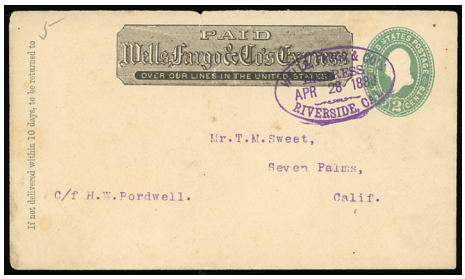

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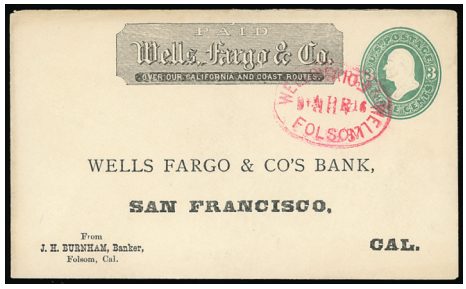

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496 ✉ **(Placer) Wells Fargo & Co's. Express, Ophir,** blue oval handstamp (Leutzinger type 1-18) on brown envelope with "Paid 6" in circle handstamp, to San Francisco, Cal., with original enclosure datelined "New Bedford (Mass.) August, 17th, 1852"; cover edge wear, **otherwise Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

497 ✉ **(Placer) Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, Rattlesnake,** blue oval handstamp on 3¢ red (U3) entire to Sacramento Cal., cancelled by "Sacramento Cal. 2 Aug" cds, endorsed "with pkg" at top left; minor edge wear, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

498 ✉ **(Placer) Wells, Fargo & Co., Rocklin, May 16,** clear strike of blue oval datestamp on 3¢ green entire to San Francisco Cal., printed black Wells Fargo paid frank, Chinese docketing at left, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

499 ✉ **(Placer) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Tahoe, Cal.,** purple oval handstamp cancels 2¢ green entire to Montclair N.J., printed black Wells Fargo paid frank; light soiling, **a Very Fine strike.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

500 ✉ **(Placer) Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, Todd's Valley,** blue oval handstamp (3-2) on 1864, 3¢ pink entire to Auburn, black frank at top, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $100 - 150

Riverside County

501 ✉ **(Riverside) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Banning, Cal.,** bold sharp strike of purple oval handstamp cancels 2¢ brown entire to Harrisburg Pa., printed black Wells Fargo paid frank, entered mails with partial cds, reverse with "Harrisburg Pa. Rec'd, Feb 11, 1885" cds; some faults including missing backflap, **F.-V.F. with a choice strike of this scarce town.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

Banning Cal. is named for Phineas Banning, stagecoach line owner and the "Father of the Port of Los Angeles.".

502 ✉ **(Riverside) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Banning, Cal.,** bold violet handstamp on 1887, 2¢ green entire to San Diego, printed frank (WFE-060) at top, **Extremely Fine,** this is the finest example of this handstamp known of which it is believed that fewer than five exist.
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300



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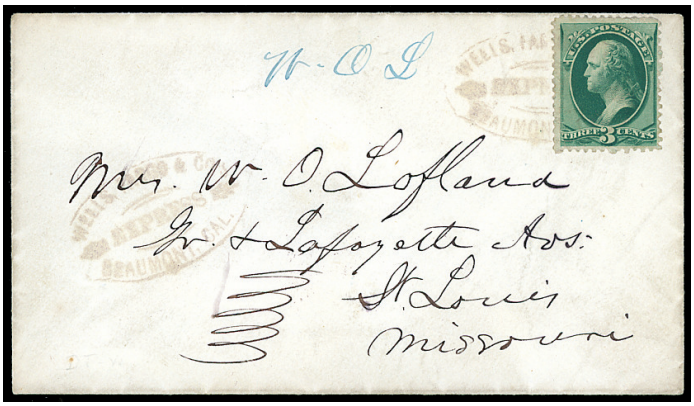
503 ✉ **(Riverside) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Beaumont, Cal.,** two strikes of oval handstamp with one as frank and other tying 3¢ green (158) to San Jose Cal.; reduced slightly at left, **Very Fine,** *ex-Harry Spring*.
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

ONE OF ONLY TWO RECORDED EXAMPLES OF THE BEAUMONT OVAL.



504 ✉ **(Riverside) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Beaumont, Cal.,** two strikes of oval handstamp used as a frank and canceller on cover to St. Louis, Mo., one tying 1873, 3¢ Banknote, **Very Fine,** one of two known examples of the Beaumont handstamp, Beaumont was a small railroad station located in the desert mountain pass west of Banning, ex-Hertz.
Scott No. **158** . . . . . Estimate $300 - 400



505 ✉ **(Riverside) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Murrieta, Cal.,** bold strike of oval handstamp on 2¢ green entire to San Diego Cal., printed black Wells Fargo paid frank; reduced slightly at right, **Very Fine and exceptionally rare Murrieta use.**
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

506 ✉ **(Riverside) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Perris, Cal.,** purple oval handstamp on 1887, 2¢ green entire to San Diego, black frank (WFE-060) at top, **Very Fine,** this **Perris handstamp is believed to be unique**, Perris is a small railroad station located south of the town of Riverside on a spur line that ran to Hemet, unlisted in Leutzinger, ex-Hertz.
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

507 ✉ **(Riverside) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Riverside, Cal., Apr. 28, 1888,** exceptional bold purple oval date stamp on 1887, 2¢ green entire to the very rare location of Seven Palms which is located north of Palm Springs, printed frank (WFE-060) at top; missing most of backflap, **otherwise Extremely Fine,** Riverside is unlisted in Leutzinger, it is believed that one other example may exist from this location.
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

508 ✉ **(Riverside) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Temecula, Cal.,** two strikes of purple oval handstamp on 1887, 2¢ green entire to San Diego, black frank (WFE-060) at top, **Very Fine,** Temecula Station was a early stage stop, this location is unlisted in Leutzinger and believed to be unique.
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

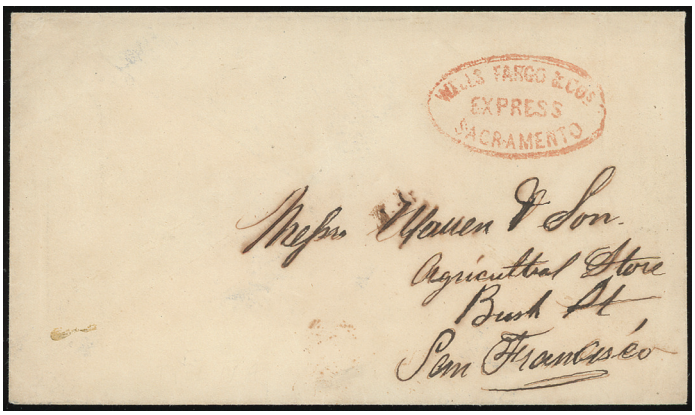
Sacramento County

509 ✉ **(Sacramento) Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, Folsom,** blue oval handstamp (Leutzinger type 3-1) on fresh 1861 3¢ pink entire to San Francisco, Cal., black Haller type E printed frank, with **"A. Alexander & Co., Clothing, Dry Goods" corner card**, **Very Fine,** ex-Leutzinger.
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

510 ✉ **(Sacramento) Wells, Fargo & Co., Folsom, Feb 1,** blue oval datestamp at left and additional strike on backflap of 3¢ pink (U34) entire to Stonington Conn. updated with 3¢ rose (65) pair tied by two strikes of "New York Mar 7" duplex, **all-over green Palmer & Day Assayers of Gold shaded ad**, printed black Wells Fargo paid frank at left and endorsed "Steamer" at bottom left; edge flaws, **Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

511 ✉ **(Sacramento) Wells, Fargo & Co., Folsom, Apr 16,** two strikes of red oval datestamp (one inverted) cancels 3¢ green entire with preprinted address to Wells Fargo & Co's Bank, San Francisco Cal., printed black Wells Fargo paid frank, printed "J.H. Burnham, Banker, Folsom, Cal." corner card, **Extremely Fine and scarce strike in red.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

512 ✉ **(Sacramento) Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, Mormon Island,** blue oval handstamp ties two 3¢ rose (65) singles on buff paste-up cover to San Francisco Cal., manuscript "Col 30" at top left, reverse with 3¢ pink (U35) buff entire with printed black Wells Fargo paid frank and blue "Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, Mormon Island" oval handstamp; small flaws, **F.-V.F.,** *ex-Hackett*.
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400



513 ✉ **(Sacramento) Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Express, Sacramento,** full clear strike of small red oval handstamp (Leutzinger type 1-23) on ca. 1852 cover addressed to San Francisco, **Extremely Fine,** the earliest Wells Fargo mark for Sacramento (a new unlisted mark) and **Certainly One Of, If Not the Finest Known**, *ex-Salzer* (with his notes on reverse).
Estimate . . . . . $500 - 750

This cover along with the Sacramento "Too Late" and Assembly marking are among the most important Sacramento Wells Fargo covers.



514 ✉ **(Sacramento) Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Express, Sacramento,** bold blue double oval handstamp (WFE-001) on folded letter datelined August 29, 1852 from the Wells Fargo Office at Sacramento (the Sacramento Office opened July 13, 1852) to Marysville, manuscript "$15 Coin enclosed" endorsement, letter addressed to three different expressmen - Rumrill, Everts & Becker, **Extremely Fine and rare,** an important item in that it shows the connection between Wells Fargo and other express men at an early period, **less than five examples of this blue handstamp are recorded**.
Estimate . . . . . $400 - 600

Believed to be the earliest Wells Fargo folded letter from Sacramento. The letter addresses four express men, Frank Rumrill of Rumrill & Co. Express, Frank Everts of Everts Express, George Becker of Becker & Co. Express and Henry Everts. Only four examples of the Wells Fargo rare WFE-001 frank have been recorded. One of the examples has been off the market for a number of years and has just been returned to the collecting market in the last few years. Collector can view two of the known examples in this auction.



515 ✉ **(Sacramento) Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Express, Sacramento,** clear blue double oval handstamp (Leutzinger type 1-24) on folded letter datelined "December 3, 1852", to San Francisco, **Very Fine,** a very scarce early usage.
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

516 ✉ **(Sacramento) Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, Sacramento,** red oval handstamp canceling on 1853, 3¢ Nesbitt entire to Volcano, Cal. "care Simonds & Co., merchants", with original enclosure, **F.-V.F.**
Estimate. . . . . $75 - 100



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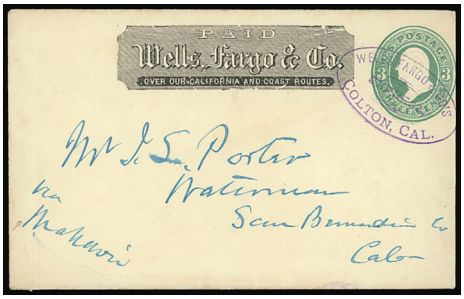

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517 ✉ **(Sacramento) Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, Sacramento,** red oval handstamp (Leutzinger type 1-12) and matching unlisted "Free" in oval handstamp on 1853 3¢ red entire to San Francisco, **Extremely Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

518 ✉ **(Sacramento) Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, Sacramento,** full bold blue oval handstamp (Leutzinger type 3-1) on fresh 1853, 3¢ red entire to Todds Valley, black Haller type E printed frank, **Extremely Fine and choice.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200



519 ✉ **(Sacramento) Wells, Fargo & Co., Sacramento, February 10,** blue double circle date stamp on 1853, 3¢ Nesbitt entire to San Francisco, with **pink allover St. George Hotel, Sacramento shaded ad**, black printed frank (WFE-030c) located vertically on the right side over indicia; slightly reduced at left, **Very Fine,** a very unusual placement of a Wells, Fargo & Co. printed frank.
Scott No. **U9** . . . . . Estimate $200 - 300



520 ✉ **(Sacramento) Wells, Fargo & Co., Sacramento, Aug. 11,** blue circular handstamp struck over indicium of 1864 3¢ pink entire to San Francisco with company frank at left, entire with stunning pink **all-over shaded advertising of "H. G. Smith, Pioneer Flour Mill, Sacramento", Extremely Fine,** a beautiful cover in choice condition.
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400



521 ✉ **(Sacramento) Wells Fargo & Co., Sac. Messenger, Oct 27,** blue oval handstamp (Leutzinger type 8-2) struck twice with one strike tying **Wells Fargo 1862 10¢ brown** on 3¢ pink (U35) on buff entire with black Wells Fargo company frank to Virginia; repaired right edge (which could be greatly enhanced by professional restoration), **Fine eastbound use.**
Scott No. **143L7+U35**. $5,500



522 ✉ **(San Benito) Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, San Juan,** bold strike of blue oval handstamp cancels 3¢ red (U10) buff entire to San Francisco Cal., endorsed "Valuable" at left, printed black Wells Fargo paid frank; minor flap tear, **Very Fine and scarce strike.**
Estimate . . . . . $400 - 600

523 ✉ **(San Benito) Wells, Fargo & Co., Tres Pinos, Cal.,** clear strike of oval handstamp cancels 3¢ green entire to San Francisco Cal., printed black Wells Fargo paid frank; reduced slightly at left, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

San Bernardino County

524 ✉ **(San Bernardino) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Calico, Cal.,** two strikes of violet oval handstamp on 1884, 2¢ brown entire to Waterman, black frank (WFE-060) at top; reduced at left, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $100 - 150

525 ✉ **(San Bernardino) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Colton, Cal.,** sharp purple oval handstamp (type 10-33) canceling on 1870, 3¢ green entire to Waterman, Cal., black frank (WFE-030) at top; reduced at right just slightly into indicia, **otherwise Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

Colton was a small railroad station located south of the town of San Bernardino on the Union Pacific Railroad line. Two different types of hands stamps are known from this location. Both are unlisted in Leutzinger and both are considered unique.

526 ✉ **(San Bernardino) (Wells, Fargo & Co.) Transferred at Colton, July 11, 1888 P.M.,** purple double straightline handstamp on 1887, 2¢ green entire to San Diego, black WFE-060 printed frank at top, **Very Fine,** ex-Tatham.
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

Colton was a small railroad station located south of the town of San Bernardino on the east west Union Pacific Railroad line. A second railroad line ran south from this location into Riverside County and was used to move mail in San Diego County. Unlisted in Leutzinger and considered unique.

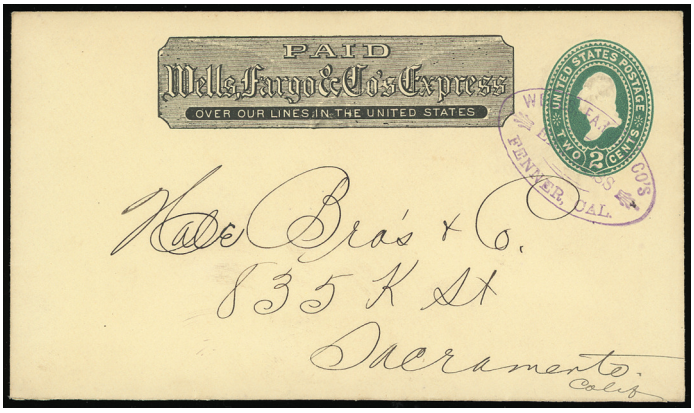
527 ✉ **(San Bernardino) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Colton, Cal., January 23, 1894,** purple oval date stamp (type 16-02) on 1887, 2¢ green entire to Los Angeles, printed frank (WFE-060) at top, Wells, Fargo & Co. receiving cds on reverse; reduced at left, **F.-V.F.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

Colton was a small railroad station located south of the town of San Bernardino on the Union Pacific Railroad line. Two different types of hands stamps are known from this location. Both are unlisted in Leutzinger and both are considered unique.

528 ✉ **(San Bernardino) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Daggett, Cal., Aug. 16, 1883,** red oval handstamp canceling on 1874, 3¢ green entire to Los Angeles, black frank (WFE-030) at top, **Very Fine,** Daggett was a railroad station located east of the town of Barstow.
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

529 ✉ **(San Bernardino) Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, Daggett, Cal., Oct 21, 1883,** red oval date stamp on 1874, 2¢ vermilion entire to Los Angeles, Cal., company frank at top; staining and corner nick, **Fine and scarce.**
Estimate. . . . . $75 - 100

530 ✉ **(San Bernardino) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Fenner, Cal.,** very rare purple oval handstamp on 1884, 2¢ red entire to San Francisco, black frank (WFE-060) at top, **Very Fine,** two examples are known from this location, a small railroad watering station located west of Needles.
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300



531 ✉ **(San Bernardino) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Fenner, Cal.,** very rare purple oval handstamp canceling on 1887, 2¢ green entire to Sacramento, black frank (WFE-060) at top, **Extremely Fine,** two examples from this location are known, this and the following example, a small railroad watering station located west of Needles.
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

532 ✉ **(San Bernardino) Wells, Fargo & Co., Fort Yuma, Nov 17,** complete blue oval date stamp on 1864, 3¢ pink entire to **Fort Alcatraz in San Francisco Bay**, black frank (WFE-030) at top; reduced at left with small piece of corner restored, **otherwise Very Fine.**
Scott No. **U58** . . . . . Estimate $150 - 200



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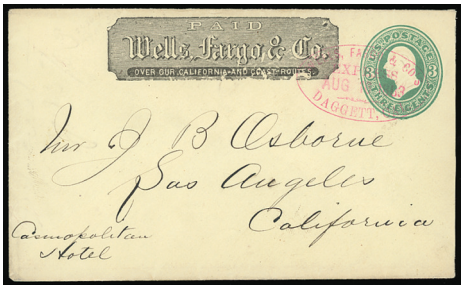

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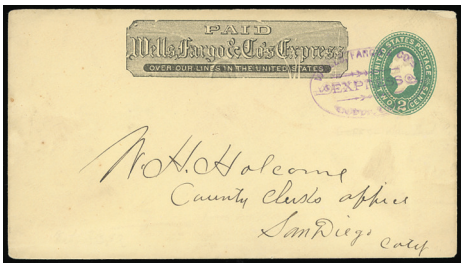

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533 ✉ **(San Bernardino) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Goffs, Cal.,** purple handstamp on 1887, 2¢ green entire to Daggett, black WFE-060 printed frank at top; reduced and a couple small tears, **F.-V.F.,** three examples are known from this location, one of which is located on a piece.
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

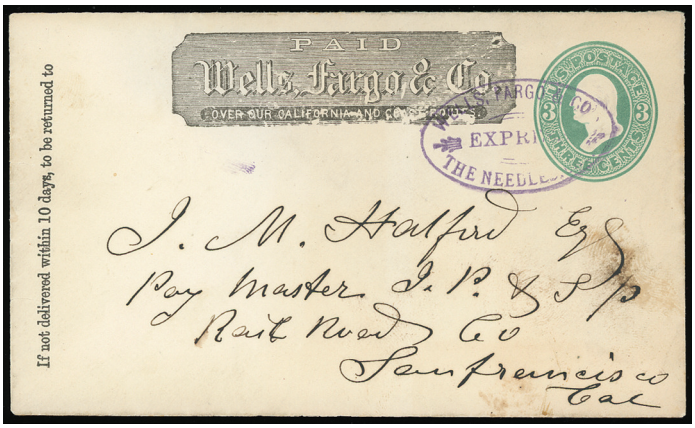
534 ✉ **(San Bernardino) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Goffs, Cal.,** sharp strike of purple oval handstamp on 2¢ green on amber entire to San Francisco Cal., purple "Wells Fargo Co's Express, San Francisco, Cal Jun 15 10AM" oval datestamp, **Very Fine and scarce.**
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

535 ✉ **(San Bernardino) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Goffs, Cal.,** purple oval handstamp on 1887, 2¢ green entire to San Diego, black printed frank at top, accompanied by upper portion of front similar to cover with additional L.A. receiving date stamp, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

Three examples are known from this location, one of which is on a piece which is dated February 6, 1893 and is included as part of this lot. Goffs is the next small railroad watering station east of Fenner, located west of Needles.



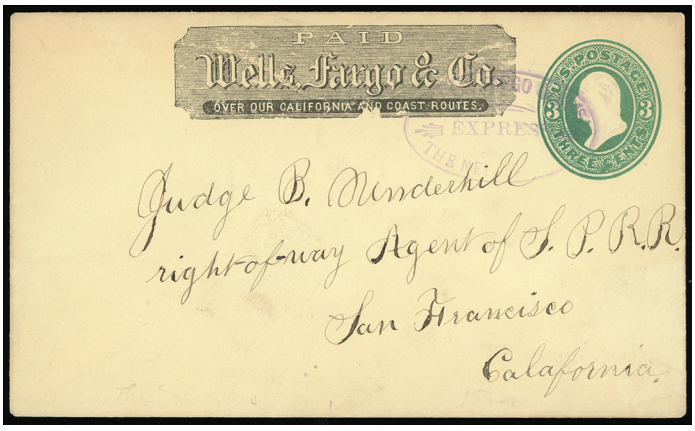
536 ✉ **(San Bernardino) (Wells, Fargo & Co.) Highland, Cal.,** violet straightline handstamp on 1887, 2¢ green entire to Redland, bold purple "Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, Redlands, Cal." receiving oval handstamp, black WFE-060 printed frank at top, **Very Fine,** the **only known example from this location** and unlisted in Leutzinger, with a very rare Redlands receiving handstamp.
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300



537 ✉ **(San Bernardino) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, The Needles, Cal.,** purple handstamp on 1874, 3¢ green entire, black WFE-030 printed frank top center, addressed to Pay Master for the S. P. Railroad in San Francisco., **Very Fine and choice.**
Estimate . . . . . $500 - 750

THE FINER OF THREE KNOWN EXAMPLES OF THIS HANDSTAMP.

Three examples from this location are known both are shown in this listing. To this day students are not sure if this mark is from the town of Needles (California) or from the railhead on the east side of the Colorado River (Arizona) which was located at the base of the "The Needles Mountains".



538 ✉ **(San Bernardino) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, The Needles, Cal.,** purple handstamp on 1874, 3¢ green entire, black WFE-030 printed frank top center, addressed to "Right-of-Way Agent for the S. P. R. R." in San Francisco, **Very Fine and rare.**
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

Three examples from this location are known both are shown in this listing. To this day students are not sure if this mark is from the town of Needles (California) or from the railhead on the east side of the Colorado River (Arizona) which was located at the base of the "The Needles Mountains".

539 ✉ **(San Bernardino) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Ontario, Cal.,** complete strikes of purple oval handstamp on fresh 1884, 2¢ brown entire to Los Angeles, black WFE-060 printed frank top center, **Very Fine and choice,** Ontario is located on the main railroad line west of the town San Bernardino.
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300



540 ✉ **(San Bernardino) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Providence, Cal.,** complete bold purple handstamp on 1874, 3¢ green entire to San Francisco, black WFE-030 printed frank at top, manuscript answer docket of May 1883 on reverse, **an Extremely Fine strike,** Providence was a small ghost town that serviced the mines of the Providence Mountains. It is believed that four examples exist from this location of which this is the nicest known.
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

541 ✉ **(San Bernardino) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Redlands, Cal.,** fully struck rare purple handstamp on unaddressed 2¢ Columbian entire, black WFE-060 printed frank at top; missing backflap, **otherwise Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

542 ✉ **(San Bernardino) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Redlands, Cal.,** clear strike of purple oval handstamp cancels 2¢ Columbian (U349) entire to Los Angeles Cal., purple "W.F. & Co. Express, Messenger" oval handstamp, **fresh and Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

543 ✉ **(San Bernardino) Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, Redlands, Cal.,** purple oval express handstamp on unaddressed 1893, 2¢ Columbian entire (U349) with "Los Angeles, September 22, 1893" handstamp, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $100 - 150

544 ✉ **(San Bernardino) Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, San Bernardino,** blue oval handstamp (type 3-3) on 1861, 3¢ pink entire to the Bishop of L.A. and Monterey in Los Angeles, black WFE-030 printed frank at top, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

545 ✉ **(San Bernardino) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, San Bernardino, Cal.,** red oval date stamps on two entires; one (type 16-30) on 1884, 2¢ brown entire to Santa Cruz, other (type 16-25) on 2¢ Columbian entire to Riverside, printed franks at top center, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300



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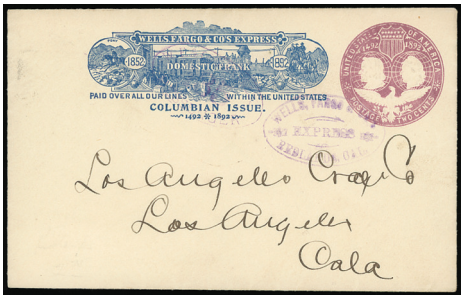

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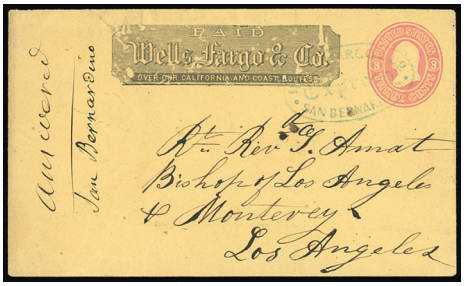

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546 ✉ **(San Bernardino) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Waterman, Cal.,** beautifully struck blue handstamp on 1884, 3¢ green entire to San Francisco, black WFE-030 printed frank error printed diagonally at top center, **Extremely Fine and choice,** less than five examples are known from this desert ghost town.
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

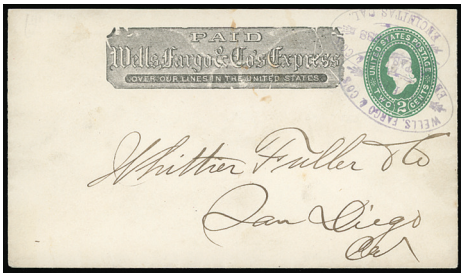
547 ✉ **(San Bernardino) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Waterman, Cal.,** complete blue oval on fresh 3¢ green entire to San Francisco Cal., printed black Wells Fargo paid frank, **Very Fine,** *less than 5 examples known*.
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

548 ✉ **(San Bernardino) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Waterman, Cal.,** blue oval express handstamp on 2¢ red on amber entire to R.W. Waterman Esq., San Bernardino Cal., **Very Fine,** rare with less than five known.
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

This Ghost town is located west of Barstow, named after Robert Waterman, Governor of California.



549 ✉ **(San Bernardino) (Wells, Fargo & Co.) Waterman, Cal.,** unlisted purple straightline handstamp canceling 1884, 2¢ brown entire to San Bernardino forwarded to San Diego and back, black WFE-060 printed frank at top; reduced at left., **otherwise Very Fine,** the **only example of this type of handstamp recorded from this desert ghost town**.
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300



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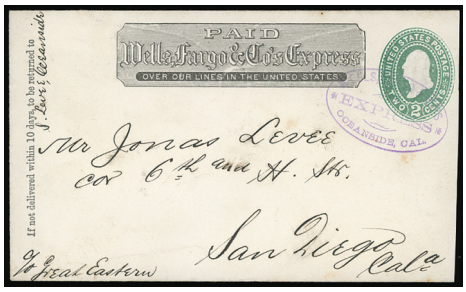

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San Diego County



550 ✉ **(San Diego) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Coronado, Cal.,** purple oval handstamp with "G.W. McKenzie" agent marking on 2¢ green entire from Mokelumne Hill to San Diego Cal., purple "F.E. Blaisdell, M.D., Mokelumne Hill" return address handstamp, printed black Wells Fargo paid frank, reverse with "Charges Accounted For In" handstamp; reduced slightly at right, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

551 ✉ **(San Diego) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Encinitas, Cal.,** double strike of rare purple oval handstamp on 1887, 2¢ green entire to San Diego, black WFE-030 printed frank at top, **Very Fine,** this handstamp is **believed to be unique**, Encinitas is a small coastal railway station located north of Del Mar, Cal.
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

552 ✉ **(San Diego) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Escondido, Cal.,** purple oval handstamp canceling on 1887, 2¢ green entire to San Diego, black WFE-030 printed frank at top; reduced at right., **Fine,** this handstamp is **unlisted and unique**.
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

553 ✉ **(San Diego) Wells, Fargo & Co., Julian, Cal., Dec 12,** blue oval date stamp on 1870, 3¢ green entire to Tiskila, Ill., "San Fran to Ogden, R.P.O., Dec 18" cds and light killer canceling, black WFE-030 printed frank at top, manuscript 1872 docketing on reverse; slightly reduced at right and tear into indicia, **otherwise Very Fine,** a rare express marking from Julian.
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

554 ✉ **(San Diego) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Oceanside, Cal.,** purple oval handstamp on 1887, 2¢ green entire to San Diego, black WFE-060 printed frank at top; reduced a bit at right, **Very Fine,** this handstamp is **believed to be one of two known**, Oceanside was a small ocean side railroad station which is located just south of Camp Pendleton.
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300



555 ✉ **(San Diego) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Oceanside, Cal.,** purple oval handstamp cancels 2¢ green entire to San Diego Cal., printed black Wells Fargo paid frank; reduced slightly at right, **Very Fine,** this handstamp is **believed to be one of two known**, Oceanside was a small ocean side railroad station which is located just south of Camp Pendleton.
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200



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556 ✉ **(San Diego) Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, San Diego,** bold early **blue handstamp used as a frank** on fresh 1853, 3¢ Nesbitt entire to Castro in San Francisco; some tears on backflaps, **Very Fine and choice.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

557 ✉ **(San Diego) Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, San Diego,** early blue oval handstamp on 1853, 3¢ Nesbitt entire to General Vallejo in San Francisco, black WFE-030 printed frank at top, **Extremely Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200



558 ✉ **(San Diego) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, From San Diego, Cal.,** black on orange label (Mosher unlisted) affixed on 1864, 3¢ pink part paste-up entire, blue company oval date stamp canceling and black printed frank at top, **Very Fine,** a very rare express label as this is **the only example recorded**.
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

559 ✉ **(San Diego) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, San Diego, Cal.,** two entires with different oval date stamps used in the late 1880's on 2¢ entires with black WFE-060 printed frank at top, one is unlisted in Leutzinger; one toned and reduced into indicia, **F.-V.F. overall.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200





560 ✉ **(San Diego) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, San Diego, Cal., Mar. 23 1888,** purple oval datestamp cancels 2¢ green on amber entire to San Francisco Cal., printed black Wells Fargo paid frank, purple "Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, San Francisco, Cal. Mar 24" oval arrival datestamp, reverse with purple "Wells, Fargo & Co's Letter Express" advertising handstamp, **Very Fine and scarce.**
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

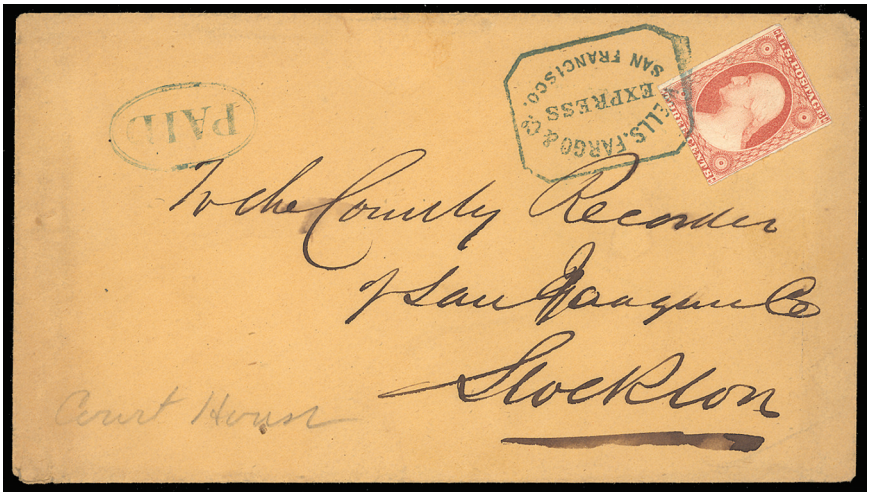
561 ✉ **(San Diego) Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Express, Money Department, San Diego, Cal.,** purple boxed 1895 handstamp used with black WFE-060 printed frank top center on 1887, 2¢ green entire to San Jose, with two fronts (most known examples are fronts) with same hand stamp also included, **Very Fine,** less than five examples of this hand stamp are known to collectors all dated to 1895.
Estimate . . . . . $100 - 150

San Francisco County



562 ✉ **(San Francisco) Wells Fargo & Co. Express, San Francisco,** light but clear red oval handstamp (Leutzinger type 1-23) on 1853 folded letter sheet to an assemblyman at Benecia, Cal., in conjunction with **blue Forwarded By, Todd's Express, Stockton** oval handstamp with manuscript 50c express fee, small internal cover hole, **F.-V.F.,** *ex-Kramer, Tatham.*
Estimate . . . . . $500 - 750

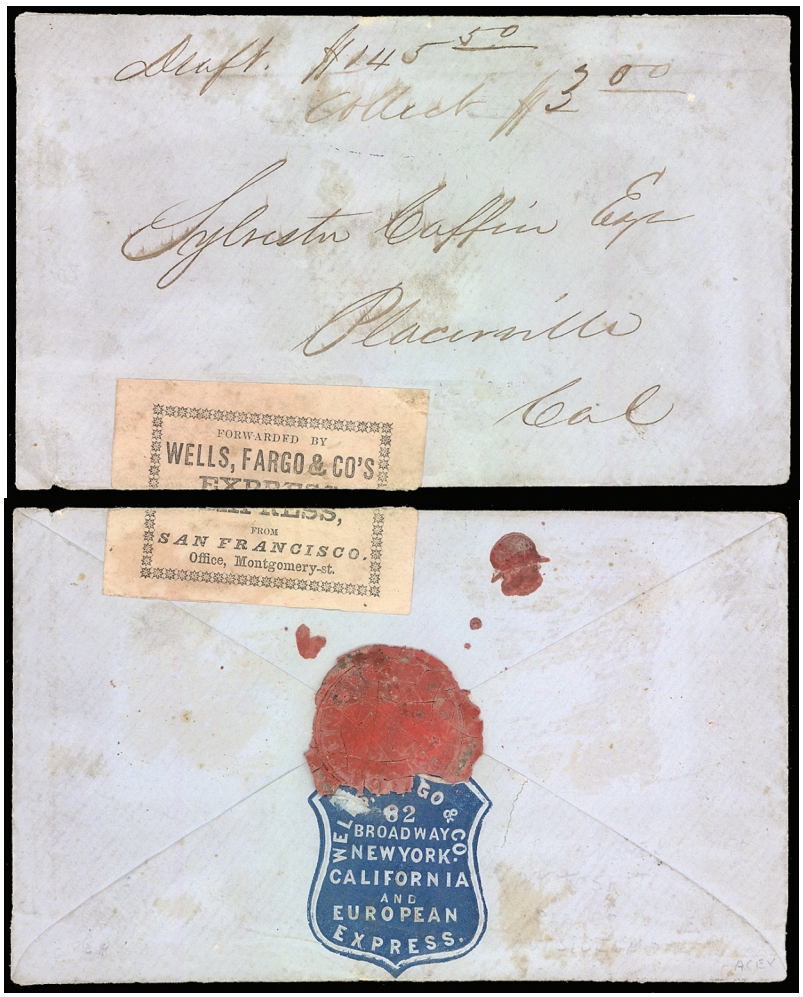
This cover for many years was believed to be the earliest West Coast cover because it is date inside Stockton, May 10, 1852. It is now reasonable proven that the date is 1853 and the writer made a mistake when he wrote the letter. An analysis by Frank Newton is enclosed. This along with the Sacramento Leutzinger type 1-23 are the earliest regular Wells Fargo handstamps and are both extremely rare.



563 ✉ **(San Francisco) Wells, Fargo & Co. Express/San Francisco,** perfect strike of **blue octagonal handstamp** tying 1851 3¢ dull red (slightly in at bottom) on cover to the San Joaquin County Recorder in Stockton, **Extremely Fine, a rare and beautiful classic Wells, Fargo & Co. usage.**
Estimate . . . . . $1,000 - 1,500

564 ✉ **(San Francisco) Wells Fargo & Co. Express, San Francisco,** blue octagonal boxed handstamp (Leutzinger type 1-15) on stampless folded letter to Robinson's Ferry "via Sonora", letter is headed "San Fran May 15 /54" and concerns personal and business matters, letter with some bleach spots & silked on one side, **Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $100 - 150

565 ✉ **(San Francisco) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, From San Francisco,** black on lilac ornate printed forwarding label (Mosher WFCX-L270), with manuscript pencil "Coll. 50¢" tying label on 1853 3¢ Nesbitt entire to Vallejo, black company frank; some gum staining & edge tears, **Fine,** a very rare early label with only a few known.
Estimate . . . . . $400 - 600



566 ✉ **(San Francisco) Wells Fargo & Co. Express, From San Francisco, Forwarded By,** black on pink express label affixed around bottom of cover to Placerville, Cal., with "Draft $145.50, Collect $3.00" notation at top, reverse with blue "Wells, Fargo & Co., 82 Broadway, New York, California and European Express" shield cameo corner card on backflap and wax seal "Wells, Fargo, Bankers, New York" impression, **Very Fine,** a scarce eastbound express usage.
Estimate . . . . . $400 - 600



567 ✉ **(San Francisco) Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, San Francisco,** blue oval handstamp with matching "Paid" in oval handstamp on 1853, 3¢ Nesbitt entire to Sacramento, entire with **blue Meader, Lolar & Co. illustrated full rigged ship corner card**, accompanied by contemporary ad with similar rigged ship illustration; slight edge stain at bottom left, **still Very Fine,** a very scarce illustrated corner card.
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

Meader, Lolar & Co. where agents for the Gidden & Williams clipper ship line.

568 ✉ **(San Francisco) Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, San Francisco,** blue oval handstamp (Leutzinger type 3-1) on 1853, 3¢ red entire to Marysville, Cal., black Haller type E (in normal position) printed frank, 1857 docketing, **Very Fine,** ex-Leutzinger.
Estimate . . . . . $75 - 100



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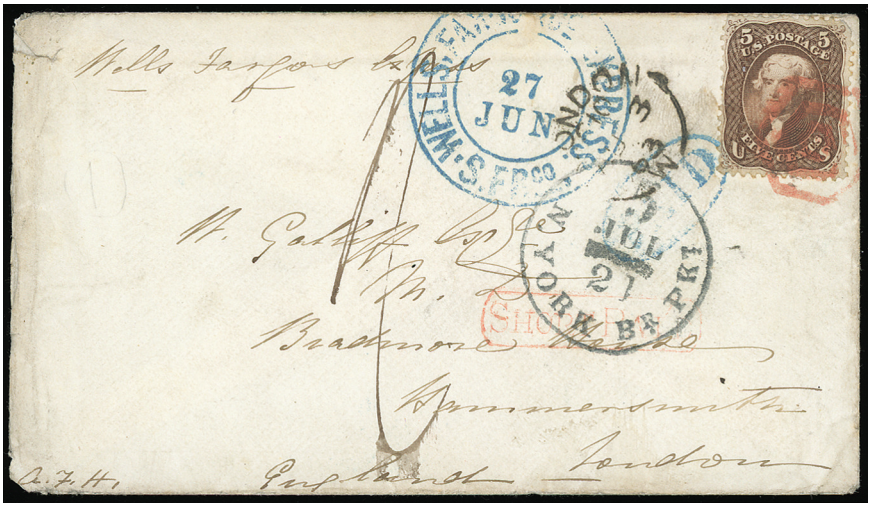
569 ✉ **(San Francisco) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express/S. Frco/Dec. 31,** bold blue double circle handstamp on 1853-55 3¢ Nesbitt entire with company frank to Roseburg, Oregon, entire with large **ornate merchant's printed advertising** of "H. Sharp & Co./No. 65 California Street,/San Francisco", docketing indicates "1860" usage, **visually striking and Extremely Fine cover.**
Estimate . . . . . $500 - 750

570 ✉ **(San Francisco) Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, S. Frco., Oct 30,** blue cds on 1853, 3¢ Nesbitt entire to Roseburg, Oregon, black printed frank at top and fancy H. Sharp & Co. corner card at left, dropped at the Roseburg post office with indistinct blue cds canceling indicia, **Very Fine and choice.**
Estimate . . . . . $400 - 600

571 ✉ **(San Francisco) Wells, Fargo & Cos Express, S. Frco., 2 Apr,** double-circle datestamp ties 3¢ dull red (26) on yellow cover to John G. Downey, Governor of California, Sacramento City, **paste-up** on reverse with **perfect blue "Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, San Quentin" oval handstamp** cancels 3¢ red (U9) entire, printed black Wells Fargo paid frank; reduced slightly at left, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400



572 ✉ **(San Francisco) Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, S. Frco., Jun 27,** blue cds with matching "Paid" in oval handstamp on 1863 cover to **London, England**, franked with **1863, 5¢ brown** tied by red N.Y.F.M. octagon handstamp (NYFM 63-2), "N. York, Br. Pkt., 5, Jul 5" exchange cds and red boxed "Short Paid" handstamp, "London, Au 3, 63" entry cds and manuscript "1/-" due rating; small stamp flaws and light cover corner wear at left, **Very Fine.**
Scott No. **76** . . . . . Estimate $750 - 1,000

A RARE WELLS, FARGO & CO. EXPRESS USAGE FROM SAN FRANCISCO TO ENGLAND ENTERING THE U.S. MAILS IN NEW YORK.

This very scarce New York Foreign Mail cancel struck in red is normally found on supplementary mail.



573 ✉ **(San Francisco) Wells, Fargo & Co.s Express, S. Frco., Feb 21,** bold blue cds tying **1861, 10¢ Dark Green, First Design** (62B) on cover to New York City, with **provisional Wells, Fargo & Co. red frank** at top center used prior to the new 1861 entire became available; stamp with light corner crease at bottom left, **otherwise Very Fine**; with 2005 P.F. certificate.
Estimate . . . . . $1,500 - 2,000

A RARE USE OF THE 1861 10¢ FIRST DESIGN ON A PROVISIONAL WELLS, FARGO & CO. RED FRANK ENTIRE.



574 ✉ **(San Francisco) Wells, Fargo & Co. Express,** red frank on **10¢ green (U33) buff star die entire** to So. Weymouth Mass. uprated with 10¢ green (68) tied by red "Boston Mass." cds and framed "Paid" handstamp, Wells Fargo "Paid" oval handstamp, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $750 - 1,000

A RARE 10¢ 1861 ISSUE USE ON A 10¢ STAR DIE ENTIRE WITH RED WELLS FARGO FRANK TO THE EAST COAST.

575 ✉ **(San Francisco) Wells, Fargo & Co., San Francisco, Aug 24,** blue oval date stamp on 1864 3¢ pink entire with pink **Castle Brothers all-over shaded advertising**, to Monterey, company frank at left, **Very Fine and choice.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200



576 ✉ **(San Francisco) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, San Francisco, Cal., Office, Dec. 7, 1881, H. W. Titus, Agent,** unlisted violet handstamp on grey-green Wells, Fargo & Co. Pictorial Envelope with San Francisco vignettes of the Wells, Fargo & Co. Express Office at "cor. Sansome & Halleck Sts" and the Wells, Fargo & Co. & Co Bank at "cor Sansome & California Sts", entire with additional light but discernible "Wells, Fargo & Co./San Francisco" oval handstamp and addressed to "Mr de Lachasse, c/o Hibernia Bank, SF", manuscript directive in colored ink "2 Montg(omery St.)" with matching manuscript "10" (delivery charge), **Extremely Fine,** a rare unlisted Wells, Fargo & Co. handstamp on a lovely Wells, Fargo & Co. Pictorial Envelope.
Estimate . . . . . $400 - 600

577 ✉ **(San Francisco) Wells, Fargo & Co., San Francisco, Jan 17, 1884,** violet oval date stamp canceling on 1874, 15¢ orange legal size entire, matching "Collect." handstamp with pencil 15¢ rate, company frank at top; reduced at left, **otherwise Very Fine**; with 2004 A.P.S. certificate (stating EDU for entire).
Estimate . . . . . $100 - 150

578 ✉ **(San Francisco) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, San Francisco, Apr 9 1897,** purple oval datestamp on reverse of 2¢ green entire (U311) to Stockton Cal., purple "Transferred at Stockton, Cal. Apr 10 1897" straightline, printed black Wells Fargo paid frank; edge tear, **F.-V.F.,** a rare Wells Fargo auxiliary marking.
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

San Joaquin County

579 ✉ **(San Joaquin) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Clements, Cal.,** exceptional bold strike of blue oval handstamp cancels 2¢ brown entire to San Francisco Cal., black printed Wells Fargo paid frank, reverse with purple "Wells, Fargo & Co, San Francisco, Jul 14 1885" oval arrival datestamp and 1885 receipt docketing; reduced slightly at left, **Very Fine and choice strike.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300



580 ✉ **(San Joaquin) Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, Knights Ferry,** black oval handstamp on yellow cover to Washington D.C., 3¢ rose (65) with manuscript cancelling, "New-York, Apr" duplex with target cancel struck adjacent, endorsed "Per Express" at top left; reduced slightly at top, **F.-V.F. and clear Knights Ferry strike.**
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

581 ✉ **(San Joaquin) Wells, Fargo & Co., Lathrop, May 15,** bold oval date stamp with manuscript "22" day, on 1884, 2¢ brown entire to Chinatown in San Francisco, black company frank and reverse with red "China Route" company handstamp; slightly reduced at left, **Very Fine,** a scarce usage from Lathrop; with 2013 P.F. certificate.
Scott No. **U277** . . . . . Estimate $150 - 200

582 ✉ **(San Joaquin) Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, Stockton,** bold perfectly struck oval handstamp in blue on 1853, 3¢ Nesbitt franked entire to San Francisco, **Extremely Fine,** an exceptionally nice example, *ex-Chaloner*.
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

583 ✉ **(San Joaquin) Wells, Fargo & Co., Stockton, Jan 3,** blue double-oval datestamp on 3¢ red (U27) star die entire to Livery Stable, San Francisco with rare straightline "Per Wells, Fargo & Co's Express" frank, preprinted J. Dillon & Co., Stage Proprietors, Stockton, Cal." return address; flap tears, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

584 ✉ **(San Joaquin) Wells, Fargo & Co., Stockn. Messenger., May 29,** blue oval datestamp cancels 3¢ red (U26) star die entire with all-over J.W. Brittan shaded ad to Columbia Cal., printed black Wells Fargo paid frank at left; reduced slightly at right, **F.-V.F.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

585 ✉ **(San Joaquin) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, From Stockton,** black on orange label affixed on cover addressed in care of Wells Fargo & Co, San Francisco, manuscript "10-" at top right, **Very Fine,** *ex-Hackett*.
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

586 ✉ **(San Luis Obispo) Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, San Luis Obispo,** blue oval handstamp canceling on 1870, 3¢ green entire to San Francisco, with **allover tan shaded A. Blochman & Co., General Merchant ad** and express frank at left, 1873 merchant handstamp on reverse, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300



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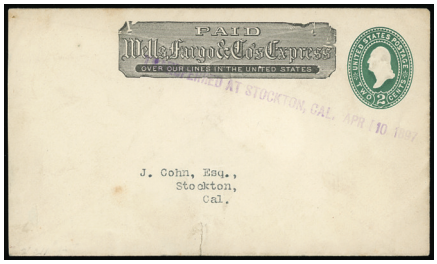

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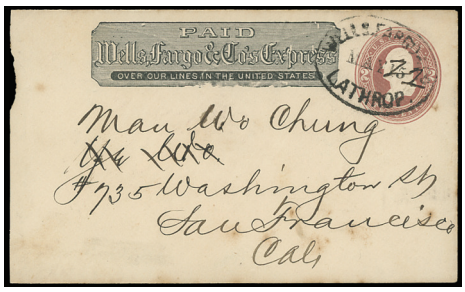

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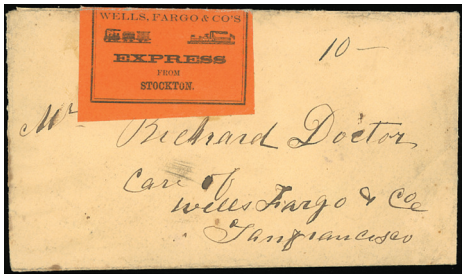

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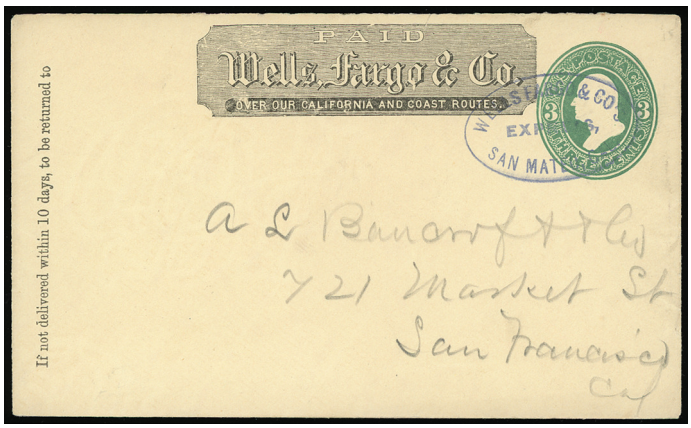
587 ✉ **(San Luis Obispo) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, San Luis Obispo, Cal., Apr 6, 1886,** sharp bold strike of purple oval datestamp cancels 2¢ brown entire to Santa Cruz Cal., black printed Wells Fargo paid frank; reduced slightly at left, **Very Fine and choice.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200



588 ✉ **(San Mateo) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, San Mateo, Cal.,** sharp bold strike of blue oval on 3¢ green entire to San Francisco Cal., printed black Wells Fargo paid frank, **choice and Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300



589 ✉ **(San Mateo) Wells, Fargo & Co., From Spanishtown Office, Oct 1870,** black on lilac money label (Mosher WFCX-L240) affixed to 1864, 6¢ pink entire upon arrival in San Francisco, to Wells, Fargo & Co. cashier, blue "Wells, Fargo & Co., Spanishtown, Nov 1" origin date stamp and black frank at top, **Very Fine and choice,** the **only recorded usage of this express label** and the listing example in Mosher.
Estimate . . . . . $500 - 750

Spanishtown was the name used at the time by Wells Fargo for Half Moon Bay.

Santa Barbara County

590 ✉ **(Santa Barbara) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Carpinteria, Cal.,** bold complete strike of dark purple oval handstamp on 2¢ green entire to New Jeruselem Cal., printed black Wells Fargo paid frank; reduced at right, **a Very Fine strike of this scarce marking.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

591 ✉ **(Santa Barbara) Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, Santa Barbara,** blue oval handstamp on 1864, 3¢ pink entire to San Francisco., black frank (WFE-030) at top, reduced at right, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $100 - 150

592 ✉ **(Santa Barbara) Wells, Fargo & Co., Santa Barbara, Cal.,** two strikes of blue oval date stamp (type 12-1, dash under o) dated December 8th and 16th, on 1874, 3¢ green entire to San Francisco, black WFE-030 printed frank and manuscript "Per Steamer" endorsement; reduced at right, **Very Fine,** carried by Wells Fargo missed posting to steamer on December 8th and was posted 8 days later when steamer return to Santa Barbara.
Estimate . . . . . $100 - 150

593 ✉ **(Santa Barbara) Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, Santa Barbara, Cal., Geo F. Ellis, Agent,** purple type 13-4 agent date stamp on 1887, 2¢ green entire to Stockton, printed frank (WFE-060) at top, **Very Fine,** this "Agent" handstamp is not listed in Leutzinger's work.
Estimate . . . . . $100 - 150

594 ✉ **(Santa Barbara) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Santa Barbara, Oct 12, 1893,** blue oval handstamp cancels 2¢ Columbian entire to San Francisco Cal., printed blue Wells Fargo 1892 frank, magenta "Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, San Francisco, Cal. Oct 13 11AM" oval arrival datestamp, **Very Fine and choice.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

595 ✉ **(Santa Barbara) Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, Santa Maria,** purple oval handstamp cancels 2¢ brown entire to Los Angeles, printed black Wells Fargo paid frank, docketed "Answered Feb 17 / 88" at left; top edge flaws, **F.-V.F.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

Santa Clara County

596 ✉ **(Santa Clara) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Agnew, Cal.,** purple oval handstamp cancels 2¢ green entire to San Francisco Cal., printed black Wells Fargo paid frank, blue "Wells, Fargo & Co., San Francisco, May 11, 1889" arrival oval datestamp, reverse with purple company "Lick Paper Co., Agnews, Cal. May 10 1889" double-oval datestamp, **Very Fine and scarce.**
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

597 ✉ **(Santa Clara) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Alma, Cal.,** dark violet oval handstamp cancels 2¢ brown entire to Col. Warren, San Francisco, printed black Wells Fargo paid frank, **F.-V.F.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

598 ✉ **(Santa Clara) (Wells, Fargo & Co.) Alviso, Cal.,** purple straightline postmark on 2¢ Columbian (U349) entire to San Francisco Cal., slight askew printed black Wells Fargo paid frank, purple "Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, San Francisco, Cal., Nov 26" arrival oval datestamp, **fresh and Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

The finest of only two recorded examples of this unlisted town in Leutzinger. *We offered the other example in sale 33 lot 1608.*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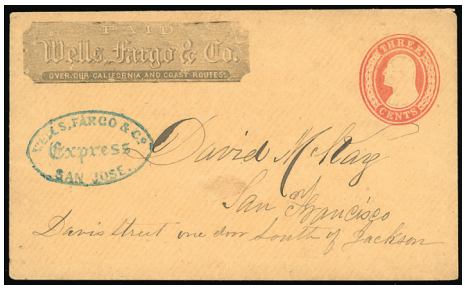
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599 ✉ **(Santa Clara) Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, Gilroy,** clear strike of blue oval handstamp (Leutzinger type 3-10) cancels 3¢ red (U10) buff entire to San Jose Cal., printed black Wells Fargo frank partially off entire; part of left flap missing, **Very Fine and choice.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

600 ✉ **(Santa Clara) Wells, Fargo & Co., Gilroy, Cal.,** bold purple oval company handstamp on 2¢ entire with company frank to San Francisco with Wells, Fargo & Co. arrival oval of 1888, **Very Fine and attractive.**
Estimate . . . . . $50 - 75

601 ✉ **(Santa Clara) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express. Gilroy, Cal. Nov. 17, 1892,** beautiful bold strike of purple oval datestamp cancels 2¢ entire to San Francisco Cal., printed black Wells Fargo paid frank, purple "Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, San Francisco, Cal. Nov 17 11AM" oval arrival datestamp, **choice and Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $100 - 150

602 ✉ **(Santa Clara) Wells, Fargo & Co., San Jose,** three entires to San Francisco with different oval handstamps comprising blue "Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, San Jose" oval on U10 buff entire with printed black frank, black "Wells Fargo & Co. San Jose, Cal. Mar. 14" oval cancels 3¢ green entire with printed paid frank, and pink "W.F. & Co. Ex. San Jose, Cal. Dec 21, 1885" double-oval datestamp on 2¢ brown entire with printed paid frank, **a Very Fine group with better strikes.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300



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603 ✉ **(Santa Clara) Wells, Fargo & Co., Express, San Jose.,** blue oval handstamp and scarce printed red Wells Fargo paid frank on 10¢ green (U18) entire to John W. Denver, Washington D.C., entered mails with "New-York May 16" cds, pencil docketing at left, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400





604 ✉ **(Santa Clara) Wells, Fargo & Co., San Jose, Dec 18,** sharp strike of oval datestamp on **California State Telegraph** envelope to St. Louis Mo., reduced at right from opening, some soiling; reverse with **paste-up** 3¢ red (U10) buff entire cancelled by "Wells, Fargo & Co., San Jose, Dec 18" oval datestamp, printed black Wells Fargo frank, **F.-V.F.**
Estimate . . . . . $500 - 750

A RARE WELLS FARGO AND CALIFORNIA STATE TELEGRAPH ENVELOPE PASTE-UP USE.

605 ✉ **(Santa Clara) Wells, Fargo & Co., San Jose, Cal., Jun 26,** complete strike on 10¢ brown entire with printed black **Wells Fargo "Mexican Coast and California Express — 35 Cts."** frank, some soiling; reverse with paste-up addressed to Mazatlan, Mexico and additional strike of San Jose oval; faulty, **F.-V.F. and scarce paste-up 10¢ use with Mexican Coast frank.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

606 ✉ **(Santa Clara) Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, Wrights, Cal.,** purple large oval handstamp cancels 2¢ brown entire to Oakland Cal., black printed Wells Fargo paid frank, purple "W.J. Van De Mark, Wrights, Cal" return address handstamp at left; reduced slightly at left, **Very Fine.**
Estimate $200



607 ✉ **(Santa Clara) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Wrights, Cal., "5/1" 1895,** sharp strike of purple oval with pencil dating cancels fresh 2¢ green entire to San Jose, Cal., printed black Wells Fargo paid frank, indistinct arrival backstamp; trivial tiny edge tear, **Very Fine and choice.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

608 ✉ **(Santa Cruz) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Ben Lomond, Cal.,** sharp strike of purple oval handstamp cancels 2¢ Columbian (U349) entire to San Francisco Cal., printed blue Wells Fargo 1892 Columbian frank, purple "Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, San Francisco, Cal. Jul 28" oval arrival datestamp, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

609 ✉ **(Santa Cruz) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Glenwood, Cal.,** dark blue oval handstamp on 2¢ Columbian (U349) entire to San Francisco Cal., entered mails with "San Francisco, Cal. Aug 16 '94" arrival duplex; two flaps missing, **F.-V.F.,** a scarce marking.
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200



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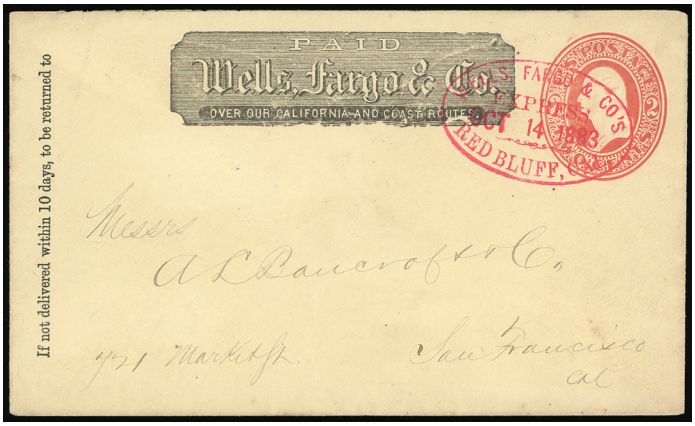
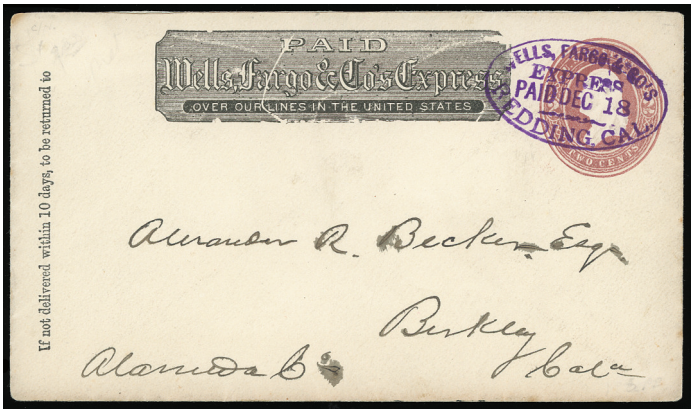
610 ✉ **(Santa Cruz) Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, Santa Cruz,** partial oval handstamp and matching "Paid" framed handstamp on yellow cover to San Jose Cal., "**Please send by Mr Hall Stage Line**" manuscript endorsement; reverse affixed with unaddressed **paste-up** 3¢ red (U10) on buff Nesbitt entire cancelled by matching Wells oval handstamp, printed black Wells Fargo frank, faults, **F.-V.F.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

611 ✉ **(Santa Cruz) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Watsonville, Cal.,** purple oval handstamp cancels 2¢ Columbian (U349) entire to Petaluma Cal., printed black Wells Fargo paid frank, magenta "Feb 27 1894" straightline handstamp, **Very Fine and choice.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

Shasta County



612 ✉ **(Shasta) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Red Bluff, Cal., Oct. 14, 1883,** perfect bold strike of red oval datestamp cancels 2¢ red entire to San Francisco Cal., printed black Wells Fargo paid frank, blue company oval datestamp on flap, **Very Fine and exceptional strike.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300



613 ✉ **(Shasta) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Paid, Redding, Cal. Dec 18,** remarkable bold strike cancels 2¢ brown entire to Berkeley Cal., printed black Wells Fargo paid frank, **Extremely Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

614 ✉ **(Shasta) Wells, Fargo & Co., Express, Shasta,** oval handstamp and scarce printed red Wells Fargo paid frank on 10¢ green (U17) entire to Thomas Drinkall, Benton Wis.; minor flap tear and edge wear, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $400 - 600

615 ✉ **(Shasta) Wells Fargo & Co. Express, Shasta,** blue oval handstamp (type 3-1) on 1855, 10¢ Nesbitt entire to Pikesville, Md., printed company red frank at top, enter the mails with "New York, Jul 28" cds, partial blue Baltimore, Md. postmark, **Very Fine,** rare red frank usage originating from Shasta, *ex-Metkin*.
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300



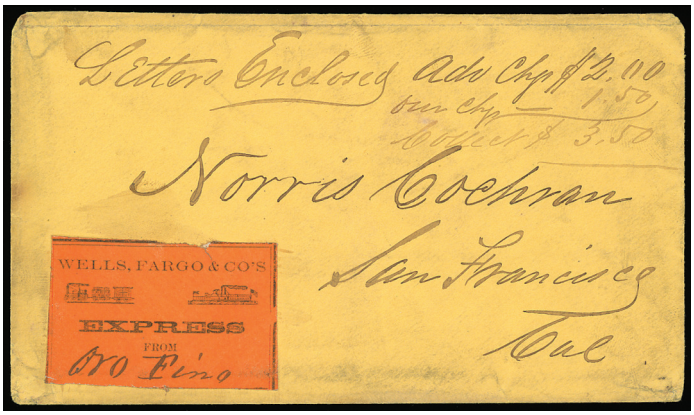
616 ✉ **(Shasta) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, From "Shasta",** black on yellow illustrated label with trains and manuscript town designation on light buff paste-up cover to Lexington Washington Terr., bold strike of **blue "COLLECT 50^{CTS}"** oval handstamp, forwarded to Florence W.T., Lewiston and apparently returned to Shasta Cal., reverse with unaddressed 3¢ pink (U34) entire cancelled by blue "Wells, Fargo & Co., Shasta, Jul 20" oval datestamp, printed black Wells Fargo paid frank; minor edge flaws and wear, **Very Fine and rare use.**
Estimate . . . . . $750 - 1,000

617 ✉ **(Sierra) Wells, Fargo & Co., Howlands Flat,** blue oval datestamp (Leutzinger type 11-9) on 1864 3¢ pink entire to San Francisco, Cal., black Haller type E printed frank; slight reduction at right, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

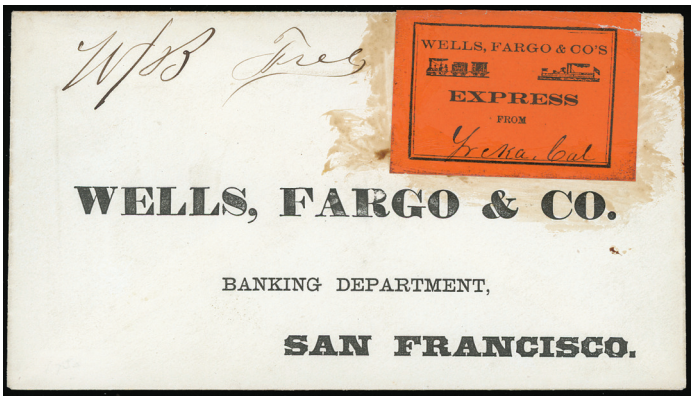


618 ✉ **(Siskiyou) Wells, Fargo & Co., Oro Fino, Nov 4,** oval forwarding datestamp ties 1¢ blue (63) and 3¢ rose (65), top margin pair and single on cover originally from Suncook N.H. to **Salmon River Ore**. forwarded to Oro Fino and finally to San Francisco, "Suncook N.H. Aug. 30" cds with matching cork cancels on stamps, **black "Collect 50cts" oval handstamp**; 1¢ corner faulty, **Very Fine,** *ex-Hackett*.
Estimate . . . . . $3,000 - 4,000

A REMARKABLE TRANSCONTINENTAL USE FROM SUNCOOK N.H. TO SALMON RIVER ORE., FORWARDED BY WELLS FARGO & CO. TO SAN FRANCISCO.



619 ✉ **(Siskiyou) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express from "Oro Fino",** black on orange illustrated label with manuscript town name and showing trains, affixed on yellow buff cover to San Francisco Cal., endorsed "Letters Enclosed: Adv Chgs $2.00, Our Chgs - 1.50" totaled to "Collect $3.50"; slight soiling and wear, **F.-V.F. and rare label,** *ex-Hackett*.
Estimate . . . . . $500 - 750



620 ✉ **(Siskiyou) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, From "Yreka, Cal".,** black on orange label illustrated with trains and manuscript town designation, affixed on cover with preprinted address to Wells Fargo & Co., Banking Department, San Francisco, manuscript "W/B Free" at top; some extra glue, **otherwise Very Fine and scarce label.**
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

Solano County

621 ✉ **(Solano) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Benicia,** small blue oval handstamp ties 3¢ dull rose (26) on cover to Folsom Cal in care of Wells Fargo agent, printed "Young Ladies' Seminary, Benicia" fancy corner card; some edge staining, **F.-V.F.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

622 ✉ **(Solano) Wells Fargo & Co., Oct 12, Rio Vista,** full strike of blue oval date stamp on 1864, 3¢ pink entire to San Francisco, black company printed frank at top, **Very Fine and choice,** very scarce this nice.
Estimate . . . . . $100 - 150

623 ✉ **(Solano) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Suisun, Cal.,** blue oval handstamp cancels 2¢ Columbian entire to Petaluma Cal., printed blue Wells Fargo 1892 Columbian illustrated frank, magenta "Jan 10 1894" straightline handstamp, **Very Fine and scarce marking.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

624 ✉ **(Solano) Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, Vaccaville,** blue oval handstamp cancels 3¢ pink (U58) entire to San Francisco Cal., printed black Wells Fargo paid frank, three partial "Collect" framed handstamps, reverse with paste-up 3¢ pink (U58) entire cancelled by blue "**Wells, Fargo & Co., Sac Messenger**" oval datestamp and two matching "Collect" framed handstamps, **F.-V.F.**
Estimate $300

625 ✉ **(Solano) Wells, Fargo & Co., Vaca-Station, Jul 3,** blue oval date stamp (Leutzinger type 11-9) on 1864 3¢ pink entire to San Francisco, Cal., black Haller type E printed frank, original enclosure; slightly trimmed at right, **otherwise Very Fine,** ex-Leutzinger.
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

626 ✉ **(Solano) Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, From Vallejo, Cal.,** black on red label on package tag to Capitola, Cal.; small nick in tag, **otherwise Very Fine,** a rare label and usage, only three examples recorded of this style label from Vallejo.
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300



627 ✉ **(Solano) Wells, Fargo & Co's, Vallejo Junction, Cal.,** bold strike of purple oval handstamp on 2¢ brown entire to San Francisco, printed black Wells Fargo paid frank; mild toning, **F.-V.F.,** a choice strike.
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

Sonoma County

628 ✉ **(Sonoma) Wells, Fargo & Co., Bodega,** blue oval handstamp (Leutzinger type 11-9) on 1864 3¢ pink entire to San Francisco, Cal., black Haller type E printed frank, slightly trimmed at left, **Extremely Fine,** a very scarce usage from Bodega.
Estimate . . . . . $250 - 350

629 ✉ **(Sonoma) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Cazadero, Cal.,** purple oval cancels 2¢ green entire to San Francisco Cal., printed black Wells Fargo paid frank, **Very Fine and scarce town.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200



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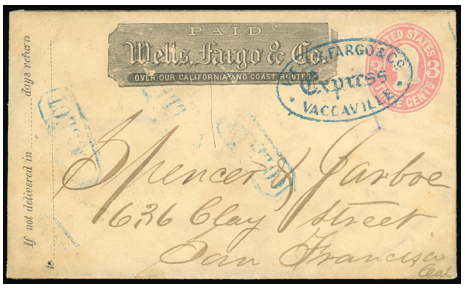

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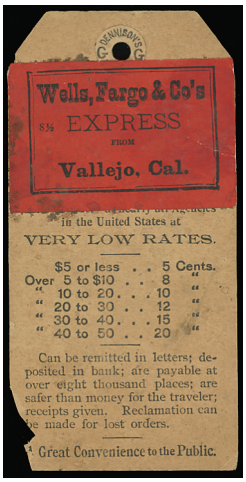

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630 ✉ **(Sonoma) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Geyserville, Cal.,** bold strike of blue oval handstamp cancels 2¢ Columbian (U349) entire to Petaluma Cal., printed blue Wells Fargo 1892 Columbian Issue frank, **Extremely Fine and scarce.**

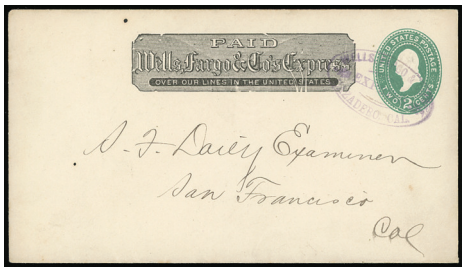
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

631 ✉ **(Sonoma) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Guerneville, Cal.,** clear strike of oval handstamp (Leutzinger type 10-16) cancels 2¢ brown on amber entire to San Francisco Cal., printed black Wells Fargo paid imprint, reverse with purple "Wells, Fargo & Co., San Francisco, Dec 22 1886" oval arrival backstamp; reduced slightly at right, **Very Fine.**

Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

632 ✉ **(Sonoma) Wells, Fargo & Co's, Express From Healdsburg,** black on orange label with manuscript town designation, affixed on 3¢ red (U26) star die entire to McMinnville Ore. cancelled by blue "Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, Healdsburg" oval handstamp, printed black Wells Fargo paid frank, pencil "$1" express notation; reduced slightly at left and some edge wear, **F.-V.F. and scarce,** *ex-Hackett.*

Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400



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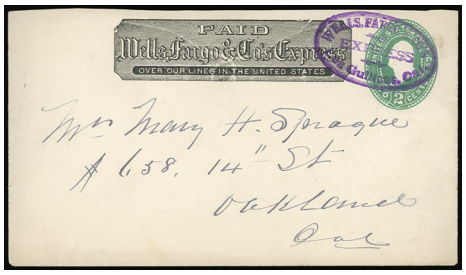

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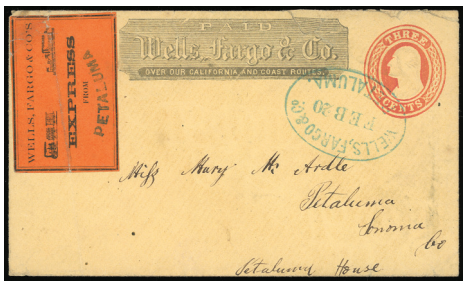

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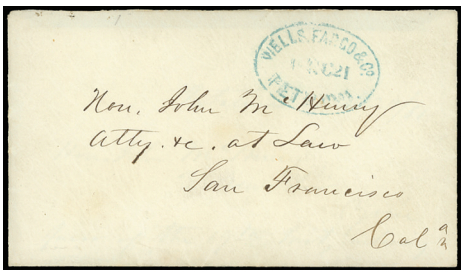

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633 ✉ **(Sonoma) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Los Guilicos, Cal.,** bold purple oval handstamp cancels 2¢ green entire to Oakland Cal., printed black Wells Fargo paid frank, **Very Fine and exceptionally rare,** ex-Parker.
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400



634 ✉ **(Sonoma) Wells, Fargo & Co., Petaluma,** blue oval handstamp ties **1¢ blue (24)** on light buff cover addressed locally to Petaluma Cal.; small edge tear at top, reduced slightly at left, **F.-V.F.,** *ex-Knapp.*
Estimate . . . . . $750 - 1,000

A RARE LOCAL WELLS FARGO PETALUMA USE BEARING THE 1¢ 1857 ISSUE.



635 ✉ **(Sonoma) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express from "Petaluma",** black on yellow label with blue arc town handstamp, on light yellow cover to San Francisco Cal., ornate **"Washington Hotel, Petaluma" fancy printed corner card**, endorsed "Purse with $8.25" at top; some edge wear and reduced slightly at left, **Very Fine and attractive label use,** *ex-Hackett.*
Estimate . . . . . $500 - 750

636 ✉ **(Sonoma) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, From "Petaluma",** black on orange illustrated label showing train and steamboat with blue arc town designation handstamp on 3¢ red on buff (U10) entire to Petaluma cancelled by blue "Wells, Fargo Co. Petaluma, Feb 20" oval datestamp, printed black Wells Fargo paid frank; cover fold affects label and top edge flaws, **F.-V.F.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

637 ✉ **(Sonoma) Wells, Fargo & Co., Petaluma, Dec 21,** blue oval date stamp on part-paste-up cover to San Francisco, with original 1861 enclosure; cover with partial backflaps, **otherwise Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $100 - 150

638 ✉ **(Sonoma) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Santa Rosa,** three covers, each with strike of oval datestamp in different colors of green, red and purple, all addressed to San Francisco, **fresh and Very Fine group.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

639 ✉ **(Sonoma) Wells, Fargo & Co., Sebastopol, Sep 25,** clear strike of blue oval datestamp cancels 3¢ green entire to San Francisco Cal., printed black Wells Fargo paid frank, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

640 ✉ **(Sonoma) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Sebastopol, Cal.,** blue oval handstamp cancels 2¢ green on amber entire to San Francisco Cal., printed black Wells Fargo paid frank, purple "Wells Fargo & Co's Express, San Francisco, Cal. Oct 4" oval arrival datestamp, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

641 ✉ **(Sonoma) Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, Sonoma,** blue oval handstamp cancels 3¢ red Nesbitt entire to Sonoma, red all-oval shaded **Jacob Gundlach Bavaria Brewery** ad and printed black Wells Fargo paid frank at left, docketed "Nov. 12. 61" at left, **Very Fine and attractive.**
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

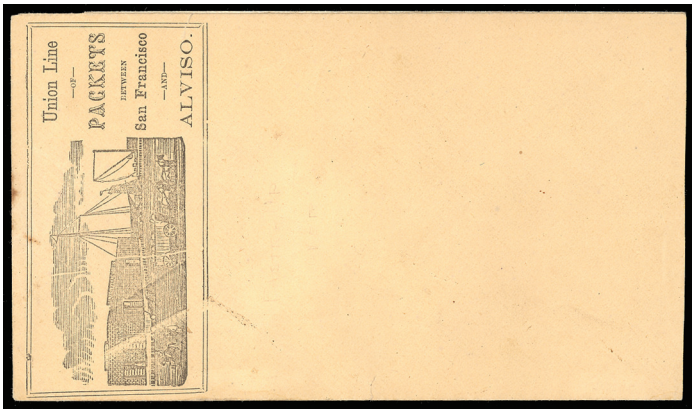
642 ✉ **(Sonoma) Wells Fargo & Co. Express, Sonoma,** blue oval handstamp (Leutzinger type 3-1) on 1861, 3¢ pink entire to San Francisco, Cal., black Haller type E printed frank, edge tears at top, **Very Fine,** an exceptional strike.
Estimate . . . . . $100 - 150

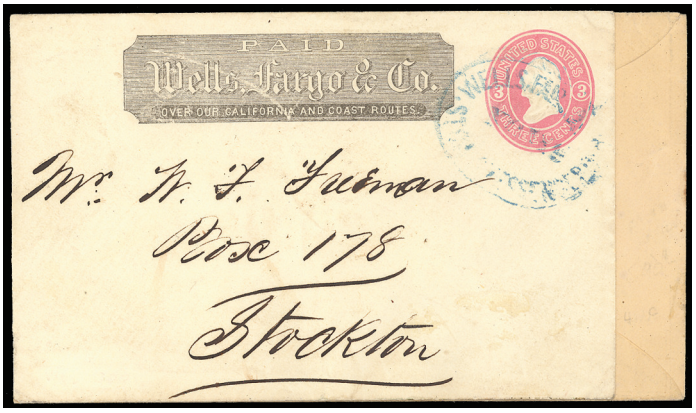
643 ✉ **(Sonoma) Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, Windsor,** remarkable bold strike cancels 3¢ pink (U35) buff entire to San Francisco, printed black Wells Fargo paid frank, **Extremely Fine and choice.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

644 ✉ **(Sonoma) Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, Windsor,** black oval handstamp (Leutzinger type 3-2) on 1864 3¢ pink entire to San Francisco, Cal., black Haller type E printed frank; light fold and small scuff affecting indicia, **otherwise Very Fine**; with 2013 P.F. certificate.
Estimate . . . . . $100 - 150

645 ✉ **(Stanislaus) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, E.C. Dozier, Agent, Modesto, Cal.,** dark purple large oval handstamp on 2¢ green on amber entire to San Francisco Cal., printed black Wells Fargo paid frank, magenta "Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, San Francisco, Cal. Jun 1" oval arrival datestamp; small edge cut and reduced at left, **F.-V.F.,** a scarce marking.
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

646 ✉ **(Stanislaus) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, E.C. Dozier, Agent, Modesto, Cal.,** purple large oval handstamp cancels fresh 2¢ Columbian (U349) entire to San Francisco Cal., blue "Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, San Francisco, Cal. Apr 11" oval arrival datestamp, large blue crayon"6" marking, **Very Fine and scarce agent marking.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200





647 ✉ **(Stockton) Wells Fargo & Co., Stockn. Messenger,** blue oval date stamp on 1861, 3¢ pink entire to Stockton, used **as paste-up on illustrated "Union Line of Packets, between San Francisco and Alviso" cover** showing ship at docks and merchant wagon, **Very Fine,** the unique combination express usage of this illustrated packet cover and one of only two known examples.
Estimate . . . . . $500 - 750

648 ✉ **(Tehama) Wells Fargo & Co., Red Bluffs, Sep 13,** blue oval date stamp (Leutzinger type 11-9) on 3¢ Star Die entire to Yreka, Cal., black Haller type E printed frank, **Very Fine and choice,** an exceptional strike.
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

649 ✉ **(Tehama) Wells, Fargo & Co., Tehama, Cal.,** purple oval handstamp cancels 2¢ Columbian (U349) entire to San Francisco Cal., printed blue Wells Fargo 1892 Columbian illustrated frank, purple "Wells, Fargo & Co Express, San Francisco, Cal. Jul 10" arrival oval datestamp, **Very Fine and scarce.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

Tuolumne County

650 ✉ **(Tuolumne) Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, Big Oak Flat,** clear bold strike of blue oval handstamp cancels 3¢ red (U10) buff entire to San Francisco, printed black Wells Fargo paid frank, **Very Fine and choice.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200



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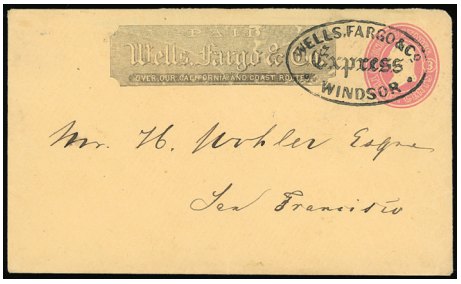

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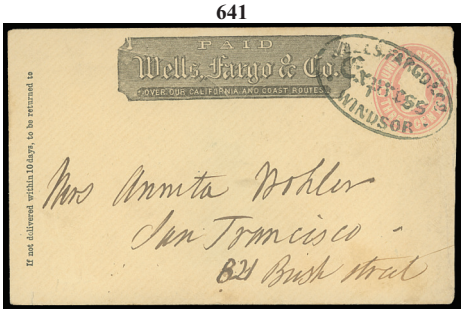

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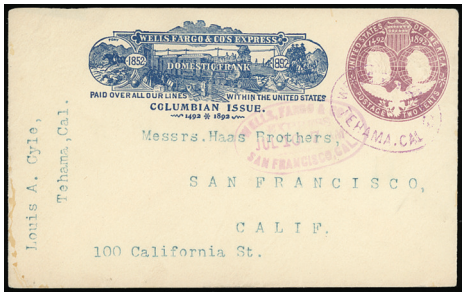

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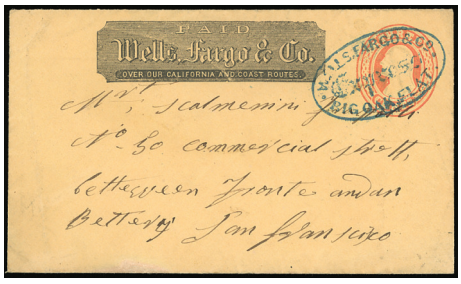

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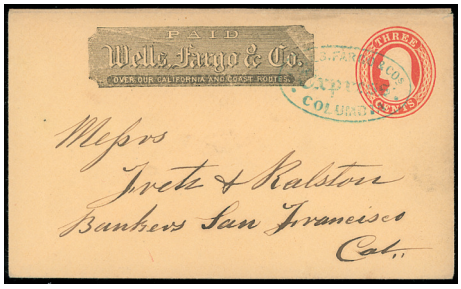

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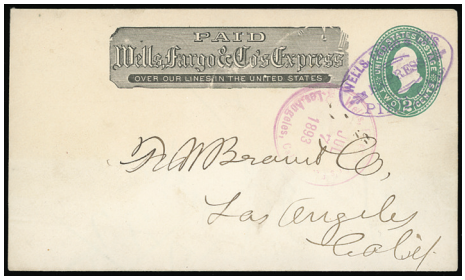

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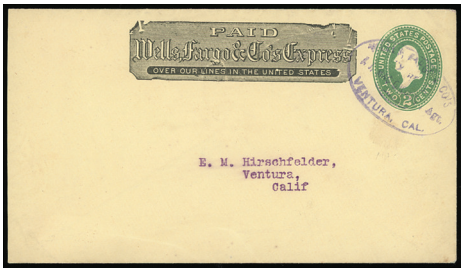

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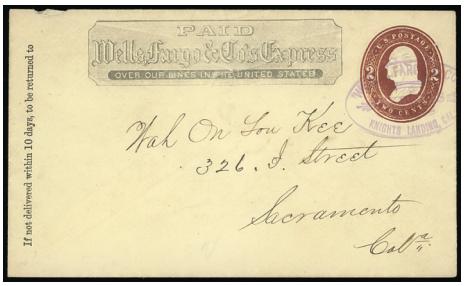

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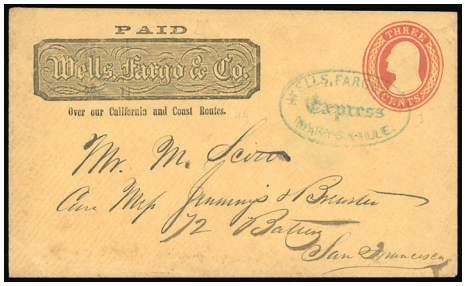

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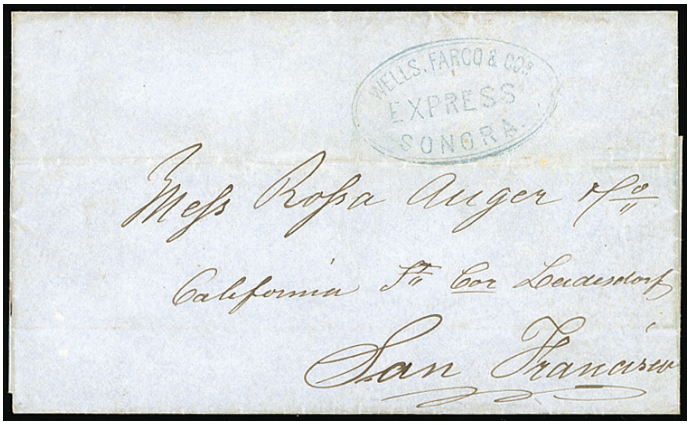
651 ✉ **(Tuolumne) Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, Chinese Camp,** two covers, first with clear strike of oval handstamp on 3¢ red (U9) entire to San Francisco Cal., printed black Wells Fargo paid frank, other with blue "Wells, Fargo & Co. Chinese Camp, May 21" oval datestamp cancels 3¢ green entire to San Francisco Cal., printed black Wells Fargo paid frank, reduced slightly at right, **F.-V.F.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

652 ✉ **(Tuolumne) Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, Colombia,** blue oval handstamp (Leutzinger type 3-3) on 1853, 3¢ red entire to San Francisco, Cal., black Haller type E printed frank; slight soiling, **F.-V.F.**
Estimate . . . . . $100 - 150

653 ✉ **(Tuolumne) Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, Colombia,** blue oval handstamp (Leutzinger type 3-3) on 1853 3¢ red entire to San Francisco, Cal., black Haller type E printed frank, **Very Fine and choice.**
Estimate . . . . . $100 - 150



654 ✉ **(Tuolumne) Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, Jamestown,** bold strike of blue oval handstamp cancels 3¢ red Nesbitt entire to San Francisco Cal., printed black Wells Fargo paid frank, **Extremely Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300



655 ✉ **(Tuolumne) Wells, Fargo & Co's., Express, Sonora,** blue double-oval handstamp on blue Oct. 21, 1853 folded cover to San Francisco Cal., inside flap docketed, **Very Fine and early use from Sonora.**
Estimate . . . . . $400 - 600

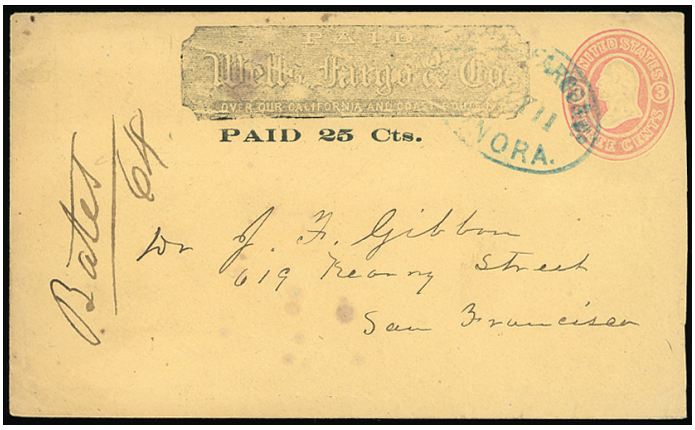
656 ✉ **(Tuolumne) Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, Sonora,** blue oval handstamp on orange buff cover with "Wells, Fargo & Co., Express & Exchange Company" framed corner card to Benecia Cal., docketed "ans", **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

657 ✉ **(Tuolumne) Wells. Fargo & Co. Express, Sonora.,** sharp strike of blue oval handstamp on cover to Sacramento Cal.; flap tear, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

658 ✉ **(Tuolumne) Wells, Fargo & Co., Express, Sonora,** blue oval handstamp and scarce printed red Wells Fargo paid frank on 10¢ green (U18) entire to Augusta Ga., cancelled by "New-York Sep 3" cds; edge tear at top, **otherwise Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200



659 ✉ **(Tuolumne) Forwarded By Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, From Sonora,** black on yellow label affixed on 3¢ red (U10) entire to San Francisco Cal., printed black Wells Fargo paid frank; some minor edge wear, **Very Fine and scarce,** *ex-Hackett.*
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400



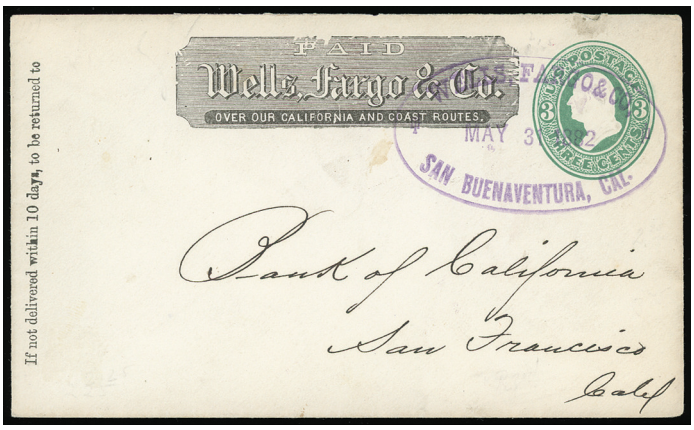
660 ✉ **(Tuolumne) Wells, Fargo & Co., Sonora, May 11,** blue oval datestamp with printed **black Wells Fargo "Paid 25 Cts."** frank on 3¢ pink (U35) entire to San Francisco Cal., docketed "Bates 46" at left; reduced slightly at right, **F.-V.F. and rare frank.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

A very unusual usage as most of these "Paid 25 Cts." Wells, Fargo & Co. franks were used from Nevada on what is beleived to be an Express service.

Ventura County

661 ✉ **(Ventura) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Fillmore, Cal.,** purple oval handstamp on front and reverse of 1887, 2¢ green entire to Loa Angeles, black WFE-060 printed frank at top, violet "Wells, Fargo & Co., Los Angeles, Cal., Apr 30, 1891" oval date stamp, entered the mails with 1890, 2¢ carmine applied by Wells Fargo and canceled by same day duplex postmark, **Very Fine,** unlisted and **believed to be unique**, Wells Fargo carried from small railroad station at Fillmore to Los Angeles.
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

662 ✉ **(Ventura) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Piru, Cal.,** bold purple oval handstamp on front and reverse of 1887, 2¢ green entire to Los Angeles, black WFE-060 printed frank at top, red "Wells, Fargo & Co., Los Angeles, Cal., July 7, 1893" receiving cds, **Very Fine and very rare,** Wells Fargo carried from small railroad station at Piru to Los Angeles.
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300



663 ✉ **(Ventura) Wells, Fargo & Co., San Buenaventura, Cal., May 31, 1882,** large bold purple oval date stamp on 1874, 3¢ green entire to San Francisco, black WFE-030 printed frank at top; minor edge nick at top, **Very Fine and choice,** San Buenaventura was the early name that was shorted to Ventura in 1889, *ex-Leutzinger*.
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

THE ONLY KNOWN EXAMPLE OF THIS UNUSUAL SAN BUENAVENTURA EXPRESS MARKING.

664 ✉ **(Ventura) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Saticoy, Cal.,** purple oval handstamp on 2¢ Columbian (U349) entire to San Francisco Cal., printed dark blue Wells Fargo 1892 Columbian illustrated frank, bearing 2¢ Columbian (231) tied by San Francisco Cal. Jun. 17, 1894 machine cancel, reverse with additional San Francisco Cal. Rec'd (6.17) arrival cds; cover fold wear damages stamp, **Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

665 ✉ **(Ventura) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Ventura, Cal., J.J. Mac Guire (?), Agt.,** Oval agent handstamp (Leutzinger 13-8) canceling on locally addressed 1887, 2¢ green entire, black company frank (WFE-060) at top, **Very Fine,** agent is not listed in Leutzinger and is **believed to be unique.** ex-Leutzinger, Tatham.
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

666 ✉ **(Ventura) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Ventura, Cal., Dec. 4, 1893,** purple 1893 oval date stamp (type 16-2) on unaddressed 2¢ Columbian entire, with additional Los Angeles, Cal. company cds, blue Columbian WFE-053 frank at top, **Very Fine,** Los Angeles receiving hand stamp indicates Wells Fargo carried from Ventura to Los Angeles most likely on Wells Fargo business, ex-Hertz.
Estimate . . . . . $100 - 150



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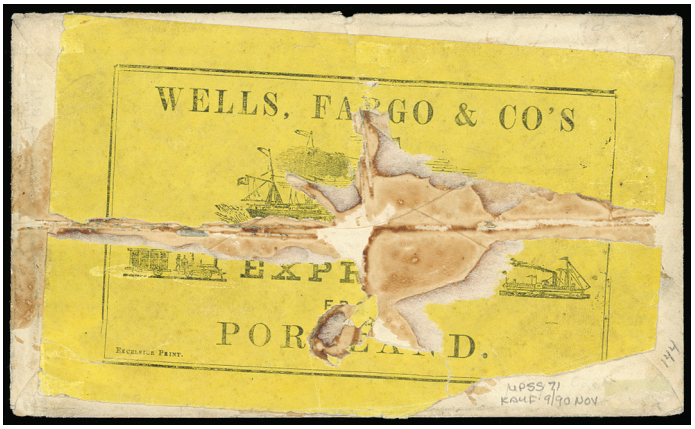
667 ✉ **(Ventura) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Aug. 30, 1894, Ventura, Cal.,** purple oval date stamp (type 16-2) on 1887, 2¢ green entire to Los Angeles, with additional Los Angeles, Cal. company cds on front and reverse, black WFE-060 printed frank at top; opening tears and nick at top, **otherwise Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $100 - 150





668 ✉ **Forwarded by Wells Fargo & Co's California Express,** black on yellow label affixed on 1861 3¢ pink entire with black company frank addressed to **Lewiston, W.T.** (Washington Territory), cancelled with indistinct blue Wells, Fargo & Co. handstamp with bold blue **Collect 50cts** in oval which was applied in Lewiston, forwarded to Red Bluff, Cal. & **large "Wells, Fargo & Co. Express/Portland" illustrated label** (black on yellow) affixed on reverse (partially torn away), **Very Fine, a stunning & rare usage,** Cover illustrated in Coburn's *Letters of Gold* (page 162).
Estimate . . . . . $1,000 - 1,500



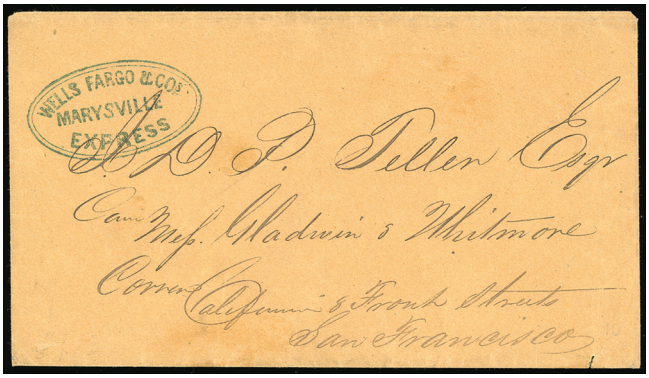
669 ✉ **Wells Fargo & Co., Mexican Route,** blue oval handstamp with matching "Paid" in oval handstamp on cover to San Francisco Cal.; reduced slightly at top and left, flaps missing, **F.-V.F. and scarce.**
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

670 ✉ **(Yolo) Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, Cacheville,** blue oval handstamp cancels 3¢ red (U26) star die entire to San Francisco Cal., printed black Wells Fargo paid frank, **Very Fine,** *ex-Hackett.*
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

671 ✉ **(Yolo) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Knights Landing, Cal.,** purple oval handstamp cancels 3¢ brown on amber entire to Sacramento Cal., printed black Wells Fargo paid frank, **Very Fine and rare marking.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

This town was originally known as Baltimore, became Knights Landing after Dr. William Knight due to the famous ferry he created and established there.

Yuba County



672 ✉ **(Yuba) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express., Marysville**, perfect sharp strike of blue oval handstamp on buff cover to San Francisco Cal., **a Superb gem.**
Estimate . . . . . $500 - 750



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673 ✉ **(Yuba) Wells, Fargo & Co. Express/Marysville,** wonderful strike of early blue double oval handstamp (Leut. type 1-10) on two covers; 1853 folded cover to San Francisco & on cover to Norwich, Conn.with matching "Paid" in oval, both used prior to the issuance of franked covers, one with light vertical file fold through marking, **Extremely Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

674 ✉ **(Yuba) Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, Marysville,** blue oval handstamp on 3¢ red (U9) on buff entire to San Francisco Cal., scarce printed black Wells Fargo woodblock paid frank; bit of side flap missing, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

675 ✉ **(Yuba) Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, Marysville,** full blue oval handstamp on 1853, 3¢ Nesbitt entire to San Francisco, early woodblock frank at upper left, **Very Fine and attractive,** *ex-Barkhausen, Toaspern.*
Estimate . . . . . $100 - 150



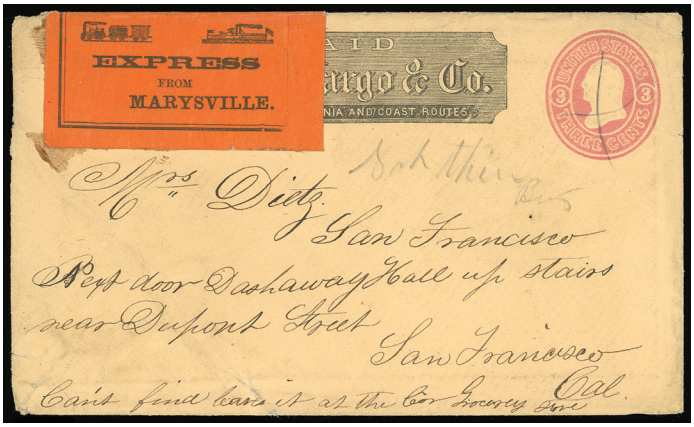
676 ✉ **(Yuba) Wells, Fargo & Co., Marysville, Dec 10,** blue double-oval postmark cancels 3¢ red (U10) buff entire, folded and sealed with wax for use as wrapper to Sacramento City Cal., printed Langton's Pioneer Express paid frank, **Very Fine and unusual conjunctive wrapper use.**
Estimate . . . . . $500 - 750

THE ONLY RECORDED WRAPPER USE CARRIED BY LANGTON'S PIONEER EXPRESS CONJUNCTIVE WELLS FARGO CONJUNCTIVE WRAPPER.

677 ✉ **(Yuba) Wells, Fargo & Co., Marysville, Jun 23,** blue double oval datestamp ties 3¢ dull red (26), small perf flaws, on cover to San Francisco, blue "Decker Jewett & Payton, Bankers, Marysville" corner card handstamp, 1860 docketing at left, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200



678 ✉ **(Yuba) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, From Marysville,** black on orange printed label (Mosher WFCX-L542) affixed over **Langton's Pioneer Express black frank** on 1861 3¢ pink entire to San Francisco, with black Langton's "Camptonville" oval handstamp cancelling; label with some light creasing & preprinting paper folds, **otherwise Very Fine,** a rare express combination, *ex-Hackett.*
Estimate . . . . . $400 - 600



679 ✉ **(Yuba) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, From Marysville,** black on orange label illustrated with trains affixed over edge on 3¢ pink (U35) buff entire, pencil cancelled, to San Francisco Cal., printed black Wells Fargo paid frank; minor wear, **Very Fine and scarce label,** *ex-Hackett.*
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

680 ✉ **(Yuba) Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, Marysville, Cal., May 11, 1890,** perfect bold strike of red oval datestamp cancels 2¢ brown entire to New Orleans La., printed black Wells Fargo paid frank, some stray crayon, **still Very Fine with a remarkable strike.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

681 ✉ **(Yuba) Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, Princeton,** blue oval handstamp (Leutizinger Type 11-9) on 1864, 3¢ pink entire to San Francisco, black company frank at top (Haller Type E); cover reduced at left, **Very Fine,** a scarce town.
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

682 ✉ **(Yuba) Wells, Fargo & Co., Yuba City,** oval date stamp on cover addressed and routed to "Saint Louis Ranch, Merced County, via San Francisco & Gilroy"; slightly reduced at left, **Very Fine,** a rare express handstamp from Yuba City, with only a few known; with 2010 P.F. certificate.
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200



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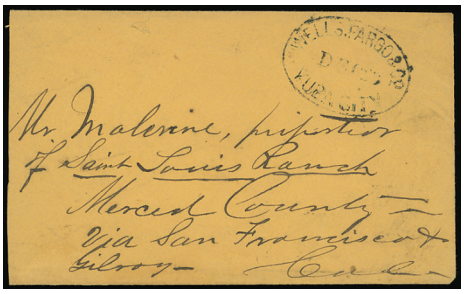

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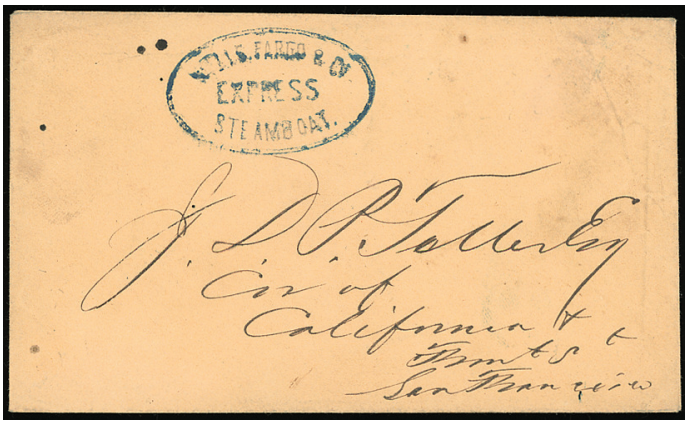
Wells, Fargo - Steamboat Markings

683 ✉ **W.F. & Co's Express, S.S. Oregon, Messenger,** purple oval handstamp on 3¢ green entire to Salem Ore., printed black Wells Fargo paid frank, endorsed "Pr Steamer", paste-up on back with printed black paid frank and red "L & E. Wertheimer, Jun 2, 1883, San Francisco ." double-oval handstamp; opened roughly at right, **otherwise Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300



684 ✉ **Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, Steamboat,** exceptional bold strike of blue oval handstamp cancels 3¢ red (U10) buff entire to Genl. Vallejo at Sonora, printed black Wells Fargo paid frank; flap tear, **Extremely Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $500 - 750

A GEM USE OF THE WELLS FARGO & CO. STEAMBOAT HANDSTAMP, CERTAINLY ONE OF THE FINEST KNOWN STRIKES.



685 ✉ **Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, Steamboat,** blue double-oval handstamp on light buff cover to San Francisco Cal.; some stain spots, **F.-V.F.**
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400



686 ✉ **Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, Steamboat,** blue fancy shield handstamp cancels 3¢ red (U9) entire to San Francisco Cal., light strike of blue "Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, Nevada" oval at upper left, **Very Fine,** *ex-Knapp*.
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

Wells, Fargo - Auxiliary Markings



687 ✉ **Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, "missent",** blue oval handstamp with manuscript notation on 3¢ pink (U58) entire cancelled by blue "Wells, Fargo & Co., Express, Santa Cruz" oval handstamp to San Francisco Cal., printed black Wells Fargo paid frank, **Very Fine & Choice,** An unusual Well Fargo auxiliary marking.
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

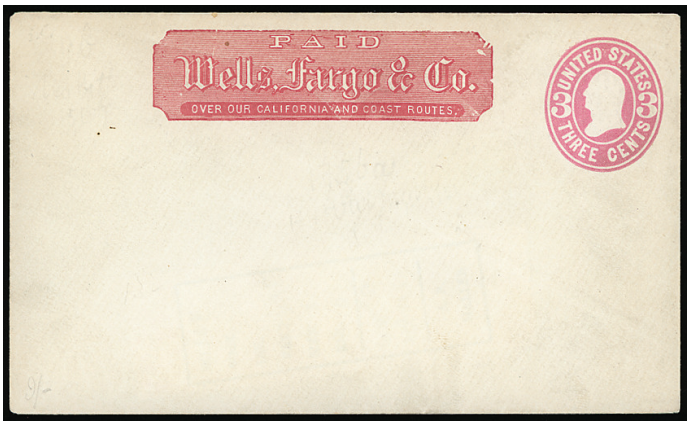
Wells, Fargo - Special Franks



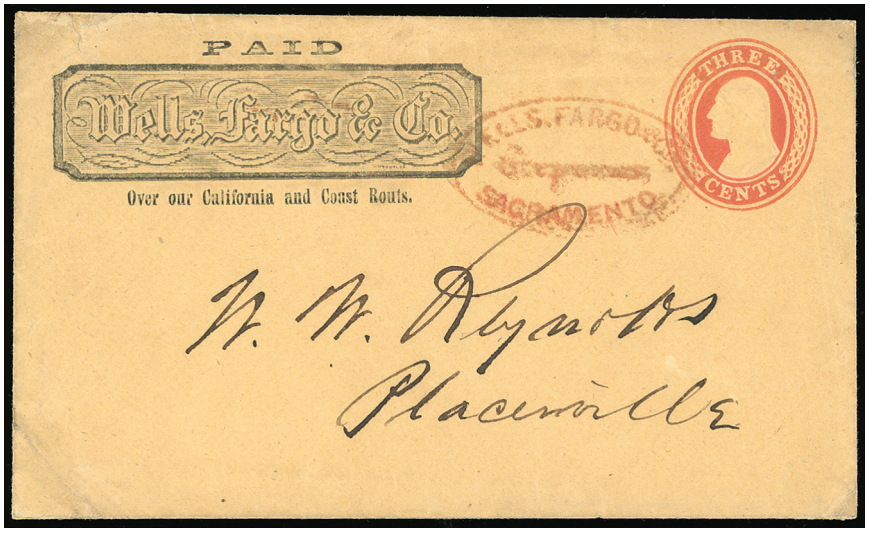
688 ✉ **(Wells, Fargo & Co.) "W. F. & Co." Large Overprint,** on 1864 3¢ pink entire used within San Francisco, entire with all-over advertising in light greenish blue of Importer of Cigars and Tobacco, blue "Paid" in oval express handstamp, vertical frank at left; some edge toning and slight soiling, **Fine,** very rare with only five or six known of the two varieties.
Estimate . . . . . $400 - 600

This large "Wells, Fargo & Co." overprint was used on remainder covers of business who failed and turned in the unused envelopes to Wells, Fargo & Co. for credit of the unused postage.

689 *✉ **Wells, Fargo & Co., Paid, Through Our California and Atlantic Express,** black printed frank (WFE-042a) located top left side of an unused 1864, 3¢ pink entire (U58) envelope, exceptionally fresh, **Extremely Fine,** only **two examples of this frank type have been recorded on the three cent entire**, the other is found on a used envelope to San Francisco.
Estimate . . . . . $100 - 150



690 ✉ **Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, Paid.,** red printed Wells Fargo frank (WFE-031) on unused 1864, 3¢ pink entire, **Very Fine,** an unused example of a frank type that is found with the surcharge omitted (Boise Mines) below the frank, **only two unused examples are known to exist with the missing surcharge**.
Scott No. **U58** . . . . . Estimate $300 - 400



691 ✉ **Wells, Fargo & Co., Paid, Over our California and Coast Routs (misspelling),** black printed woodblock frank (WFE-001) on 1853 3¢ Nesbitt entire to Placerville, early red "**Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, Sacramento**" oval handstamp canceling; expert repair to back flap and top left corner, **otherwise Very Fine.**
Scott No. **U10** . . . . . Estimate $2,000 - 3,000

THE FINEST KNOWN EXAMPLE OF THE WELLS, FARGO & CO. "ROUTS" ERROR WOODBLOCK FRANK.

This is the very rare type WFE-001 frank which is the key to collecting Wells Fargo franked envelopes. Four examples of this frank are recorded. Many consider the "Routs" spelling to be Wells Fargo's first printing of a franked envelope. This is the finest of the four known examples known to exist; three of the known examples are all addressed to the same person at Placerville, Cal.



692 ✉ **Wells, Fargo & Co., Paid, Over our California and Coast Routs (misspelling),** black printed woodblock frank (WFE-001) on 1853 3¢ Nesbitt entire to Nevada, Cal., light early red "**Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, Sacramento**" oval handstamp canceling; expertly restored replacing top and one side flap, **Very Fine appearance.**
Estimate . . . . . $1,000 - 1,500

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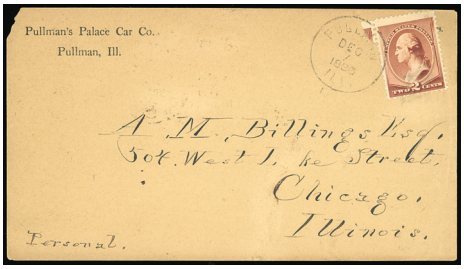

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Wells, Fargo - Railway Markings

693 ✉ **(Railroad) Geo. W. Brown-B, Stock & Merced S. & M. Rte.,** violet two-line handstamp cancels 2¢ Columbian (U349) entire to San Francisco Cal., blue 1892 Wells Fargo Columbian Issue illustrated frank showing train, purple "Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, San Francisco, Cal. Oct 26" oval datestamp, **Very Fine and scarce agent route handstamp.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

694 ✉ **(Railroad) Wells, Fargo & Co., North Coast Route Messenger,** four different oval handstamps on four Wells Fargo & Co. imprint entires, **scarce and Very Fine group.**
Estimate . . . . . $400 - 600

695 ✉ **(Railroad) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, San Jose (Cal) Depot.,** bold strike of purple oval handstamp cancels 2¢ Columbian (U349) entire to San Francisco, blue Wells Fargo Columbian illustrated frank showing train, light strike of purple San Francisco (9.4) oval arrival datestamp, **fresh and Extremely Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

696 ✉ **(Railroad) Wells, Fargo & Co., South Coast Rte.,** blue oval handstamp on both sides of 1864, 3¢ pink paste-up entire to Oakland, early printed corner card of New San Diego at left and black frank at top, blue crayon "Coll." notation, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

697 ✉ **(Railroad) Wells, Fargo & Co., South Coast Rte.,** two different oval handstamps on three Wells Fargo & Co. imprint entires, clear strikes, **F.-V.F. group.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200



698 ✉ **(Railroad) Wells, Fargo & Co., South Coast Route,** blue oval date stamp on 1870, 3¢ green entire to San Francisco, with **very rare overall grayish green "Anaheim Lighter Co., Anaheim Landing" shaded ad**, black company frank (WFE-030a) at left, **Very Fine,** ex-B. Pearce.
Estimate . . . . . $750 - 1,000

The Anaheim Lighter Company was founded to move goods from Anaheim Landing in Anaheim Bay to ships anchored offshore. Its primary purpose was to expedite the shipment of grapes. The water of the landing was very shallow and cargo was moved to ships offshore by lighter. Anaheim Landing was located at the southern end of present day town of Seal Beach. It was Orange County's first Sea Port. Anaheim Landing became part of Orange County in 1889.

699 ✉ **(Railroad) Wells, Fargo & Co., W.P. R.R. Route (Western Pacific Railroad),** fine strike of blue oval handstamp cancels 3¢ green on amber entire to San Francisco Cal., 1870 docketing at left; reduced slightly at right, **F.-V.F.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

1894 Pullman Railway Strike

The Pullman Strike was a nationwide railroad strike in the United States on May 11, 1894. It pitted the American Railway Union (ARU) against the Pullman Company, the main railroads, and the federal government of the United States under President Grover Cleveland. The strike and boycott shut down much of the nation's freight and passenger traffic west of Detroit, Michigan. The conflict began in Pullman, Chicago, on May 11 when nearly 4,000 factory employees of the Pullman Company began a wildcat strike in response to recent reductions in wages. In California the boycott was effective in Sacramento, a labor stronghold, but weak in the Bay Area and minimal in Los Angeles. The strike lingered as strikers expressed longstanding grievances over wage reductions, and indicated how unpopular the Southern Pacific Railroad was. Strikers engaged in violence and sabotage; the companies saw it as civil war while the ARU proclaimed it was a crusade for the rights of unskilled workers.

Wells, Fargo - 1894 Pullman Railway Strike - Pre-Strike

700 ✉ **(Railroad Strike - Pre-Strike) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Claremont, Cal.**, dark purple datestamp (Leutzinger 10-16) on 2¢ Columbian (U349) entire to Boston Mass., reverse with purple two-line "W. Mockler / Chgo. & Kan. City. Rte." agent handstamp, two strikes of magenta "Chicago / May 1 - 1894 / Money Dep't." three-line postmark; light stain, reduced slightly at right, **F.-V.F. and scarce use.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

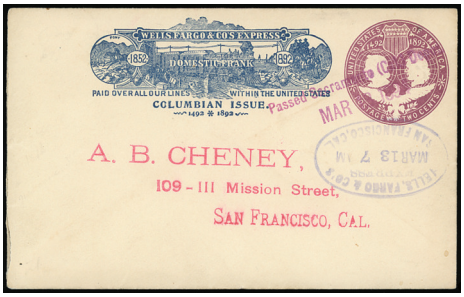
701 ✉ **(Railroad Strike - Pre-Strike) Pullman's Palace Car. Co., Pullman, Ill.,** corner card on cover to Chicago, Ill., franked with 1883, 2¢ red brown tied by "Pullman, Ill., Dec 7, 1886" cds; small cover corner nick, **Very Fine,** the railroad strike started at the Pullman Factory in Chicago.
Estimate . . . . . $50 - 75



702 ✉ **(Railroad Strike - Pre-Strike) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Santa Barbara, Cal., Dec. 28, 1889, Geo. F. Ellis, Agent,** provisional frank handstamp used on 1887, 2¢ green entire (U311) to St. Louis, Mo., with a manuscript "Paid" at top used to create a provisional franked envelope, second strike canceling indicia, uprated with 1887, 2¢ green tied by "Ogden & San Fran, R.P.O., Jan 4" duplex, bank corner card handstamp at top left, **Very Fine,** ex-Mader.
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

Wells Fargo transported east by rail and place envelope in mail for delivery in St. Louis. They had to apply 2¢ green due to cancellation of indicia by agents hand stamp. The only example of a provisional frank known that was created before the Railroad Strike of 1894.

703 ✉ **(Railroad Strike - Pre-Strike) Wells, Fargo & Co. Express Paid, Passed Sacramento (CAL) Depot - March 12, 1894,** violet two-line handstamp on 2¢ Columbian entire to San Francisco, reverse with sender's Sacramento March 12th company handstamp, from Sacramento and delivered to San Francisco the following day with Wells, Fargo & Co. oval receiving handstamp, blue Columbian frank at top, **Extremely Fine,** students to this day do not understand meaning of the straight line handstamp.
Estimate . . . . . $100 - 150



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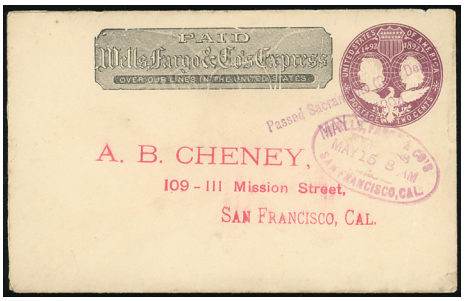

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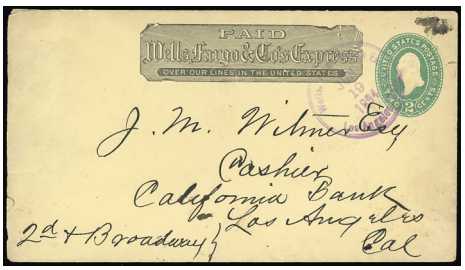

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704 ✉ **(Railroad Strike - Pre-Strike) Wells, Fargo & Co. Express Paid, Passed Sacramento (CAL) Depot - May 13, 1894,** violet two-line handstamp on 2¢ Columbian entire to San Francisco, from Sacramento and delivered to San Francisco in a couple days with red Wells, Fargo & Co. oval receiving handstamp, black frank at top, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $100 - 150



705 ✉ **(Railroad Strike - Pre-Strike) Wells, Fargo & Co's Ex., Los Angeles, Cal., Jun 1894, S.A. Butler, Agent.,** purple boxed agent's handstamp and straight line "FRANK" handstamp on 1887, 2¢ green entire to San Francisco, canceled by purple "Wells, Fargo & Co. Ex., Los Angeles, Cal., Jun 9, 1894" cds, uprated with 1883, 2¢ red brown tying by straight line San Francisco handstamps, **Extremely Fine,** a very rare Provisional Frank usage before the Railroad Strike.
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

The Wells Fargo agent in Los Angeles created and sold this (one other is known outside of the strike period) franked envelopes by adding the word "FRANK" to the top of the envelope and his agent hand stand to the left with only the month/year. He must have felt that he would only be using these created envelopes for a short period (within the Month of June). The envelope was then cancelled with the circular month/day/year hand stamp when used. The two cents stamp was added by Wells Fargo in San Francisco to comply with Postal Regulation due to the Los Angeles hand stamp being applied to the indicia. Most likely Agent Butler was informing San Francisco that he was out of franked envelope and need replacement and that he was making do with provisional franks.

706 ✉ **(Railroad Strike - Pre-Strike) Wells, Fargo & Co's Ex., Los Angeles, Cal.,** two entires dated June 16 and June 19, 1894 indicating that the Los Angeles Office had received replacement franked envelopes, conjunctive black printed frank type WFE-060 used on an 1887, 2¢ green entire (U311), both covers used for local delivery; one with partial sideflap, **otherwise Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $100 - 150

Wells, Fargo - 1894 Pullman Railway Strike - Strike Covers, July 3-11

707 ✉ **(Railroad Strike - Strike Covers, July 3 - 11) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express., Santa Ana, Cal., Jul. 10, 1894,** blue oval date stamp on unaddressed 1893, 2¢ Columbian entire (U349) entire with black frank (WFE-060) at top, San Francisco receiving mark of July 16, 7AM in red on front and reverse, **Very Fine,** ex-Vogel, Tatham.
Estimate . . . . . $100 - 150

Used during the Railroad Strike with a six day transit time to SF. Most likely by wagon to Los Angeles and then by steamer to San Francisco. Used internal by Wells Fargo with an unlisted Santa Ana 16-2 type date stamp.



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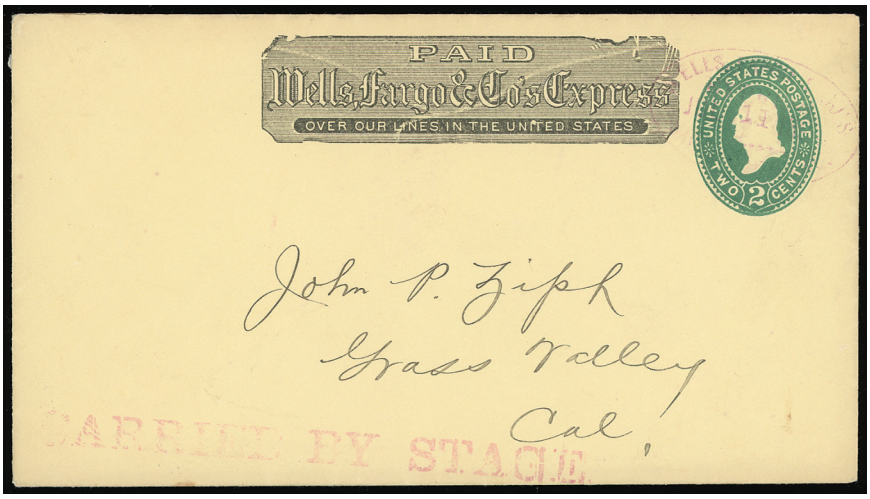
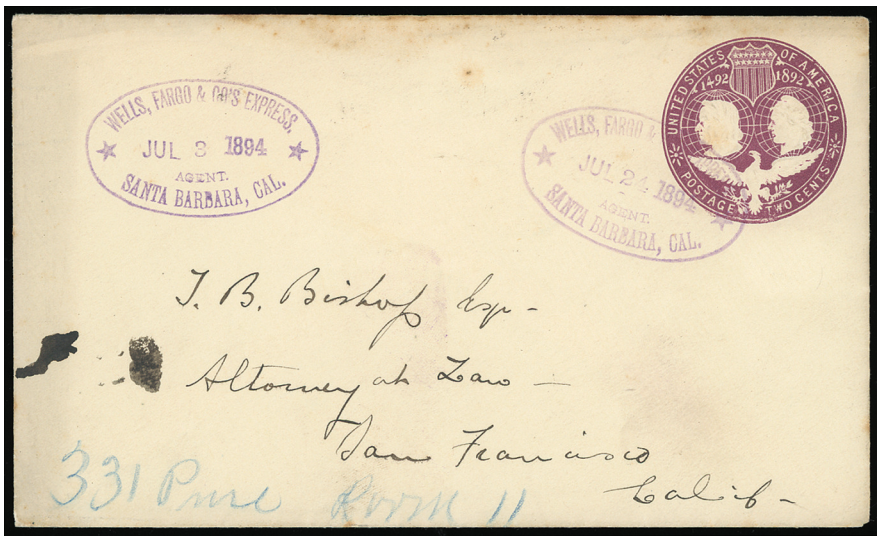
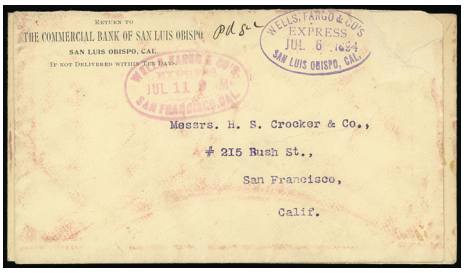


708 ✉ **(Railroad Strike - Strike Covers, July 3 - 11) Wells, Fargo & Co. Express Co's, San Francisco, Cal., July 11, 1894,** red oval date stamp used on the last day of the strike, with matching straight line "**CARRIED BY STAGE**" handstamp handstamp at bottom of 1887, 2¢ green entire to Grass Valley, black frank (WFE-060) at top, **Very Fine,** this is the **only example known from San Francisco used during the strike**.
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

This "CARRIED BY STAGE" handstamp was applied to explain delay in transit due to strike to Grass Valley. The "CARRIED BY STAGE" handstamp is very rare and most likely unique.



709 ✉ **(Railroad Strike - Strike Covers, July 3 - 11) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Jul. 3, 1894, Agent, Santa Barbara (Provisional Railroad Strike Frank Hand,** bold strike of purple oval handstamp applied as frank during strike on 2 Columbian (U349) entire to San Francisco Cal., second strike dated "Jul 24" canceling indicia; ink stain at left, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $500 - 750



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710 ✉ **(Railroad Strike - Strike Covers, July 3 - 11) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express., Santa Barbara, Cal., Agent, Jul. 3, 1894,** provisional frank handstamp on 1893, 2¢ Columbian entire (U349) to San Francisco, red Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, San Francisco, Cal., July 11 9AM oval receiving date stamp; reduced at left, **otherwise Very Fine,** the **earliest recorded provisional railroad strike frank** with a transit time of eight days to San Francisco, this was due to steamer routing from San Francisco to Santa Barbara to L.A. to San Diego, back to Los Angeles to Santa Barbara and then to San Francisco.
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

On July 3rd, Santa Barbara Acting Agent Mark Thompson wrote to Superintendent Leonard F. Rowell in San Francisco informing him that the strike had exhausted his supply of franked envelopes, so he bought 2¢ Columbian stamped envelopes from the Post Office and stamped them with his canceling stamp and sold them at regular frank price. He reported that most of the sold envelopes went to San Francisco, a few to Los Angeles. The following day he reported in another letter that he had sold 327 envelopes all bearing the dates of July 2nd or July 3rd.



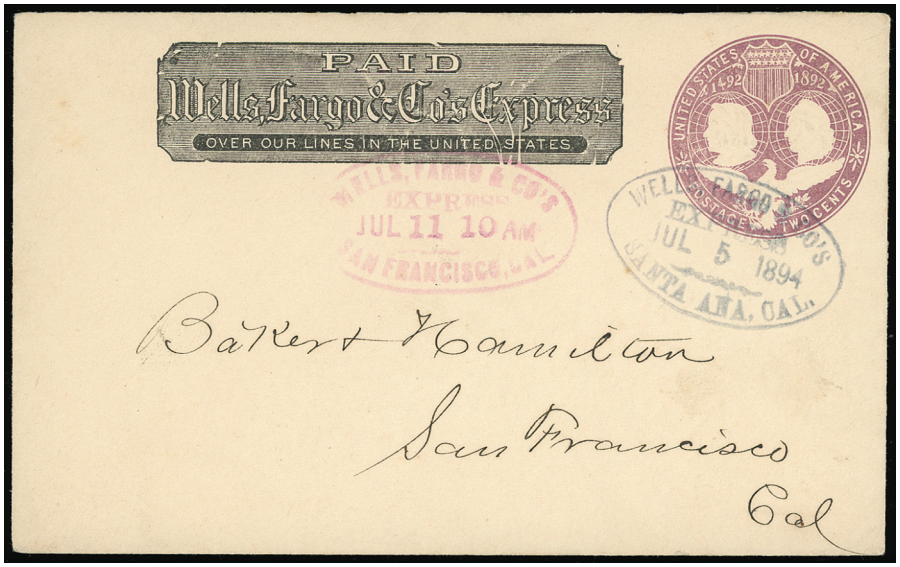
711 ✉ **(Railroad Strike - Strike Covers, July 3 - 11) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express., Santa Barbara, Cal., Agent, Jul. 3, 1894,** provisional frank handstamp in purpl on 1893, 2¢ Columbian entire (U349) as reported by Agent Thompson used on Jul. 9 with matching Wells, Fargo & Co. oval handstamp, red San Francisco July 11 9AM receiving mark records a transit time of two days to San Francisco, this was due to steamer routing from San Francisco to Santa Barbara to LA to San Diego, back to Los Angeles to Santa Barbara and then to San Francisco; reduced at right, **Very Fine,** of the 327 created Santa Barbara provisionals only three are known to exist, this being one with the date of sale plus the date of the usage applied to the cover.
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

712 ✉ **(Railroad Strike - Strike Covers, July 3 - 11) Wells, Fargo & Co. Ex., Los Angeles, Cal., Money Department,** bold strike of dark purple fancy framed handstamp cancels 2¢ green entire to San Francisco Cal., printed black Wells Fargo paid frank, purple "Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, San Francisco Cal. Jul 5" oval arrival datestamp, **Very Fine and rare marking.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

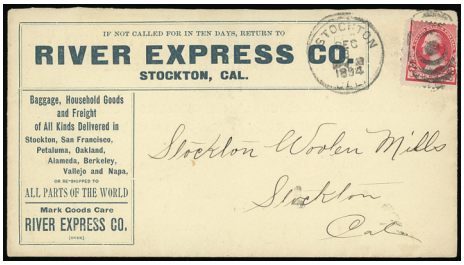


713 ✉ **(Railroad Strike - Strike Covers, July 3 - 11) Wells Fargo Created Provisional Frank, Santa Barbara, July 4, 1894 & Los Angeles, July 6, 1894,** this provisional was created by S. A. Butler, Wells Fargo Agent in Los Angeles by applying his undated hand stamp and the word "FRANK" to the top of the envelope, it was sold to be used in the future and transport to Santa Barbara, this paste-up was placed in Wells Fargo hands at Santa Barbara but had missed the steamer at that location so Wells Fargo transported it back to Los Angeles by stage, when the cover arrived in Los Angeles the July 6, 1894 date stamp was applied killing the indicia and frank. It is believed the flip side of this paste-up was address to Los Angeles, **Very Fine for this,** a very rare double location usage.
Estimate . . . . . $400 - 600

714 ✉ **(Railroad Strike - Strike Covers, July 3 - 11) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express., San Luis Obispo, Cal., Jul. 4, 1894,** provisional frank created by the agent at San Luis Obispo by adding his date stamp as a frank and a manuscript "Pd 5¢" to the top of paste-up cover to San Francisco, U.S. postage is assumed to have been paid with detached paste-up envelope, purple "Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, San Francisco, Cal. July 6, 7AM" receiving mark does not correspond with ocean steamer arrival and suggests that this cover moved by stage, a distance of 230 miles to San Francisco, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300



715 ✉ **(Railroad Strike - Strike Covers, July 3 - 11) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express., Santa Ana, Cal., Jul. 5, 1894, Unlisted Provisional Frank** (16-2 type) oval date stamp on 2¢ Columbian entire to San Francisco, conjunctive black frank (WFE-060) and "Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, San Francisco, Cal., Jul, 10AM" oval receiving date stamp in red that corresponds to the ocean steamer arrival of July 11, 10AM., **Very Fine and choice,** used during the Railroad Strike with a transit time of six days, cover would have traveled by wagon to the Port of Los Angeles and then by steamer to San Francisco.
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300



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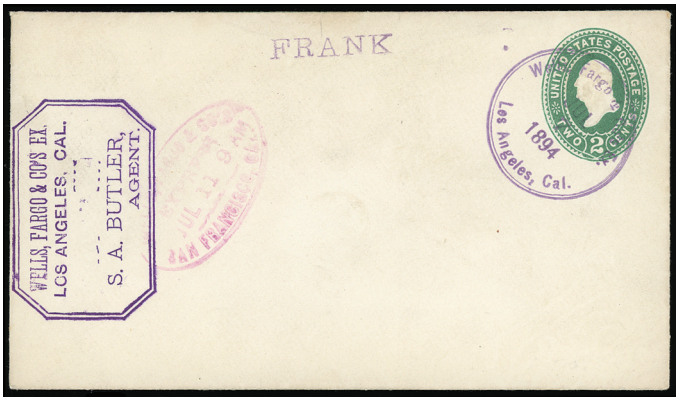
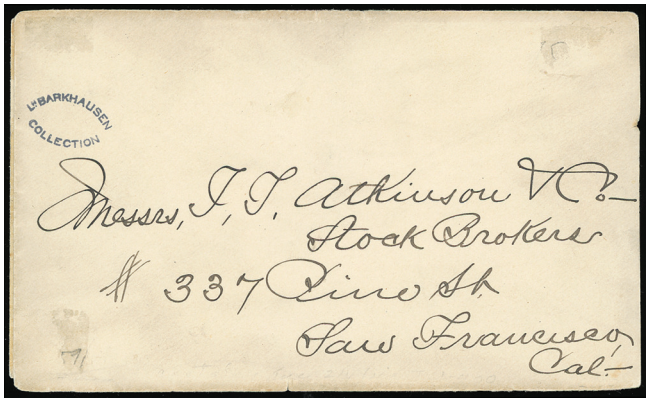


716 ✉ **(Railroad Strike - Strike Covers, July 3 - 11) Wells, Fargo & Co's Ex., Los Angeles, Cal. S.A. Butler, Agent.,** provisional Frank octagonal handstamp (Leutzinger type 24-5) at left on 2¢ green entire to Washington Vt., additional matching "Frank" straightline and "Wells, Fargo & Co's Ex., Jul. 6, 1894, Los Angeles, Cal." cds, purple "Chicago Money Dep't Jul 12, 1894" datestamp, entered mails with "Chicago, Ill. Jul 12, 1894" machine cancel, original July 5th letter accompanies reading "*I know that you must be uneasy about this strike...*"; reduced slightly at right, accompanied by similar unaddressed entire with Wells Fargo Los Angeles Jul. 7th cds and S.A. Butler Agent provisional frank, purple Wells Fargo San Francisco Cal. (7.11) oval datestamp, **F.-V.F.**
Estimate . . . . . $400 - 600

The use of a provisional frank was due to the demand for Wells Fargo & Co. franked envelopes during the railroad strike in 1894.

717 ✉ **(Railroad Strike - Strike Covers, July 3 - 11) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express., San Luis Obispo, Cal., Jul. 6, 1894,** provisional frank created by the Agent at San Luis Obispo by adding his handstamp as a frank and a manuscript "Pd 5¢" to the top of paste-up envelope, reverse with 1887, 2¢ green entire with black company frank paying U.S. postage, red "Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, San Francisco, Cal, Jul 11, 9AM" oval date stamp on front and reverse suggesting that this cover was routed to San Barbara and caught the steamer to San Francisco; large opening tear and with top right corner absent slightly affecting San Luis Obispo marking, **F.-V.F.**
Estimate . . . . . $100 - 150





718 ✉ **(Railroad Strike - Strike Covers, July 3 - 11) Wells, Fargo & Co's Ex., Los Angeles, Cal., Jun 1894, S.A. Butler, Agent.,** provisional frank with matching purple straight line "Frank" handstamp, on 1887, 2¢ green entire cancelled by purple "Wells, Fargo & Co. Ex., Los Angeles, Cal., July 7, 1894" double circle handstamp, paste-up usage with reverse cover addressed to San Francisco, red "Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, San Francisco, Cal., Jul 11, 9AM" oval date stamp, normal San Francisco ocean steamer receiving mark, **Very Fine,** the only Los Angeles Provisional frank example known with the paste-up still attached, *ex-Barkhausen*.
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

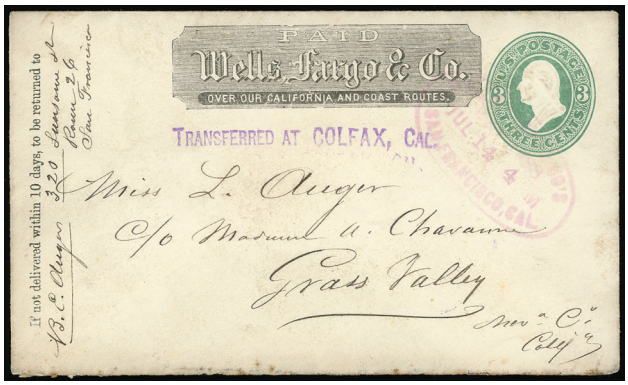
719 ✉ **(Railroad Strike - Strike Covers, July 3 - 11) Wells, Fargo & Co's Ex., Los Angeles, Cal., Jun 1894, S.A. Butler, Agent.,** provisional frank with matching purple straight line "Frank" handstamp, on 1887, 2¢ green entire cancelled by purple "Wells, Fargo & Co. Ex., Los Angeles, Cal., July 7, 1894" double circle handstamp, part paste-up usage red "Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, San Francisco, Cal., Jul 11, 9AM" oval date stamp, normal San Francisco ocean steamer receiving mark, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

720 ✉ **(Railroad Strike - Strike Covers, July 3 - 11) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Fresno, Cal., July 8, 1894,** purple oval date stamp on 1887, 2¢ green entire to San Francisco, black frank (WFE-060) at top, San Francisco receiving mark of July 11, 8AM; slight cover reduction and partial backflap, **otherwise Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

Used during the Railroad Strike with a three day transit time to San Francisco. Most likely by wagon to Stockton and then by bay steamer to San Francisco. Note arrival time of 8 AM while all covers that arrived by ocean steamer on July 11th are marked 9 AM or later.

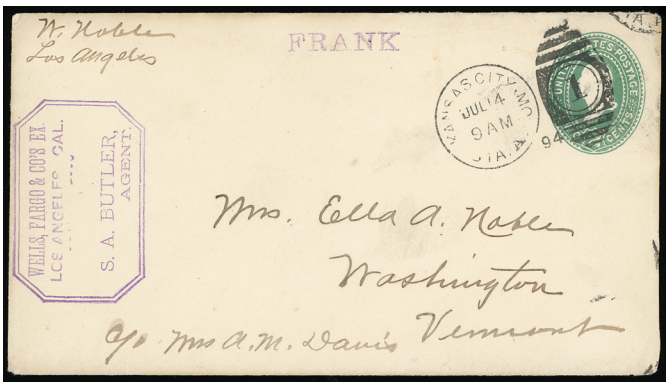
Wells, Fargo - 1894 Pullman Railway Strike - Post Strike Covers - After July 11th

721 ✉ **(Railroad Strike - Post Strike Covers - After July 11th) River Express Co., Stockton, Cal.,** dark blue franked cover to Stockton, entered the U.S. mails locally with 1890, 2¢ carmine tied by "Stockton, Cal., Dec 3, 1894" duplex postmark, missing part of backflap and stamp margin missing at right from cover overlap, **otherwise Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200



722 ✉ **(Railroad Strike - Post Strike Covers - After July 11th) (Wells Fargo & Co. Express) Transferred at Colfax, Cal.,** purple straight line handstamp on two entires from correspondence; first a July 14, 1894 franked entire from San Francisco with letter addressed to Miss L. Auger, Madam Auger's daughter at Grass Valley, second a July 16, 1894 franked entire to San Francisco and re-franked with 2¢ Columbian tied by San Francisco duplex postmark, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

Letter tells daughter that trains are running but due to congestion on the main line it is better to take a stage to Marysville and ride the narrow gage. Letters were carried over main line to Colfax and transferred to a stage service for deliver to Grass Valley. Return cover from Grass Valley also transferred at Colfax to San Francisco.



723 ✉ **(Railroad Strike - Post Strike Covers - After July 11th) Wells, Fargo & Co's Ex., Los Angeles, Cal., Jun 1894, S.A. Butler, Agent.,** provisional frank handstamp with matching purple straight line "Frank" handstamp on 1887, 2¢ green entire, carried by Wells Fargo from Los Angeles using the railroad and placed in the U.S. mails with "Kansas City Mo, July 14, 1894" duplex postmark, for delivery to Vermont, possibly used from L.A. on the first day after strike, **Very Fine,** *ex-Myerson*.
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

A very rare usage as this is the only known use of a provisional frank outside of California & the only known usage on a transcontinental cover.



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724 ✉ **(Railroad Strike - Post Strike Covers - After July 11th) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, San Diego, Cal., Jul. 15, 1894,** red oval handstamp with change in manuscript, on unaddressed 1887, 2¢ green entire (internal Wells, Fargo & Co. usage), conjunctive black frank (WFE-060) at top, purple "Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, San Francisco, Cal., Jul 16" oval receiving date stamp; some light soiling, **otherwise Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

On a San Diego franked post Railroad Strike cover dated July 14 and then changed to July15, 1894 to San Francisco. After the strike the rail line were not clear of traffic. The San Diego Office thinking they could place mail on a train departing July 14 stamped letter as such only to find that mail would not leave until July 15.

Wells, Fargo & Co. - Balance Lots

725 ✉ **Wells, Fargo & Co. - Calaveras County,** group of 25 covers, various towns including Angeles (2), Jenny Lind (2), Milton, Moquelumne Hill (2), Mok Hill (4), Murphy's (2), Murphy's Camp (3), San Andreas (5 including a pasteup), Telegraph City, Wallace, Vallecito, and a preprinted envelope to Campo Seco, most with printed Wells Fargo franks; mixed condition, **F.-V.F.**
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

726 ✉ **Wells, Fargo & Co. - California Express Labels,** group of 8 covers including including "Martinez" black on orange illustrated label, extra large illustrated black on orange label with Santa Clara" oval on reverse of 3¢ Nesbitt entire, Stockton black on yellow label on 3¢ star die entire to San Francisco, Stockton black on yellow label on manila envelope to San Francisco, "Arroyo Grande, Cal" handstamped black on orange label to San Francisco; mixed condition incl. one with replaced indicia, **Fine and rare group.**
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

727 ✉ **Wells, Fargo & Co. - California Shaded Ad Covers,** group of 20 covers including some better: "L.F. Sanderson, River Bank Nursery" (San Jose), "N. & H. Jacoby, General Merchandise" (Wilmington), "Langenberger & Co., General Merchandise" (Anaheim), "Tipton & Burtt, Groceries, Liquors & Provisions" (Red Bluff), "A. Blochman & Co, General Merchandise" (San Luis Obispo), "Skelton Turner Co., General Merchandise" (Snelling), etc.; mixed condition with some rough openings, **F.-V.F.**
Estimate
$400 - 600

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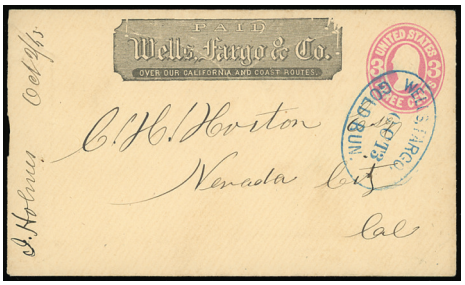

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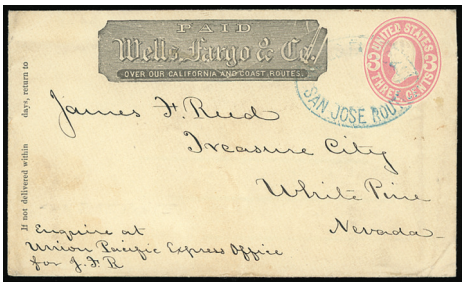

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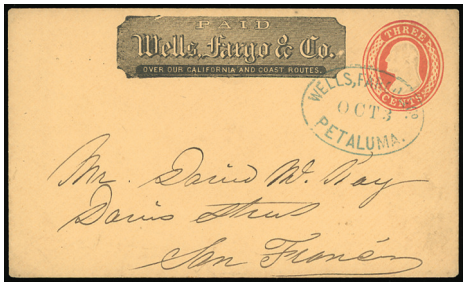

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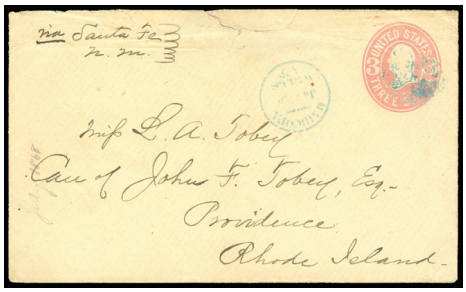

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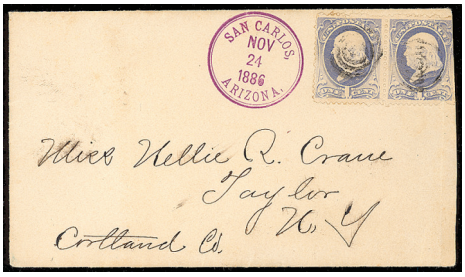

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728 ✉ **Wells, Fargo & Co. - Collection Balance of California Towns,** balance of about 260 covers, many better, a wide variety of towns from various counties including Bannon, Greenwood, Pleasanton, Centreville, Marysville, Loma Prieta, Boulder Creek, Aptos, Watsonville, Oakwood, Los Banos, Yuba City, Ukiah, Kernville, Rio Vista, Lakeport, Hollister, New San Diego, San Diego, Knights Landing, Howlands Flat, Red Bluff, Sonora, Yreka, Woodland, Saucelito, San Rafael, Castroville, Monterey, Ophir, Hornitas, Mariposa, Greenville, Quincy, Round Hill, National City, Calico, Inoneville, Jackson, Princeton, Williams, Orland, Pescadero, San Mateo; condition varied with duplication to be expected, **F.-V.F.**
Estimate . . . . . $3,000 - 4,000

729 ✉ **Wells, Fargo & Co. - Napa County,** group of 19 covers, various towns including Calistoga (4), Napa (5), Napa City (2), Napa Valley, Oakville (2), Rutherford, St. Helena (2), Vallecito and Yountville (2), most with printed Wells Fargo franks; mixed condition, **F.-V.F.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

730 ✉ **Wells, Fargo & Co. - Nevada County,** group of 23 covers including a front, various towns including French Corral (2), Grass Valley (3), Meadow Lake, Nevada (8), North San Juan (5), Sweetland, Truckee (2), most with printed Wells Fargo franks, also includes Boca Station cut out; some mixed condition, **F.-V.F.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

731 ✉ **Wells, Fargo & Co. - Placer County,** group of 20 covers including a front, various towns including Alta, Auburn (4 including one blue frank with town cds), Auburn Depot, Gold Run (2), Illinoistown faulty with Way Bill label on reverse, Iowa Hill (3), Lincoln, Loomis (front), Michigan Bluff, Rocklin, Roseville (2), Summit, Yankee Jims, most with printed Wells Fargo franks, mixed condition, **F.-V.F.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

732 ✉ **Wells, Fargo & Co. - San Joaquin County,** group of 30 covers, towns and markings include mostly Stockton but also Stockton Messenger, two preprinted to Chips, Stockton including one with red frank, Lodi (2), Lathrop, Lockeford (2), Woodbridge and Mokelumne Station; mixed condition, **F.-V.F.**
Estimate . . . . . $400 - 600

733 ✉ **Wells, Fargo & Co. - Santa Clara County,** group of 29 covers including a front, various towns including Campbell, Gilroy (3), Lawrence, Los Gatos (2), Mayfield, Mountainview (2), New Almaden, Santa Clara (3), San Jose (13 including a front), San Jose Route (2), most with printed Wells Fargo franks, also includes Wells Fargo Mayfield Cal. black on orange label pasted to card; some faults, **F.-V.F.**
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

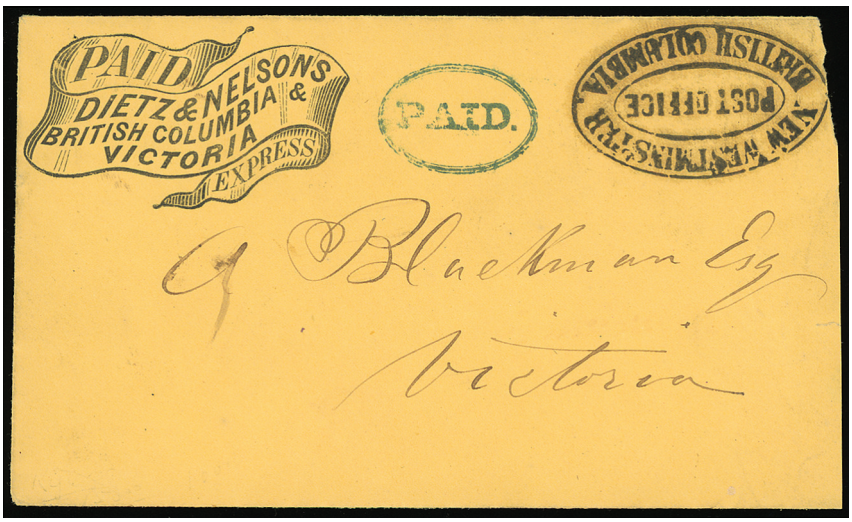
734 ✉ **Wells, Fargo & Co. - Solano County,** group of 20 covers including a front, various towns including Batavia, Benicia (4), Suisun (4),Vaccaville (4 incl. one front), Vallejo (6), Vallejo Route, most with printed Wells Fargo franks; some faults, **F.-V.F.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

735 ✉ **Wells, Fargo & Co. - Sonoma County,** group of 38 covers including 2 Pacific Union express covers, towns and markings comprise Petaluma (10), Petaluma Route, Sonoma (5), Sebastopol, Santa Rosa (4), Healdsburg (5), Geyserville (3), Cloverdale (2), Bodega (2), Bloomfield (2), Windsor (2), and Valley Ford, some mixed condition, **F.-V.F.**
Estimate . . . . . $500 - 750

736 */o✉ **Wells, Fargo & Co. Cover Balance,** 24 covers, includes six 1880's franked entires; town including Santa Barbara, Martinez (part paste-up), "Messenger 97", Unionville, Nev., Colusa, Yreka, Jamestown, etc., five with allover shaded ads; condition varies, **F.-V.F. overall.**
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

737 */o✉ **Wells, Fargo & Co. Cover Group,** includes four large mint entires and one small size, also a 1886 Wells Fargo Kingdom of Hawaii (front) used with San Francisco cancel, 1890 consignee receipt, large "Valuable Package" envelope, etc. (no photo).
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

British Columbia



738 ✉ **(British Columbia) Dietz & Nelsons British Columbia & Victoria Express, Paid,** printed first type ribbon frank (DIE-001) on 1863 cover to Victoria, with blue "Paid" in oval handstamp and bold "**New Westminster, British Columbia, Post Office**" oval handstamp frank (DIE-601); cover a bit reduced at right, **Very Fine and attractive.**
Estimate . . . . . $4,000 - 6,000

A VERY RARE USAGE OF THE DIETZ & NELSONS BRITISH COLUMBIA & VICTORIA EXPRESS FIRST TYPE FRANK ON COVER.

Only four examples of this rare frank are recorded. All are dated to late March or April of 1863 and are used locally.



739 ✉ **(British Columbia) Barnard's Cariboo Express. Collect.,** black on green label (Wellburn type 3) affixed on 1864 cover to **Leeds, England** with manuscript "Via New York" routing endorsement at top, entered the mails with blue oval "Post Office, Victoria V.I." coat of arms handstamp, "San Francisco, Cal., Mar 8, 1864" transit cds and "Leeds, Ap 13, 64" receiving postmark with "1/-" due handstamp applied upon arrival; label with some gum soak stain & scuffing, cover with most of backflap missing, **F.-V.F.**; with 2013 P.F. certificate.
Estimate . . . . . $1,500 - 2,000

A VERY RARE USAGE OF THE BARNARD'S CARIBOO EXPRESS COLLECT LABEL ON COVER TO ENGLAND.



740 ✉ **(British Columbia) Wells Fargo & Co., Victoria,** blue oval handstamp ties **Canada 1870, 6¢ brown** on clean cover to San Francisco, Cal., black company frank with "Victoria, Vancouver Island" imprint below, **Extremely Fine and choice.**
Estimate . . . . . $750 - 1,000

741 ✉ **(British Columbia) Wells, Fargo & Co., Victoria V.I.,** blue oval handstamp on 6¢ purple (U64) cover front to London, England, in combination with British Columbia 1867, 5¢ on 3d burnt red (9) tied by blue Victoria "35" barred oval handstamp, also tied by blue straight line "For Great Britain and Ireland" two-line handstamp, entered U.S. indistinct red New York exchange cds and indicia cancelled by circle of Vs cancel, indistinct red London entry cds at left; address inked out, **Fine,** still a rare usage from Victoria V.I. by express to England., *ex-Bolton*.
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

Western States Postal History

Arizona Postmarks

742 ✉ **(Arizona) Maricopa Wells, A.T.,** blue cds (type 2, rarity 6) on cork canceled 1864, 3¢ pink entire to Providence, R.I., manuscript "via Santa Fe, N.M." routing endorsement at top; cover opening tear at top center, **otherwise Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200



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743 ✉ **(Arizona) San Carlos, Arizona, Nov 24, 1886,** perfect strike of purple cds (Meyer type 3, rarity 4) on cover to Taylor, N.Y., franked with target canceled 1¢ Banknote pair, with original enclosure regarding Indians, living in Adobe house, etc.; cover creased and slightly reduced at right into right stamp, **still Superb strike,** only 6 examples recorded.
Estimate . . . . . $100 - 150

744 ✉ **(Arizona) Tombstone, Ariz., May 14,** cds (type 1, rarity 5) with matching target cancelling 3¢ Banknote on cover to Cedar Lake, N.Y., **Very Fine,** a scarce example of the first postmark of Tombstone.
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

745 ✉ **(Arizona) Yuma, A.T., Jan 20,** strong full strike of cds (type 2, rarity 5) on cover to Auburn, Cal., franked with 1861, 3¢ rose canceled by geometric cork; stamp with clipped corner at top left, **otherwise Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

Arizona Expresses

746 ✉ **(Arizona Expresses) Wells Fargo & Co., Tombstone, A.T., Nov 1,** violet oval date stamp (type 12-3) on fresh 3¢ green entire to Silver City, N.M.; slight reduction at right, **Very Fine for this.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

747 ✉ **(Arizona Expresses) Wells Fargo & Co., Tombstone A.T.,** mostly clear strike of oval date stamp omitted 3¢ green entire to Oakland, Cal., black company frank at top; right side expertly repaired affecting indicia, **F.-V.F. appearance.**
Estimate. . . . . $75 - 100

748 ✉ **(Arizona Expresses) Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Tucson, A.T.,** black on orange label affixed to reduced oversized cover addressed to San Francisco Cal. in care of the Wells Fargo Office, with red "Mar 11, 1881" dated corner card; the label appears to have been moved from its original position, cover soiling and some tears, **Fine appearance,** still a very scarce usage from Tucson.
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

749 ✉ **Arizona, New Mexico and Nevada Cover Balance, 1880s-1900s,** group of 40 covers and cards including 1881 & 1882 Tombstone Az., 1895 East Las Vegas N.M., 1906 Sante Fe N.M., 1887 & 1890 Silver City N.M., 1896 Prescott Az., 1884 Phoenix, 1888 Winslow Az., Roswell N.M., some faulty Nev., etc., mixed condition.
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

Colorado Postmarks

750 ✉ **Animas City, Col., Jun 18, 1878 (La Plata),** magenta cds (type B2) with matching negative star killer on registered 3¢ green entire additionally franked with 10¢ Banknote (defect), addressed to Lake City, Colo., **an Extremely Fine strike,** ex-Bauer.
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

751 ✉ **Antonito, Conejos Co., Colo., Mar 24, 1884,** bold cds and target duplex tying 1881, 1¢ gray blue + 1883, 2¢ red brown on 1883, 2¢ red entire to Dublin, Ireland, receiving backstamp; stamp and cover flaws, **still an Extremely Fine strike.**
Scott No. **206+210+U231**. . . . . Estimate $100 - 150

752 ✉ **Avendale, Colo., Apr 2, 1890 (Kit Carson),** full sharp cds on 1886, 1¢ black postal card to Fort Collins, canceled by matching target handstamp; repaired filing punch hole, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200



753 ✉ **Barnum, 6/26/77 (Gunnison),** manuscript postmark tying 3¢ Banknote on cover to Lake City, Colo., blue bank receiving handstamp, with original enclosure datelined Gunnison Valley; couple small flaws, **F.-V.F.,** the **only reported cover from this five year Post Office**.
Estimate . . . . . $750 - 1,000

754 ✉ **Beaver Creek, Colo., Jun 13,** two strike of cds on 1884, 2¢ brown entire to **Salisbury, England**, uprated with 1881, 1¢ gray blue + 1883, 2¢ red brown tied by cds and target handstamps, New York transit and receiving backstamps, **Very Fine.**
Scott No. **206+210+U277**. . . . . Estimate $150 - 200

755 ✉ **Black Hawk Col Jul 13 [1875],** black cds reflecting name change, on cover with corner card for the **Colorado Hotel** to Ohio, franked with 3¢ Bank Note tied by four ring target cancel, original enclosure & clipping from July 10 Rocky Mountain News discussing wet weather and flooding, reduced at right, **Very Fine and attractive,** *ex-Persson.*
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300



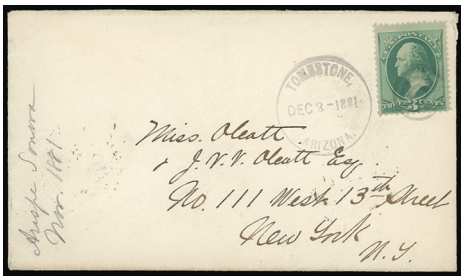
756 ✉ **Black Hawk, Col., Jun 13,** cds with matching grid handstamps tying **1873, 7¢ vermilion + 10¢ brown, two singles** on 1877 cover to **Buenos Ayres, South America** in care of the American Consulate, red "New York, 110, Jun 19" and London transit cds's, receiving backstamp and purple "C.S. Bowers, Buenos Ayres" cachet handstamp at left; left 10¢ with clipped perfs at right, **Very Fine**; with 1883 P.F. certificate.
Scott No. **160+161** . . . . . Estimate $2,000 - 3,000

A RARE USAGE FROM BLACK HAWK, COLORADO TO BUENOS AYRES, SOUTH AMERICA.

757 ✉ **Black Hawk, Point, C.T., Oct 28 1863,** unusual "**custom made**" cds on cover to Brooklyn, N.Y., franked with 1861, 3¢ rose (some short perfs at right) tied by indistinct handstamp, receiving docketing on reverse, **Very Fine,** very scarce, this postmark was used for approximately 10 months in 1863.
Scott No. **65** . . . . . Estimate $200 - 300



758 ✉ **Black Hawk Point C.T., Nov 2, 1863,** unusual first type "custom made" cds on reverse of incoming cover from New Haven, Conn., franked with 1861, 3¢ rose tied by target handstamp, held at post office with straight line "**Advertised**", "**Oct 1**" date and "**Un-, Claimed**" handstamps, **Very Fine,** a rare trio of auxiliary handstamps from Black Hawk Point, Colorado territory, the Black Hawk Point postmark was used for approximately 10 months in 1863.
Estimate . . . . . $500 - 750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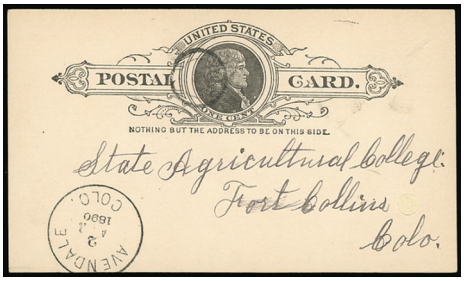
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759 ✉ **Black Hawk Point, Col.T., Apr 27 (Gilpin),** bold cds on **registered cover** to Lairdsville, N.Y., franked with **1861, 3¢ rose, two singles** each canceled by manuscript "No 4" registry number, with additional "No 4 Registered" at upper left; small internal cover hole to the left of stamps, **Very Fine.**
Scott No. **65** . . . . . Estimate $400 - 600

A VERY RARE EARLY REGISTERED USAGE BLACK HAWK POINT, COLORADO TERRITORY.

The letter rate was 3¢ per 1/2 oz. The registry fee was 20¢. This was probably a double weight letter with the registry fee paid in coin.

760 ✉ **Black Hawk Point, Col., Oct 7, '67,** clear cds (Jarrett 19) and target duplex tying 1861, 3¢ rose on cover to Holliston, Mass.; cover reduced at left, **Very Fine,** a late use of this townmark.
Scott No. **65** . . . . . Estimate $200 - 300



761 ✉ **Black Hawk Point, Col., Apr 24,** two strikes of cds and target duplex tying **1861-67, 2¢ black + 10¢ dark green** on 1868 cover to **Farnham, England**, red New York and Liverpool transit cds's, forwarded to Chrislehurst, 2¢ with restored upper right corner, **otherwise Very Fine,** a very rare territorial and transatlantic combination usage, *ex-Sampson*.
Scott No. **73+68a** . . . . . Estimate $1,000 - 1,500



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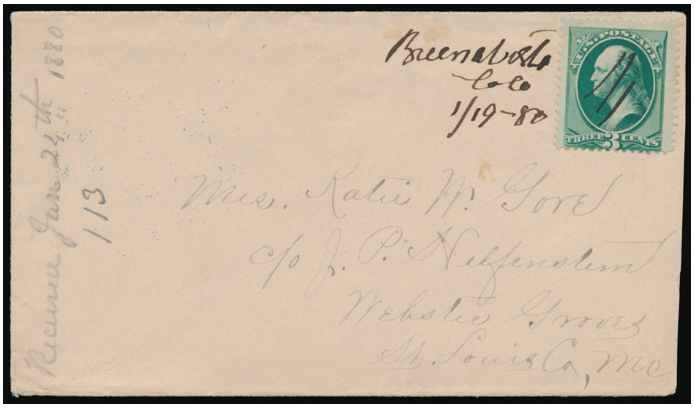
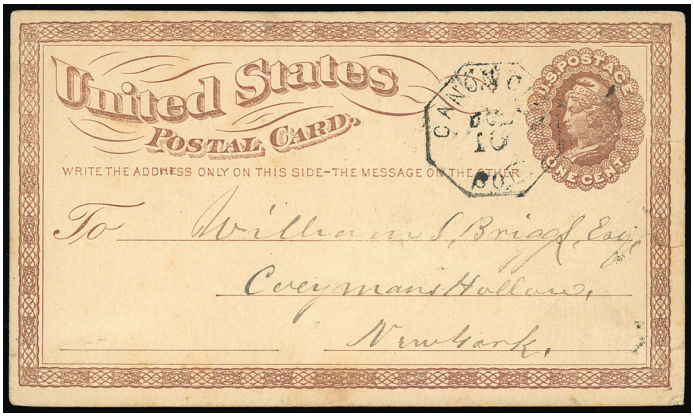
762 ✉ **Boulder, C.T., Apr 8 [1862 or 1863],** black cds on cover to Massachusetts franked with 1861 3¢ rose tied by matching target cancel, **Very Fine overall,** the earliest of four different territorial handstamps., *ex-Persson*.
Estimate . . . . . $100 - 150

763 ✉ **Boulder Col. Aug 9,** second type territorial cds on cover with "United States Court, Little Rock, Arkansas" corner card & interesting original **Boulder Advertising Letter Sheet** enclosed, franked with 3¢ Bank Note & tied by target cancel, the sender was apparently traveling in Colorado for his health, **Very Fine and attractive,** a very scarce item with the used Advertising Lettersheet, *ex-Persson*.
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200



764 ✉ **Buena Vista, Colo., 1/19-80 (Chaffee),** manuscript postmark on cover to Webster Groves, Mo., franked with manuscript canceled 1873, 3¢ green, receiving backstamp, **Very Fine.**
Scott No. **158** . . . . . Estimate $400 - 600

765 ✉ **Buena Vista, Colo., Aug 10, 1880 (Chaffee),** violet cds and wheel-of-fortune duplex cancelling 3¢ Banknote on cover to Pagetown, O., with original enclosure datelined from Garfield regarding mining and mentions the various mines, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200



766 ✉ **Canon City, Col., Jul 10,** octagonal postmark probably 1873 or 1874, well struck on 1¢ first issue postal card to New York, **Very Fine and rare,** the **Only Recorded Example of This Handstamp**, *ex-Persson*.
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

At the entrance to the Royal Gorge of the Arkansas, Canon City became a transportation and supply center for the surrounding territory. This office was established in Kansas Territory December 13, 1860 and transferred to Colorado Territory in 1861.

767 ✉ **Central City, Colo., Jan 3,** cds on 1883, 2¢ red registered corner card entire to Denver, uprated with **1882, 6¢ rose + 1883, 4¢ blue green** tied by bar handstamps, manuscript registry number at left; entire slightly reduced at left, **Very Fine**; with 2007 P.F. certificate.
Scott No. **208+211** . . . . . Estimate $150 - 200

768 ✉ **Colfax, Col., Aug 21,** complete cds with matching circle of wedges handstamps canceling 2¢ Banknote, two singles on cover to New Haven, Conn., pencil "8/20/75" letter docketing which may be posthumous, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

769 ✉ **Colorado City, C.T., Jun 17,** bold brownish black cds on cover to France, franked with **1861, 10¢ green + 1863, 5¢ brown** canceled by target handstamps, New York cds's with "Short Paid" boxed handstamp (double rate), red French "Insufficient" boxed handstamp and "16" due handstamp; 5¢ stamp with tear at top, **otherwise Very Fine.**
Scott No. **68+76** . . . . . Estimate $200 - 300



770 ✉ **Colorado Springs, Colo, Aug 13, 1898,** machine flag cancel (American, Dial 9, Flag 4) tying 1¢ Trans-Miss, vertical pair on allover yellow and rose ad cover for the **6th Annual Colorado Springs Carnival Festival**, to Davenport, Iowa with Elks Hotel corner card, reverse with allover text, **Very Fine and attractive.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300



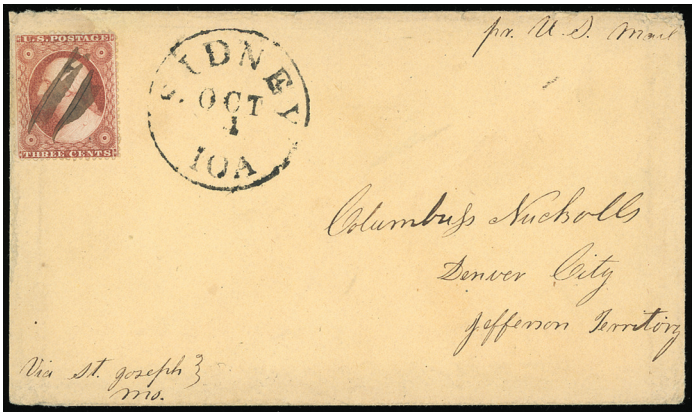
771 ✉ **Conejos, Colorado, Nov,** cds on 1870, 3¢ green entire to **Napoli, Italy**, uprated with 1870, 1¢ ultramarine + 3¢ green, horizontal pair tied by target handstamps, red New York exchange cds and receiving backstamp; tiny margin tear in left 3¢ stamp, **otherwise Very Fine,** a very rare unlisted example of the single circle date stamp from Conejos, quite possibly unique, *ex-Bauer*.
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

This is a confirmed territorial usage as the 10¢ Italian closed mail rate was in effect from 1871 to 1874.



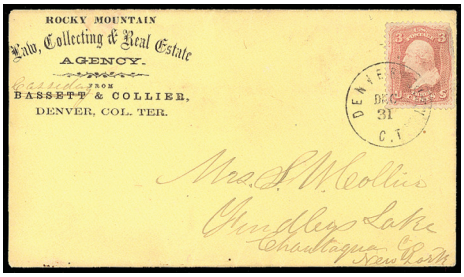
772 ✉ **Conejos, Colorado, Jan. 5th, 1874,** manuscript postmark on 1870, 3¢ green entire to **Berlin, Prussia**, uprated with 1870, 3¢ green (edge flaw) and manuscript canceled, manuscript "By closed mail" endorsement at top, red New York exchange cds and straight line "Insufficiently Paid" handstamp; cover a bit reduced with repaired edge nicks at left, **Very Fine appearance,** the **only recorded territorial manuscript postmark from this post office**, *ex-Bauer*.
Estimate . . . . . $400 - 600

The 6¢ per half-ounce rate was for the direct rate via N.G.U. to Berlin, Prussia. This letter was marked "By Closed Mail" (7¢ per half-ounce), hence the "Insufficiently Paid" marking.



773 ✉ **(Denver City, Jefferson Territory),** address on cover with "Sidney, Ioa., Oct 1" origin cds, franked with manuscript canceled 1857, 3¢ dull red, manuscript "pr U.S. mail" and "Via St. Joseph, Mo." endorsements, with original 1860 enclosure, **Very Fine,** *ex-Dale-Lichtenstein, Kramer*.
Scott No. **26** . . . . . Estimate $300 - 400

The resident of the goldfields, unhappy with the great distance to the Kansas Territorial Government, created their own Territorial government which became Jefferson Territory. The federal government did not recognize this action. A few items addressed to Jefferson Territory exist, but there are no postal markings with that designation.



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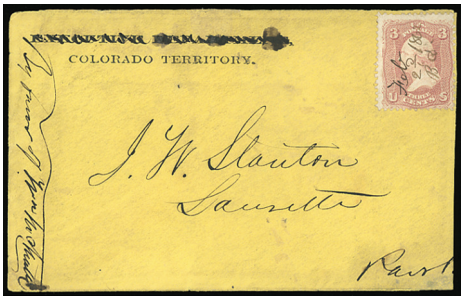

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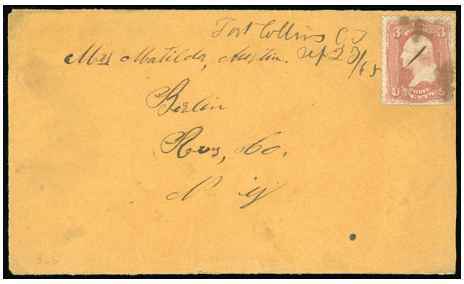

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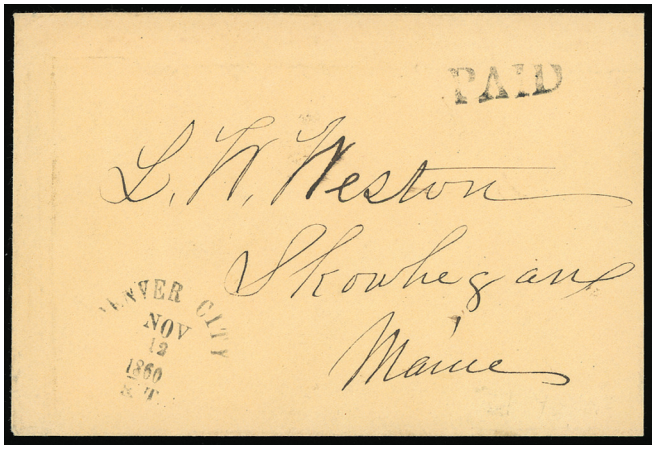


774 ✉ **Denver City K.T., Nov 12 1860,** clear strikes of **serifed "Tombstone" postmark** (Jarrett 65) on fresh cover to Maine, with matching straight line "Paid" handstamp; cover reduced at right, **Very Fine,** an attractive example of the scarce Denver City Tombstone postmark, ex-Rogers.
Estimate . . . . . $750 - 1,000



775 ✉ **Denver City, Kas, April 22 1861,** double circle postmark on 1853, 3¢ Nesbitt entire to Connecticut, **manuscript "Paid 10¢" refers to the express fee from the mining camps** to Denver City, flap torn & part missing, **Very Fine and rare, the rarest of all Denver City postmarks**, *ex-Persson*.
Estimate . . . . . $750 - 1,000

This double cds was intended for use during the interregnum between Kansas statehood and the formation of Colorado Territory, but apparently was not received until after the territory was admitted. Very few examples are known.

776 ✉ **Denver City, C.T., Dec 31,** clear full cds tying 1861, 3¢ rose on cover to New York, with **Rocky Mountain Law, Collecting & Real Estate** corner card; stamp with small edge flaws, **otherwise Very Fine,** this is the first handstamp to place Denver City in Colorado Territory.
Scott No. **65** . . . . . Estimate $100 - 150

777 ✉ **Denver, Col., May 11,** cds and target duplexes tying slightly overlapping **1863, 2¢ black, two singles** on cover to Big Thompson, Colorado, with original 1869 enclosure; cover with small reduction and light vertical fold at left, **Very Fine,** a lovely territorial usage from Denver, ex-Ray-Fosdyke.
Scott No. **73** . . . . . Estimate $150 - 200



778 ✉ **Denver City, Col., Advertised, Aug 28 '65,** cds with matching **"Due 2" in circle handstamp**, on cover originating from Atchison, Kansas & franked with 1861 3¢ rose, cover very slightly reduced at right, **otherwise Very Fine,** *ex-Persson*.
Scott No. **65** . . . . . Estimate $300 - 400



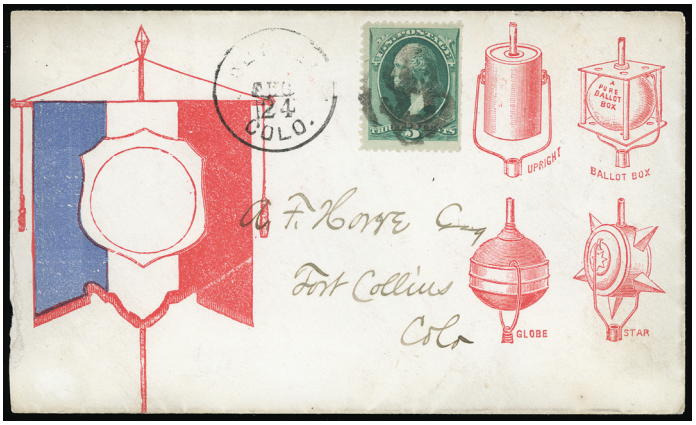
779 ✉ **Denver City, Col., Advertised, Jul 23 '66/Unclaimed,** blue cds with matching **"Unclaimed" straight line handstamp**, on cover from Philadelphia to Julesburgh, C.T., redirected to Denver with manuscript notation "P.M. will please forward to Denver City if not called for in 10 days", along with manuscript "Due 3¢", a blue Denver backstamp dated Aug 29 may indicate when the letter was picked up or forwarded to the dead letter office, some minor cover staining, flap tear through Denver backstamp, **overall Very Fine,** *ex-Persson*.
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300



780 ✉ **Denver, Col, Aug 27,** bold strike of cds and matching framed "MISSENT" handstamp on cover bearing 1¢ blue (63) and 2 black (73), each cancelled by partial targets on illustrated anchor address envelope to East Hartford Ct., matching "Cuba, Ill Aug 31" origin cds, resent properly to Conn., flap with illustrated bird's nest design; original "Cuba, Ills August the 19 1868" datelined letter; reduced slightly at right, **Very Fine, an attractive and rare Black Jack Colorado Territory use.**
Estimate . . . . . $400 - 600

781 ✉ **Denver, Col, Mar 16,** two strikes of cds and target duplex tying **1870, 15¢ orange, H. grill + 3¢ green** paying **single rate plus registration** on cover to Alfred, Me.; 15¢ with faint corner crease at top right, **otherwise Very Fine**; with 2013 P.F. certificate.
Scott No. **141+147** . . . . . Estimate $200 - 300

782 ✉ **Denver, Colo., Feb 3,** cds on tan allover **"Territory of Colorado, Secretary's Office" shaded state seal corner card** cover to Syracuse, N.Y., franked with 1¢ + 2¢ Banknotes canceled by cork handstamps; couple cover edge nicks, **otherwise Very Fine,** an attractive and scarce design.
Estimate . . . . . $100 - 150

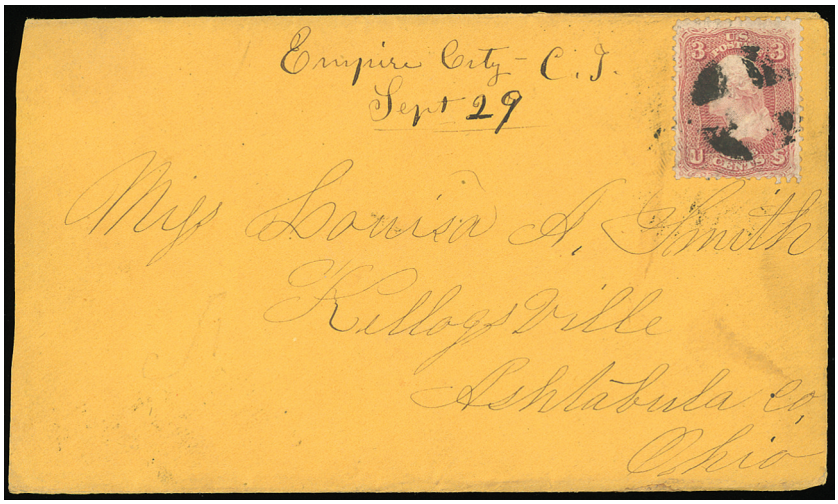


783 ✉ **Denver Colo. Aug. 24.,** cds with matching fancy cancel tying 3¢ Banknote (s.e. at right) on cover with red & blue **illustrated campaign banner and torches ad** with ad text on reverse, to Fort Collins Col. with 1880 receiving backstamp; cover slightly reduced at left, **Very Fine and attractive.**
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400



784 ✉ **Dickson Colo., 5/26/84 (Huerfano),** manuscript postmark on 1881, 1¢ gray blue, two singles uprating on 1876, 3¢ green entire to **Salisbury, England**, reverse with receiving backstamp; entire with small tear at top and small part on backflap missing, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

785 ✉ **Eagalite, Colo., Aug 31, 1891,** town postmark on 1887 2¢ green on blue entire to Germany, uprated with 5¢ small banknote (s.e. at right) and canceled by target, transit backstamps including DeBeque, Colo., **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200



786 ✉ **Empire City - C.T., Sept 29,** manuscript postmark on cover to Kellogsville, O., franked with 1861, 3¢ rose canceled by quartered cork handstamp; slight reduction at left, **Very Fine,** this manuscript postmark is unlisted by Jarrett and or the Colorado PH Encyclopedia.
Scott No. **65** . . . . . Estimate $300 - 400

AN EXTREMELY RARE EXAMPLE OF THE EMPIRE CITY, COLORADO TERRITORY MANUSCRIPT CANCEL.

The name, Empire City was named after New York, the "Empire State", from which many of its residence emigrated. The Empire City post office was established on June 28th, 1861.

787 ✉ **Empire City, C.T.,** matching cds on two covers from correspondence to Philadelphia, Pa.; each franked with 1861, 3¢ rose and tied by town or target postmarks, **Very Fine,** ex-Chase.
Scott No. **65** . . . . . Estimate $150 - 200

788 ✉ **(Fair Play) Feb 2d, 1862, B.Q.,** manuscript date and senders initials on 1861, 3¢ rose on cover to Laurette, with "Executive Department, Colorado Territory" imprint with "Executive Department" penned out, manuscript "Fair (Play)" postmark at lower right with cover reduction into name, **F.-V.F.,** still a very rare imprint cover used from Fair Play.
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

The unusual practice at the Fair Play post office of having the sender endorse the stamp with their initials is known on several covers during this time period. The addressee, J. W. Stanton was an early miner at Black Hawk. It appears he was partners in a quartz mill at Eureka in the Nevada District by April of 1861. Stanton was the company's first superintendent.

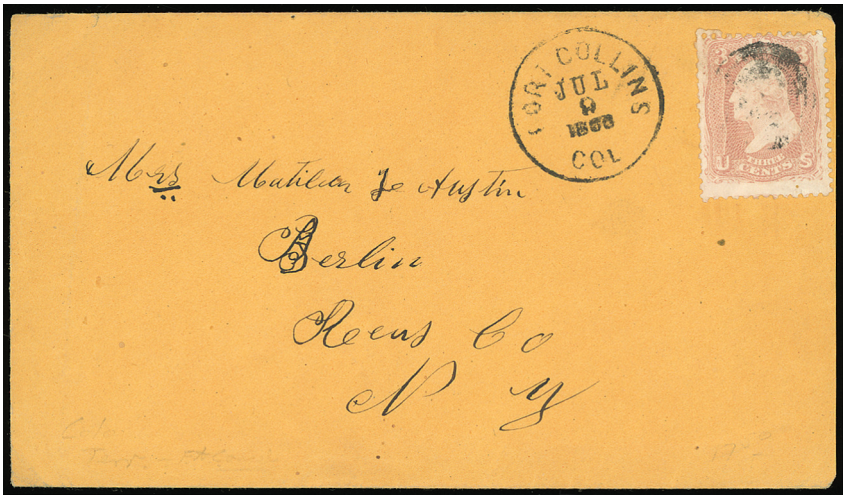


789 ✉ **Fair Play Col., Aug 13, 1866,** manuscript postmark on a very puzzling cover **to France** with a rare territorial use of a **2¢ "Black Jack" plus two 3¢ rose adhesives** for a total of eight cents, **exchanged via Chicago**, where two of the stamps were correctly overstruck with the oblong **"Short Paid"** handstamp (the correct rate to France was 15¢, with prepayment optional), inexplicably, the Chicago office also applied the circular red "Chicago Ill./Paid 12", presumably intended as a credit to France, even though the cover was not prepaid, based on this marking, the French accepted the cover as paid to destination (boxed PD), the other French marking is the "Etats-Unis, Serv. Brit., Amb. Calais" commonly found on such mail, some docketing on face, **Very Fine,** a wonderful Territorial cover to an Overseas destination, illustrated in Jarrett's Colorado book, *ex-Persson*.
Estimate . . . . . $750 - 1,000

Our best explanation is this: The "Paid 12" handstamp was applied by the Chicago office before the short payment was noticed. It should have been canceled at the same time the "Short Paid" was applied, but this was overlooked - a surprisingly rare example of an uncorrected error by an exchange office.

790 ✉ **Fort Collins, C.T., Sep 23/65,** manuscript postmark (Jarrett, No. 95) on cover to Berlin, N.Y., franked with manuscript canceled 1861, 3¢ rose; cover with reinforced edge wear and stamp staining, **F.-V.F.,** a rare postmark used during this office's four month operation.
Scott No. **65** . . . . . Estimate $200 - 300

The site of Fort Collins was originally an encampment for Mormon emigrants. The fort, called Camp Collins, was built in 1864 and abandoned in 1871.



791 ✉ **Fort Collins, Col, Jul 9 1866,** black first type cds on 1866 cover to New York franked with 1861, 3¢ rose (few blunt perfs) with indistinct target cancel, **Very Fine,** mailed during the first 16 month period of operation, the office closed on October 19, 1866, and reopened six weeks later.
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300



792 ✉ **Fort Collins, C.T., June 14, 1869,** manuscript postmark on cover to Angola, Ohio, franked with manuscript canceled 1863, 5¢ brown (2¢ overpayment), with original enclosure mentioning the approaching railroads including the "railroad from Denver to Cheyenne"; cover slightly reduced at left, **Very Fine,** an attractive usage during the second period of this post office, *ex-Bauer*.
Scott No. **76** . . . . . Estimate $500 - 750

An Outstanding Usage From Fort Garland to Cairo, Egypt



793 ✉ **Fort Garland, Colo., Mar 7,** third type cds on small 1874 cover addressed to **Lieut. Col. James Bassil, Egyptian Army, Grand Cairo, Egypt**, franked with 1873, 3¢ green + 7¢ orange vermilion, horizontal pair canceled by light quartered cork handstamps, red New York exchange cds and various crayon accountancy markings, reverse with Brindisi transit and Cairo receiving postmark, with original 4-page enclosure with interesting content regarding events at the fort and **Indian problems in area**…*It is just possible that the hostile attitude of Mr Lo. in various parts of the county may stay the already whetted axe and uplifted hand already to send the fatal blow.* ***One officer & some men so far - Lt. Robinson - have been killed by the Sioux****. I believe, the Hualapi Apachi in Arizona appear to be on the eve of an attack*; repaired cover nick at lower left edge and backflap refolded to show stamps, **F.-V.F. appearance,** a wonderful usage to Egypt from Fort Garland, ex-Bauer.
Estimate . . . . . $750 - 1,000



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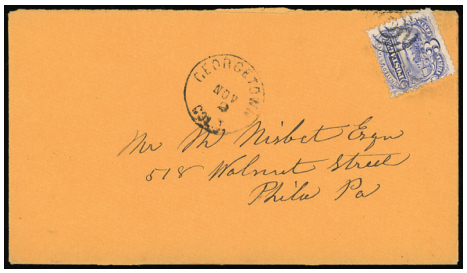

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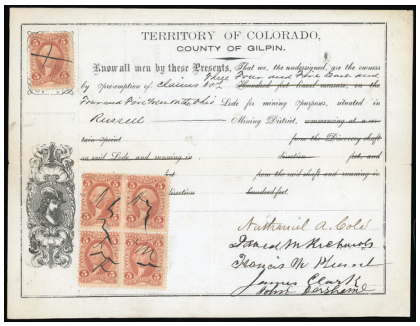

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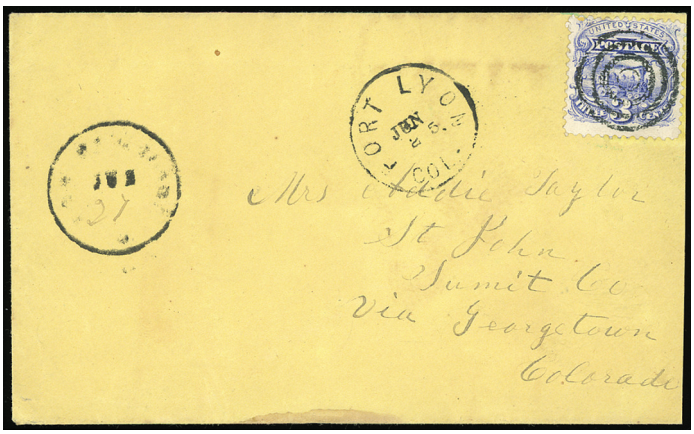
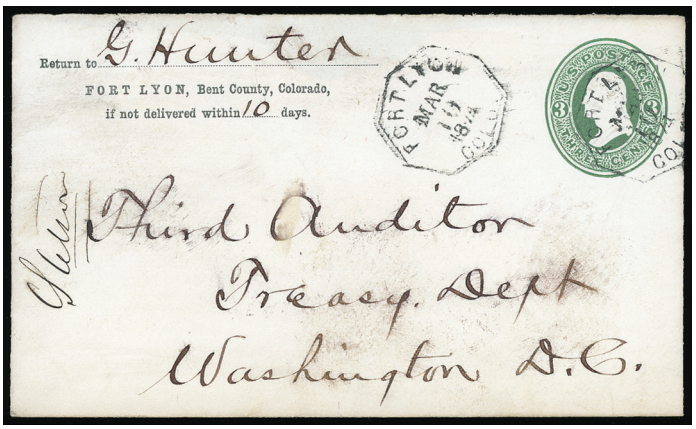
794 ✉ **Fort Lyon, C.T., April 3, 1863,** bold full strike of cds (Bauer No. 1) on cover to Illinois, franked with 1861, 3¢ rose (few nibbed perfs) cancelled by central target handstamp; slight cover reduction at left, **Very Fine,** an exceptional strike of this short lived postmark known used between April and July of 1863, considered to be **the earliest known strike of this Fort Lyon postmark**, *ex-Risvold*.
Scott No. **65** . . . . . Estimate $300 - 400

To protect travelers in the Arkansas Valley, Fort Wise was established near Bent's Fort. On August 2, 1862 the name was changed to Lyon.



795 ✉ **Fort Lyon Col., Jun 25,** black cds on 1870 cover addressed to "St. John, Sumit [sic] Co., via Georgetown, Colorado", franked with 1869 3¢ ultramarine with matching concentric target cancel, illegible cds of Jun 27 which is in all likelihood of Georgetown, Col., despite the fact that no known postmarks are recorded at this time; slightly reduced at right, **Very Fine,** *ex-Persson*.
Scott No. **114** . . . . . Estimate $400 - 600



796 ✉ **Fort Lyon, Colo, Mar 10 1874,** two strikes of octagon date stamp (Jarrett 109) on 1870, 3¢ green return corner card entire to the Treasury Dept. in Washington D.C., missing backflap and some paper remnants on reverse, **otherwise Very Fine,** rare and **believed to be only two or three examples known of this Fort Lyon postmark**.
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

797 ✉ **Fort Sedgwick May 28,** cds on cover to Waterbury., Conn., franked with 1861, 3¢ rose tied by matching target handstamp; cover a bit reduced at left, **Very Fine and scarce.**
Scott No. **65** . . . . . Estimate $200 - 300

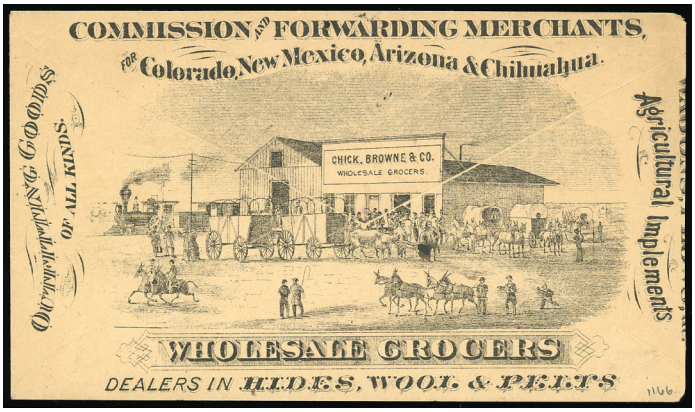
Fort Sedgwick was established to protect the inhabitants of old Julesburgh against Indian raids. A hardship post, many of its buildings were nothing more than sod huts.

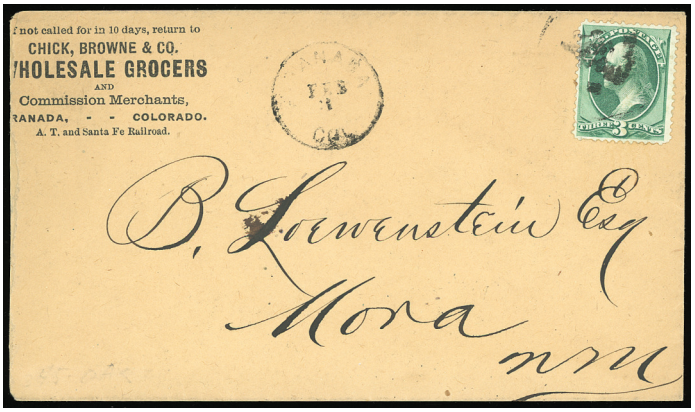
798 ✉ **Georgetown, Col. T., Nov 2 (Clear Creek),** clear strike of cds on fresh cover to Philadelphia, franked with 1869, 3¢ ultramarine tied by target handstamp, receiving backstamp, **Very Fine and choice,** a choice complete strike.
Scott No. **114** . . . . . Estimate $150 - 200

799 **Gilpin, Colorado Territory Pre-Emption Mining Certificate,** 1870 certificate for five claims on the Ohio lode in the Russell Mining District, taxes paid with manuscript canceled U.S.I.R. 5¢ Certificate block of four and single, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

800 ✉ **Golden City, Col.T., Jul 14 (Jefferson),** cds with matching target handstamp canceling 1868, 3 red, F. grill on cover to Kent, O., stamp with perf flaws, **F.-V.F.**
Scott No. **94** . . . . . Estimate $100 - 150

801 ✉ **Gothic City, Colo., Jun 6 1881 (Gunnison),** sharp strike of cds on cover to Cincinnati, O., franked with 3¢ Banknote tied by matching target handstamp, with original enclosure regarding snow prevented work on the claim; cover edge wear, **F.-V.F.**
Estimate . . . . . $100 - 150





802 ✉ **Granada Col., Feb 1,** cds on Chick, Browne & Co. Wholesale Grocers corner card cover to Mora, N. Mex., franked with 3¢ Banknote tied by cork handstamp, reverse with **very elaborate Street Scene with Horse Drawn Wagons, Covered Wagons & Steam Locomotive**, cover slight reduced at right, **otherwise Very Fine,** this is one of the finer examples of this printed ad as most of the known examples are badly reduced.
Estimate . . . . . $500 - 750

803 ✉ **Granada Co., Nov 13,** cds on Chick, Browne & Co. Wholesale Grocers corner card cover to Mora, N. Mex., franked with 3¢ Banknote tied by cork handstamp, reverse with elaborate overall illustrated ad showing **Store front Scene with Locomotive and Wagons**, with 1874 bill enclosure; cover reduced at left, **otherwise Very Fine,** *ex-Meroni*.
Scott No. **158** . . . . . Estimate $200 - 300

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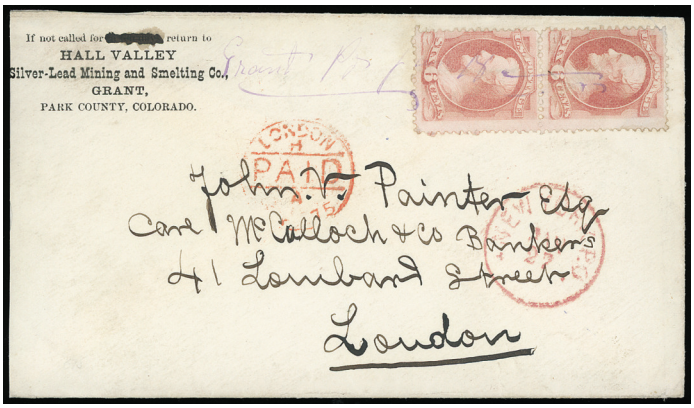


804 ✉ **Grant P.O., Jan 18,** manuscript postmark tying 1873, 6¢ brown rose, vertical pair on **Hall Valley Silver-Lead Mining and Smelting Co. corner card** 1875 cover to **London, England**, red New York exchange and London entry cds's; cover slightly reduced at left, **Very Fine,** ex-Bauer.
Estimate . . . . . $1,500 - 2,000

A RARE FOREIGN DESTINATION COVER FROM GRANT, COLORADO TERRITORY.

This rare usage from Grant fetched $2,900 in our 2013 Bauer Colorado Postal History sale.



805 ✉ **Greeley C.T., June 14,** manuscript postmark on 1870 cover franked with manuscript cancelled 1869 3¢ ultramarine, slight reduction at right, **F.-V.F.,** an early use from this recently opened office, *ex-Persson*.
Scott No. **114** . . . . . Estimate $200 - 300

The Greeley Post Office was started on April 21, 1870, to serve the postal needs of the new town settled by the New York organized Union Colony. It took its name quite naturally from its sponsor, Horace Greeley, famous editor and owner of the New York Tribune.

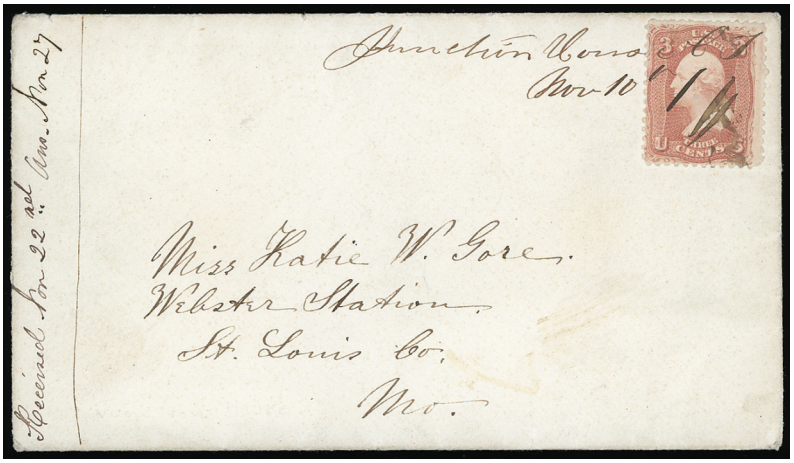
806 ✉ **Greeley Col. Dec 14 1870, red cds** on cover to Pennsylvania with printed **Carpenter & Builder's corner card**, franked with 3¢ Bank Note cancelled by matching red circular cancel, **Very Fine and attractive,** the first type handstamp used in Greeley, *ex-Persson*.
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

807 ✉ **Hancock, Colo., Jun 4, 1882,** cds on 1876, 3¢ green entire to North Guilford, Conn., with original enclosure on Denver, South Park & Pacific Railroad Co. letter datelined "West End of Tunnel"; rough opening at left, **F.-V.F.,** a very rare postmark.
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

Hancock served the workers who built the famous Alpine Tunnel. Its main population peak was in the 1880's and 1890's while the tunnel was being built. Mining was secondary in Hancock. The tunnel was completed in 1881, but the train ran through Hancock carrying miners, passengers and supplies. It is said Mark Twain took the ride one time just for the experience.

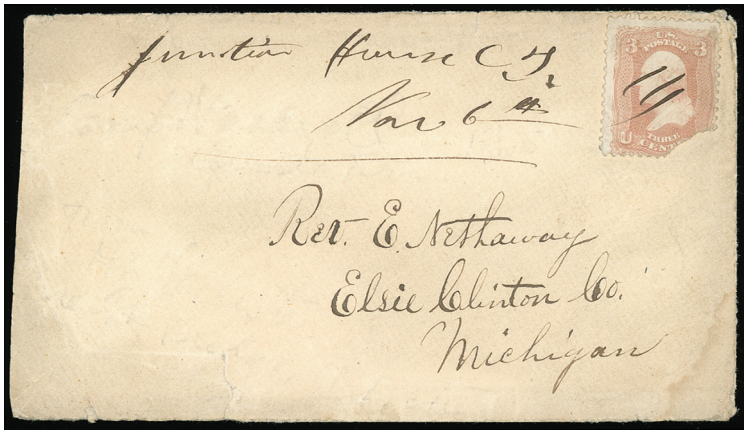
808 ✉ **Highlandlake, Colo., Mar 4 1886,** purple cds with matching light wheel-of-fortune handstamps canceling 1¢ + 2¢ Banknotes on 1884, 2¢ brown entire to **Constantinople, Turkey**, "T/25 Centimes" due handstamp and Turkish "2" rate handstamp, reverse with **Turkey 1876, 2pi stamp** (56) tied by "Constantinople Balata, 22 Mars 1886, Arrived" cds; cover flaws at right, **otherwise Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

809 ✉ **Holyoke, Colo, May 3, 1888,** cds on cover to Illinois, orange shaded all over design for the Holyoke Exchange Bank showing **"Holyoke Colo., 6 Months Old"**, franked with well centered 1887, 2¢ green canceled by target handstamp, with original letterhead enclosure, **Extremely Fine.**
Scott No. **213** . . . . . Estimate $150 - 200

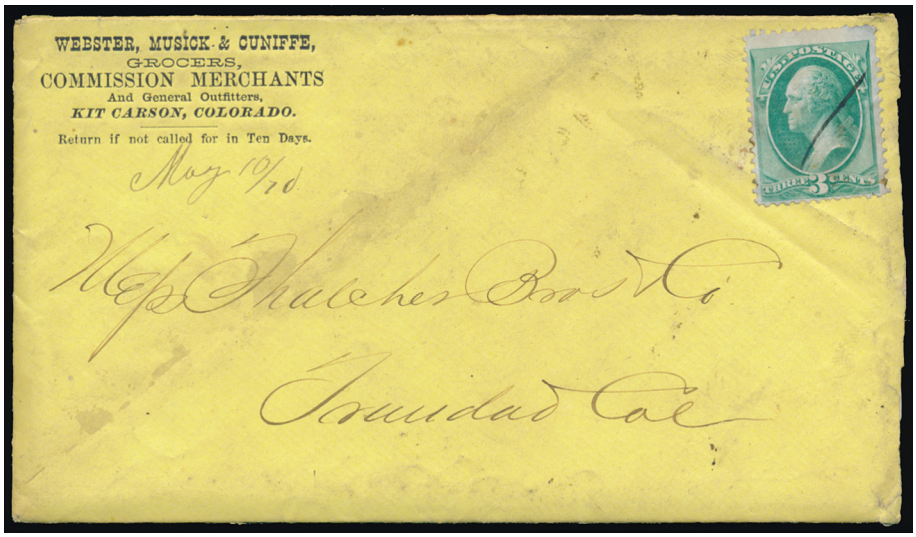


810 ✉ **Junction House, C T Nov 10,** manuscript postmark tying 1861 3¢ rose (few blunt perfs) on 1865 cover to St. Louis, Mo., **Extremely Fine and rare, One of Three Recorded Covers From This Office (this being the finest example),** illustrated in Jarrett's Colorado book, *ex-Persson*.
Estimate . . . . . $2,000 - 3,000

The Junction House post office was located just west of where Beaver Creek meets the South Platte River. Only a month after it opened in December 1864 the office found itself encircled by the Arapaho, Cheyenne and Sioux raids which followed the Sand Creek battle. Beaver Creek stage station, five miles away, was burned on January 14, 1865, and on the overland road stage stations and telegraph lines were destroyed for 75 miles downriver, all the way past Julesburgh. The Junction House post office became Fort Morgan on July 16, 1866. Fort Morgan was established in 1864 to protect the mail service and immigrants along the Overland Trail. Shortly after the post's name was changed to Camp Wardwell. The fort fell into ruins after the soldiers left the fort in 1868.



811 ✉ **Junction House, C.T., Nov. 6th,** manuscript postmark (Jarrett, No. 156) on 1865 cover to Elsie, Michigan, franked with manuscript cancelled 1861, 3¢ rose (defective), with original enclosure datelined **"Q.M. Dept., Camp Wardwell, C.T., Nov 6, 1865"** regarding the consolidation of sender's regiment and sent to Salt Lake City, small cover tear at bottom, **Very Fine, a very rare postmark of which only three examples are recorded**.
Scott No. **65** . . . . . Estimate $1,000 - 1,500



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812 ✉ **Kit Carson, Colorado May 10/70. Combination Printed (As Part of Corner Card) and Manuscript Postmark,** Webster, Musick & Cuniffe corner card cover to Trinidad, franked with manuscript canceled 3¢ Banknote grilled, with original billhead enclosure, with additional corner card 3¢ pink entire from correspondence canceled by light cds and two enclosures confirming Webster, Musick & Cuniffe acted as forwarding agents, also a third different merchant corner card cover with manuscript canceled 3¢ Banknote and no postmark; some cover soiling, **F.-V.F.,** a rare group showing unusual postmarks from Kit Carson.
Estimate . . . . . $400 - 600

A VERY RARE USAGE OF THE WEBSTER, MUSICK & CUNIFFE/KIT CARSON CORNER CARD AS A POSTMARK.

The town name formed part of the printed corner card of the Webster, Musick & Cuniffe, who also where proprietors of the Overland Transit Co. at this time. The postmaster simply added the date in manuscript. This company operated as express and forwarding merchants to such places as Trinidad, Pueblo and Santa Fe. A stunning and important usage.



813 ✉ **Lauret, C.T., Sep 20,** bold cds on cover to Michigan, franked with 1861, 3¢ rose (natural s.e.) tied by matching target cancel, **Very Fine and rare,** ex-Rogers.
Scott No. **65** . . . . . Estimate $1,500 - 2,000

THE FINEST OF ONLY TWO KNOWN EXAMPLES OF THE LAURET C.T. TOWNMARK.

The Lauret, Park county post office was established on November 14, 1861 and the name was changed on December 21, 1865 to Buckskin. A slightly less than comparable example sold our 2013 Bauer Colorado Postal History sale for $6,250 hammer.

814 ✉ **Leadville, Col., Aug 11 (Lake),** faint cds on an **allover illustrated mining scenes** cover to Pleasant, Pa., franked with 3¢ Banknote tied waffle grid handstamp; couple cover tears and slightly reduced at right, **F.-V.F. and attractive,** an attractive example of the Leadville illustrated mining cover.
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300



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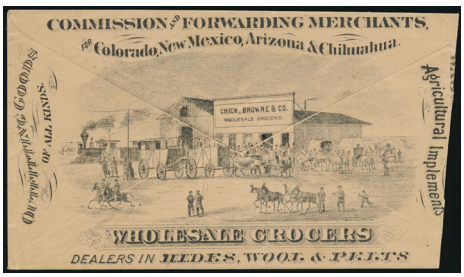

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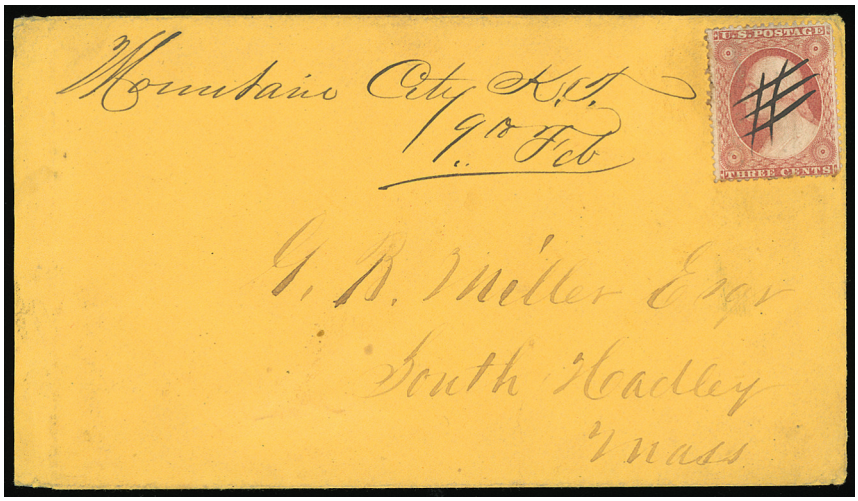
815 ✉ **Los Pinos, Colo., Sep 1 (Saguache),** clear cds and target duplex tying 1873, 3¢ green on 1870, 3¢ green entire to Hartford, Conn., forwarded to Massachusetts; trivial edge wear, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

816 ✉ **Louisville, Colo., V.H. Darrow, P.M., Jan 29, 1881 (Boulder),** bold town and postmaster cds (B2) on cover to Loveland, 3¢ Banknote (s.e. at right) tied by target handstamp, **Very Fine and choice,** the earliest recorded use of this postmark, ex-New, Bauer.
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

817 ✉ **Mahonville, Colo., Jun 2 1879,** two strikes of violet cds on manuscript canceled 1874, 1¢ light blue wrapper (W120) to Connecticut, **Very Fine and rare.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

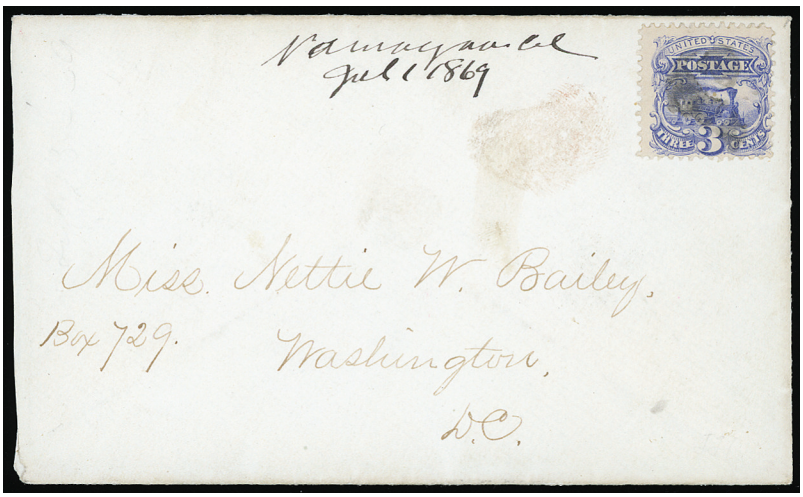
818 ✉ **Morrison, Col., May 12 (Jefferson),** clear cds with matching target handstamp on 1873, 1¢ brown postal card to Grant, Color, reverse datelined 12/5/1875 with message from a Wells Fargo agent about parcel rates; some scuffing on reverse, **still Very Fine,** an **extremely rare territorial postmark, not listed by either Bauer or Jarrett**.
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300



819 ✉ **Mountain City K.T., 9th Feb,** clear manuscript postmark on neat 1861 cover to Massachusetts franked with 1857 3¢ dull red with manuscript cancel, **Very Fine and scarce,** mailed after Kansas statehood but before formation of Colorado Territory, *ex-Persson*.
Scott No. **26** . . . . . Estimate $1,500 - 2,000

By 1860, prospectors had proven the existence of profitable deposits of gold and settlement was rapidly fanning out westward into the mountains. Thirty miles to the west of Denver City, placer and lode mining on the headwaters of Clear Creek led to the establishment of post offices at Mountain City and Missouri City.

820 ✉ **Mountain City, Col., Jul 2, '68 (Gilpin),** choice strike of cds and target duplex tying 1861, 3¢ rose (small margin nick) on cover to Utica, Mich., forwarded to Romeo with "Utica, Mich., Jul 14" cds and matching "Forwarded, Due 3" arched handstamp, **Very Fine.**
Scott No. **65** . . . . . Estimate $150 - 200



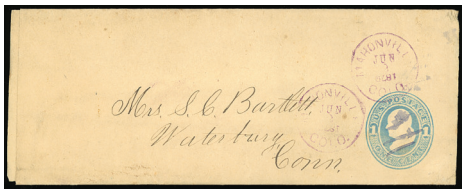
821 ✉ **Namaqua, Col, Jul 1 1869,** manuscript postmark on cover to Washington D.C., franked with cork canceled 1869, 3¢ ultramarine; cover slightly reduced at left, **Very Fine,** a rare short-lived territorial postmark, with known usages between December 17, 1868 and July 1, 1869.
Scott No. **114** . . . . . Estimate $400 - 600

A New Mexico frontiersman, Mariano Medina, opened a trading post in 1858 he called Namaqua, The Overland Stage Line began to use Namaqua as one of their regular stops. A post office opened under that name on January 28, 1868 and was discontinued on January 3, 1879.

822 ✉ **Nevada, Col Ter,** town postmark with manuscript date, tying 1861, 3¢ rose on cover to Mapleton, N.Y., cover tears and fly specking, **Fine.**
Scott No. **65** . . . . . Estimate $200 - 300

823 ✉ **Nevada, C.T., Aug 27 (Gilpin),** blue cds with matching target handstamp tying 1868, 3¢ red, F. grill on cover to Vermont; some light cover staining and reduced at right, **F.-V.F.**
Scott No. **94** . . . . . Estimate $150 - 200

824 ✉ **Petersburgh, Colorado, Dec 18 1885,** exceptional strike of cds and target duplex on 1884, 2¢ brown entire to Girard, Pa., **Extremely Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300



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825 ✉ **Pueblo C.Ty. Feb 8,** black cds on cover to Trinidad, C.T. with **lovely printed Thatcher Bros. corner card**, franked with 1869 3¢ ultramarine tied by target cancel, light stain on stamp, **Very Fine and attractive,** *ex-Persson*.
Scott No. **114** . . . . . Estimate $200 - 300



826 ✉ **(Pueblo) Way Packet, Febry 24/70,** manuscript marking on cover with ornate printed corner card of the "Thatcher Brothers Mercantile House" in Pueblo, C.T. with printed address of the same firm in Trinidad, Colorado, franked with manuscript canceled 1869, 3¢ ultramarine, with original letterhead bill enclosure; few minor spots, **otherwise Very Fine,** a most unusual and rare usage, with three examples of this way marking are known all from the Thatcher Bros. & Co. correspondence, *ex-Bauer*.
Scott No. **114** . . . . . Estimate $750 - 1,000

While there has been much speculation about this cover, we believe that it is an express letter handed directly to the railway mail or express agent to avoid delay at the post office. A similar example realized $2,200 hammer in our February 2008 sale.

827 ✉ **Pueblo Col Apr 11,** black cds ties 1869 3¢ ultramarine on cover to Trinidad, C.T. with **printed Thatcher Bros. corner card**, additional cancelled by target cancel, minor cover stain, **Very Fine and attractive,** this was used during the same short period as the "C.Ty." postmark, and both are very scarce, *ex-Persson*.
Estimate . . . . . $100 - 150

828 ✉ **Pueblo, C. Ty., May 5,** cds and matching target handstamp canceling 1869, 3¢ ultramarine on cover to Trinidad, C.T. with lovely printed **Thatcher Bros. corner card**, with original 1870 letterhead enclosure, accompanied by second similar cover **with postmark in red** (cover corner nick) and postal card usage in care of Thatchers & Bros., **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $500 - 750



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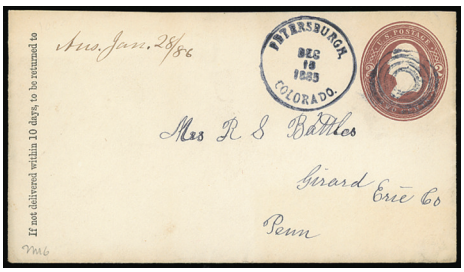

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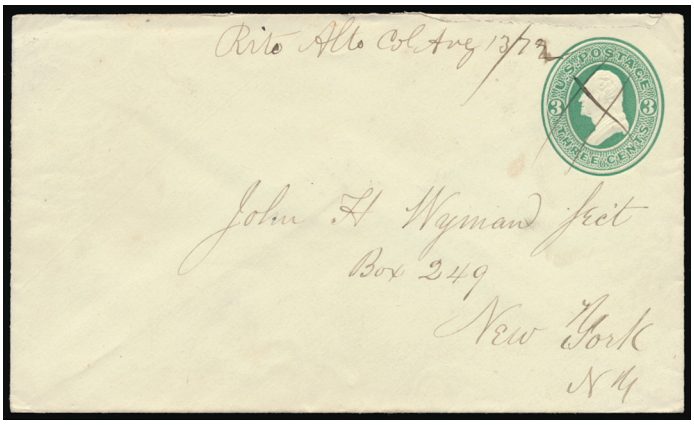
829 ✉ **Pueblo, Colo., Registered, Aug 24, 1898,** bold cds with matching "R" handstamps tying **1894, 10¢ dark green, vertical pair** on registered cover to **Magdeburg, Germany**, red and blue **patriotic Flag design** with "Our County" inscription above, N.Y. registry etiquette and appropriate transit backstamps, **Extremely Fine.**
Scott No. **258** . . . . . Estimate $150 - 200



830 ✉ **Rito Alto Col., Aug 13/72,** manuscript postmark on 1870, 3¢ green entire to New York City, **Very Fine and choice,** the **only recorded territorial postmark from Rito Alto**, *ex-Bauer.*
Estimate . . . . . $400 - 600

The post office in the small town of Rito Alto located in Saguache county opened on February 7, 1872.

831 ✉ **Salida, Colorado, Aug 24, 1881 (Chaffee),** clear cds and wheel-of-fortune duplex on 3¢ green entire to York, Pa., with original enclosure on "Rio Grande Extension Company" letterhead, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

832 ✉ **Salida, Colo., Mar 7, 1900 (Chaffee),** duplex postmark canceling on locally addressed 1899 1¢ green entire, forwarded to Glenwood Springs with 2¢ red tied by quartered cork handstamps returned back to Salida with return postmark on reverse, Official Seal at right and purple "Unclaimed, Return to Sender" pointing hand handstamp; cover soiling and reduced at left, **Fine and unusual.**
Scott No. **U352+279B** . . . . . Estimate $200 - 300

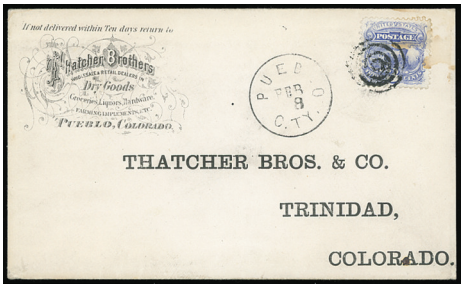


833 ✉ **Silver Park Col, 8-23-80 (Custer),** manuscript postmark on cover to Weedsport, N.Y., franked with manuscript canceled 3¢ Banknote (some clipped perfd at right), **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

Silver Park was a wayside ranch, on the wagon road to Rosita from Puebla, near the head of one of the branches of Hardscrabble Creek. It was a supply town for mining and ranches.



834 ✉ **Spanish Bar,** two territorial period postmarks; first **manuscript "Spanish Bar C.T./Dec 23rd 64"** on cover to Lawrence, Ill., franked with manuscript canceled 1861, 3¢ rose (65), other with **"Spanish Bar, Col./Jan 6" cds** on cover to Philadelphia, with 1861, 3¢ rose (65) tied by target cancel, former slightly reduced at left, **Very Fine,** *ex-Risvold.*
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400



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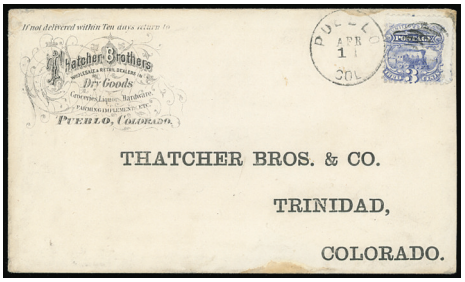

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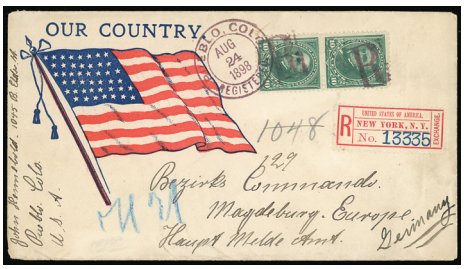

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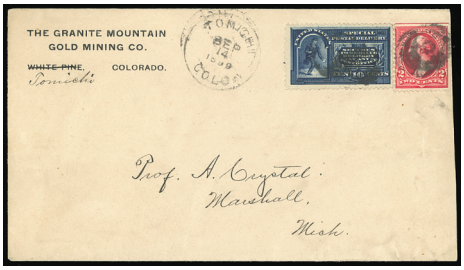

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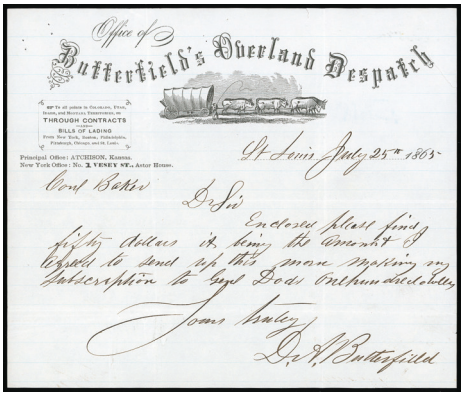

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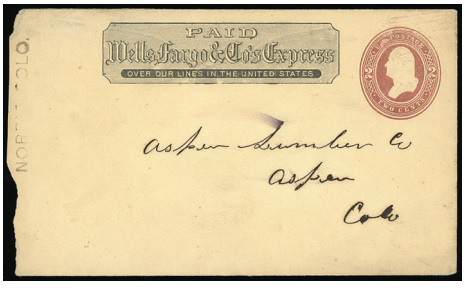

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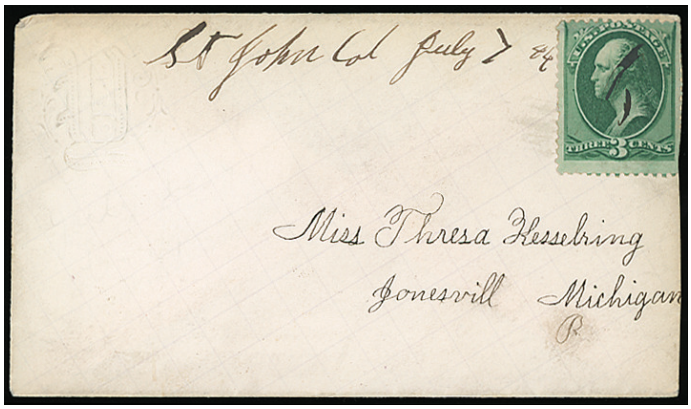


835 ✉ **St. John Col, July 7, 74 (Summit),** manuscript postmark on embossed monogram cover to Jonesville, Mich., franked with manuscript canceled 1873, 3¢ green, **Very Fine,** a **very rare manuscript postmark from Saint John, not listed in Jarrett or Bauer**.
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

Originally named Coleyville, it was renamed St. John (the Baptist) in 1867.

836 ✉ **Stout, Colo., Jan 21 1885 (Larimer),** choice strike of cds on cover to **Sweden**, franked with 1882, 5¢ brown canceled by target handstamp, transit and receiving backstamps; minor cover edge wear, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $100 - 150

Stout was covered by water on the completion of Horsetooth reservoir in 1948.

837 ✉ **"Summit Colo. 7 - 24",** manuscript postmark with matching ms. canceling 3¢ green (184), well centered, on 3¢ green entire to Putnam Oh., Little Annie Gold-Mining Company printed corner card; 1880 arrival docketed at left, **Very Fine,** *ex-Meroni*.
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

838 ✉ **Sunshine, Boulder Co., Colo., Apr 3, 1885 (Boulder),** exceptional strike of oval cogged postmark (B4) with matching target canceling on 1883, 2¢ red entire to Bald Mountain; slight reduction at left, **Very Fine and choice,** ex-Bauer.
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

839 ✉ **Tomichi, Colo, Sep 14 1899 (Gunnison),** cds on Granite Mountain Gold Mining Co. corner card cover to Marshall, Mich., franked with 1899, 2¢ red + 1895, 10¢ Special Delivery cancel ed by target handstamps, reverse with three different R.P.O. transit postmarks, **Very Fine.**
Scott No. **279B+E5** . . . . . Estimate $150 - 200

Tomichi was hit by an avalanche in March of 1899 and 4 of the 6 remaining people in the town were killed. The Tomichi post office was closed November 30, 1899.



840 ✉ **Trinidad Col., Mar 21 1870,** double circle **postmark in red** clearly struck on cover to Pennsylvania with **lovely printed Thatcher Bros. corner card**, franked with 1869 3¢ ultramarine (defective) with unusual matching red circular cancel, returned to sender as undeliverable; enclosed ornate letterhead in gold and black, **Very Fine,** very colorful and appealing, *ex-Persson*.
Scott No. **114** . . . . . Estimate $400 - 600



841 ✉ **Ula C.T., Feby 1, 72,** manuscript postmark on cover to **London, England**, franked with manuscript canceled 1870, 3¢ green, horizontal pair, red New York exchange cds and red London entry postmark tying pair; couple small cover tears at top, **still Very Fine,** *ex-Bauer*.
Estimate . . . . . $1,000 - 1,500

THE ONLY RECORDED MANUSCRIPT TERRITORIAL POSTMARK FROM ULA.

842 ✉ **Whitewater, Colo, Mar 30, 1887 (Mesa),** cogwheel cds with matching target handstamps tying 1881, 1¢ gray blue + 1883, 2¢ red brown vertical pair on cover to **Berlin, Germany**, transit and receiving backstamps, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

Colorado Expresses

843 **Butterfield's Overland Despatch,** illustrated Six-Oxen Covered Wagon letterhead letter datelined "St. Louis, July 25th, 1865", **signed by proprietor David A. Butterfield**, **Very Fine and rare.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200



844 ✉ **Butterfield's Overland Despatch,** gray allover illustrated ad cover noting destinations "To All Points in Colorado, Utah, Idaho and Montana Territories", addressed to Stamford, Conn., franked with 1861, 3¢ rose tied by "New York, Sep 23" cds and fancy geometric duplex, with original 1865 letterhead enclosure from N.Y. office; cover slightly reduced at left, **otherwise Very Fine,** an extremely rare ad cover.
Scott No. **65** . . . . . Estimate $300 - 400

In 1865-66, David A. Butterfield operated this Overland Despatch between Denver, Colorado Territory and Atchison, Kansas.

845 ✉ **The Central Overland California & Pikes Peak Express Company, Denver City K.T. Dec 18,** oval date stamp on cover to Pacific City Iowa, reverse with clear strike of green "Central Overland California & Pike's Peak Express Company, St. Joseph, Mo., Dec 24" receiving oval datestamp, entered mails with 3¢ dull red (26), straddle line s.e. at left, tied by "Saint Joseph Mo. Dec 25" Christmas datestamp; faulty including upper left corner repair, **Fine,** *ex-Meroni*.
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400



846 ✉ **The Central Overland California & Pikes Peak Express Company, Denver City K.T. Dec. 1,** clear strike of oval datestamp on 1853, 3¢ Nesbitt entire to New York, reverse with second strike of Denver City oval without date used as company frank, oval "**The Central Overland and California, Pikes Peak, Express Company, St. Joseph, Mo., Dec 10**" date stamp, entered the U.S. mails with "Saint Joseph Mo. Dec. 11" cds and matching grid canceling, manuscript "Due 3" reiterated in pencil indicating a double weight letter, **Very Fine and choice,** *ex-Barkhausen, Rogers*.
Estimate . . . . . $1,500 - 2,000

This entire was sent outside the mails from Denver to St. Joseph via the Central Overland Route (Denver-Julesburg-Fort Kearney) on a COC&PP coach. From there it entered the mails to New York.

847 ✉ **The Central Overland California & Pikes Peak Express Company Jul 12 (1860) Denver City K.T,** clear oval handstamp on yellow cover franked with **1857, 3¢ dull red** tied by blue "Saint Joseph, Mo." cds with **"Hinckley & Co.'s Express, Denver City, Jul 13, 1860"** cds alongside, right ¼ inch of cover has been added including portion of stamp, however strikes are very fine, **Fine,** cover was carried by COC & PP Express to Denver and turned over to Hinckley who carried to St. Joseph.
Scott No. **26** . . . . . Estimate $300 - 400

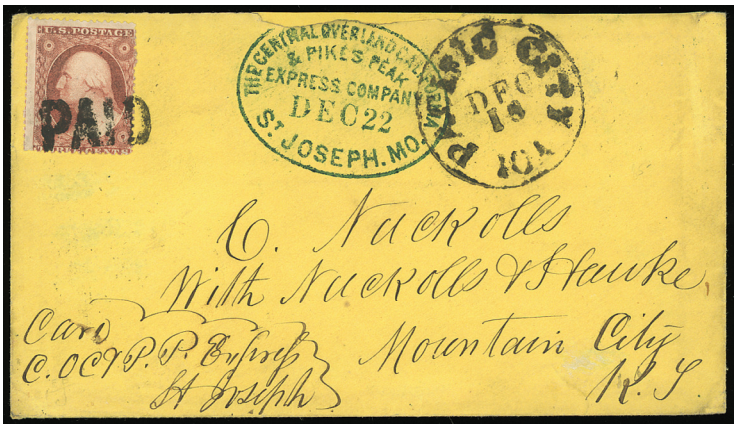


848 ✉ **The Central Overland California & Pike's Peak Express Co., Denver City K.T., May 4,** clear strike of oval date stamp on 1861 cover to De Kalb, Illinois, franked with **1857 3¢ dull red** (s.e. at right) tied by green "St. Joseph, Mo., May 14" cds, missent and forwarded with "De Kalb, Mo., May 21" cds, with original enclosure datelined "Denver May 2, 1861", **Very Fine.**
Scott No. **26** . . . . . Estimate $750 - 1,000

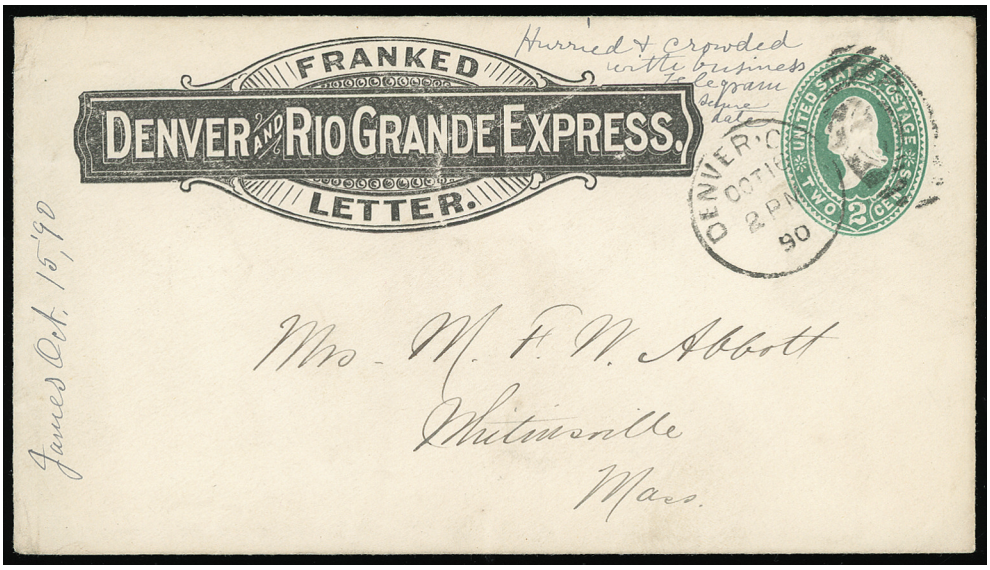


849 ✉ **The Central Overland California & Pike's Peak Express Co., St. Joseph, Mo., Nov 15,** oval date stamp over manuscript routing endorsement with additional "Collect 15cts", on cover to Denver City, Kansas, franked with 1857, 3¢ dull red tied by "Pacific City, Ioa., Nov 12" origin cds, forwarded to Mountain City with instructional notation from the Denver Post Master "*Have your Letters Directed to Mountain City & we will send them on. P.M. at Denver City*" at bottom left; stamp with small defects in top right corner and cover minor corner stain at top left, **still Very Fine,** *ex-Dale-Lichtenstein*; **with 2004 P.F. certificate.**
Scott No. **26** . . . . . Estimate $2,000 - 3,000

A WONDERFUL CENTRAL OVERLAND CALIFORNIA & PIKE'S PEAK EXPRESS CO. USAGE FROM PACIFIC CITY, IOWA.



850 ✉ **The Central Overland California & Pike's Peak Express Company, St. Joseph. Mo., Dec 22,** neat blue oval handstamp on yellow cover from Iowa franked with **1857 3¢ dull red** tied by bold straight line "Paid" handstamp, with matching **"Pacific City, Ioa."** cds, addressed to **Mountain City, K.T., which later became part of Colorado Territory**, endorsed "Care C.O.C & P.P. Express/St. Joseph" at bottom left, flap missing & small repair at top, just affecting marking, **Extremely Fine appearance.**
Scott No. **26** . . . . . Estimate $750 - 1,000



851 ✉ **Denver and Rio Grande Express,** black frank (DEN-001) on 1887, 2¢ green entire to Whitinville, Mass., entered the U.S. mails with "Denver, Col., Oct 16, 90" duplex postmark canceling, Oct. 15 docketing at left and notation "Hurried & crowded with business, telegram secure date" at top, receiving backstamp, **Extremely Fine,** without question one of the finest known Denver and Rio Grande Express franked entires, with only ten recorded usages of this frank.
Scott No. **U311** . . . . . Estimate $500 - 750

The Denver and Rio Grande Railroad ran this express service as part of their rail service over the railroad lines throughout Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming.



852 ✉ **Hinckley & Co.'s Express, Denver City, July 30, 1860,** clear cds on 1853, 3¢ Nesbitt entire to **Denver City, Jefferson Territory**, neat "Superior, Wis. Jul 2, 1860" origin cds cancelling; cover slightly reduced at left, **Very Fine,** ex-Gibson, Dale-Lichtenstein and Kramer.
Scott No. **U2**. . . . . Estimate $400 - 600

The resident of the goldfields, unhappy with the great distance to the Kansas Territorial Government, created their own Territorial government which became Jefferson Territory. The federal government did not recognize this action. A few items addressed to Jefferson Territory exist, but there are no postal or express markings with that designation.



853 ✉ **Hinckley & Co.'s Express, Denver City, Aug 9, 1860,** clear strike of cds on cover addressed to "**W.R. Dorn, Nevada City, Arapahoe County, Kansas Territory**", franked with 1857, 3¢ dull red, horizontal pair (tiny perf flaws) tied by manuscript "**Dorn's Gold Mine, SoCa. 24 Jul, 1860**" manuscript cancel, endorsed at bottom left manuscript "Care Hinckley & Co., St Joseph, Missouri"; light cover soiling and expertly restored edge faults, **F.-V.F., a wonderful usage from Dorn's Gold Mine, S.C. to a Dorn family member, or perhaps William Dorn himself, in the Colorado Pikes Peak Gold Region during the Kansas territory period** and one of the very few known postmarks from Dorn's Gold Mine, S.C.
Scott No. **26** . . . . . Estimate $1,500 - 2,000

Dorn's Gold Mine was struck in 1852 by William Dorn, who excavated nearly one million dollars in gold before the vein was exhausted in the late 1850s. Dorn used slaves to excavate the dirt and employed several different types of mills to process the gold. Dorn became a wealthy man but lost much of his fortune after the Civil War. Dorn's Gold Mine, the town, was granted a U.S. Post Office on April 5, 1857 and its first Postmaster was Mr. James Dorn.

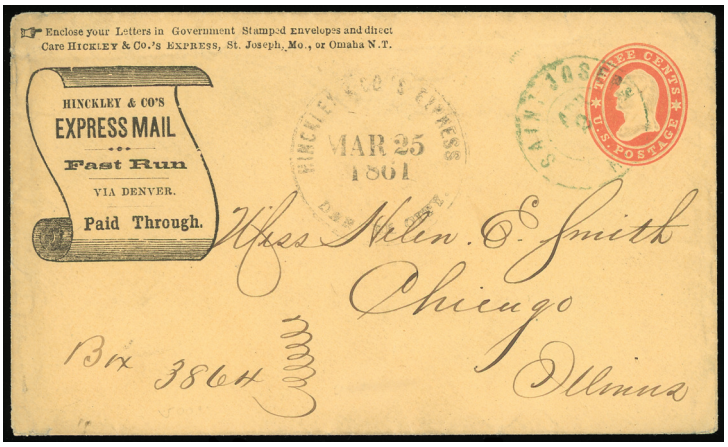


854 ✉ **Hinckley & Co.'s Express Mail,** printed frank in scroll (Haller FH7, Ty. 1), "Hinckley & Co.'s Express Denver City Nov. 26, 1860" circular datestamp on 1853, 3¢ Nesbitt entire to Carlyle Ill., bold "Saint Joseph Mo. Dec. 6" double-circle datestamp and grid, neatly repaired edge faults and slightly reduced at right, **otherwise Fine,** very scarce.
Scott No. **U9**. . . . . Estimate $750 - 1,000



855 ✉ **Hinckley & Co's Express, Printed Frank with "St Joseph, Missouri" Instead of "Denver"** (Thomas unlisted) curiously used on 1853, 3¢ Nesbitt entire eastbound to Wisconsin, with "Hinckley & Co's Express, Denver City, Dec 3, 1860" cds and "St. Joseph, Mo., Dec 13" cds with matching grid canceling; cover repaired at left with part of printed frank drawn in, **Very Fine appearance,** illustrated in Jarrett's Colorado book, *ex-Barkhausen, Persson*.
Estimate . . . . . $1,000 - 1,500

THE UNIQUE EXAMPLE OF THE HINCKLEY & CO'S "ST JOSEPH, MISSOURI" EXPRESS FRANK.

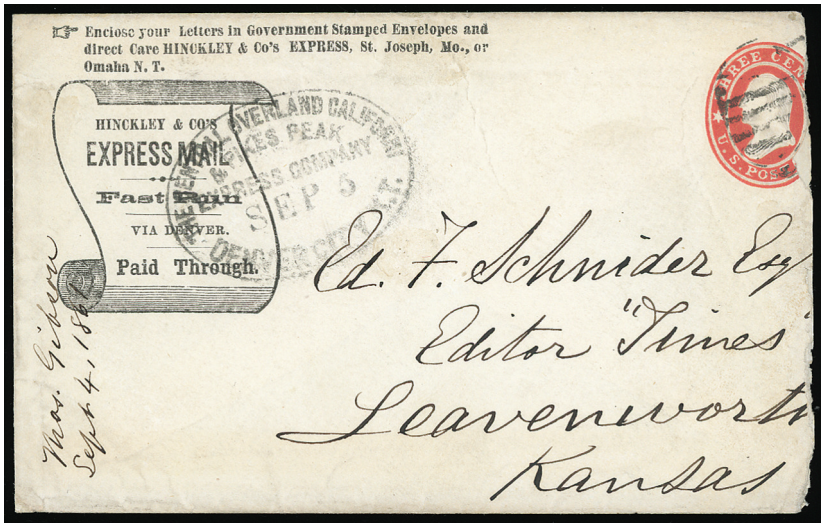


856 ✉ **Hinckley & Co.'s Express, Denver City, Dec 31, 1860,** company date stamp on fresh 3¢ red (U34) on buff Nesbitt entire with printed scroll frank and St. Joseph in care directive imprint above, to Chicago Ill., entered the mails with green "Saint Joseph, Mo., Apr 2" cds, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $1,000 - 1,500

A CHOICE HINCKLEY & CO.'S EXPRESS USE FROM DENVER CITY WITH THE PRINTED SCROLL FRANK.



857 ✉ **Hinckley & Co.'s Express/Denver City,** cds handstamp on 1861 cover from Philadelphia franked with 1857 3¢ tied by grid with octagonal postmark at right, manuscript endorsement at bottom left "Care Hinckley & Co's Express/St. Josephs, Mo.", address to "Golden City, C.T." with manuscript "Coll. 10"(¢) at top right, slight wear, **F.-V.F.**
Estimate . . . . . $400 - 600



858 ✉ **Hinckley & Co.'s Express Mail,** printed fancy scroll frank with 3-line directive imprint above (HIN-007) on grid canceled 1860, 3¢ Star Die entire to the "Times" newspaper in Leavenworth, Kansas, oval "**The Central Overland and California, Pikes Peak, Express Company, Sep 5, Denver City K.T.**" date stamp and reverse with similar date stamp dated "Jul 4" used as a company frank, manuscript 1861 docketing at left; reduced at right into indicia and potion of address panel, **F.-V.F.,** a very Hinckley & Co.'s Express frank type used as a remainder after the Central Overland California & Pike's Peak Express Co. bought out Hinckley & Co. on May 11th, 1861., only one is recorded by Thomas (Wiltsee collection example) however this cover and another example are known, *ex-Rogers*.
Estimate . . . . . $750 - 1,000

The cover traveled outside the mails from Denver to Leavenworth via the Central Overland Route (Denver-Julesburg-Fort Kearney) on a COC&PP coach. It entered the mails in Leavenworth for local delivery.



859 ✉ **Holladay Overland Mail & Express Co.,** black printed company frank on 1864, 3¢ pink entire to Lexington, Mich., entered the mails with "**Laporte, Col., Sep 16**" cds canceling; cover slightly reduced at right and a few minor edge tears, **otherwise Very Fine,** one of two recorded examples of a Colorado postal marking on a Holladay franked envelope and a rare usage of the Laporte handstamp postmark.
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

On March 21, 1862 the Central Overland California & Pike's Peak Express Co. was acquired by Ben Holladay who operated an extensive stage and express business west of the Rocky Mountains. With this acquisition, he extended his operations east to the Missouri River.

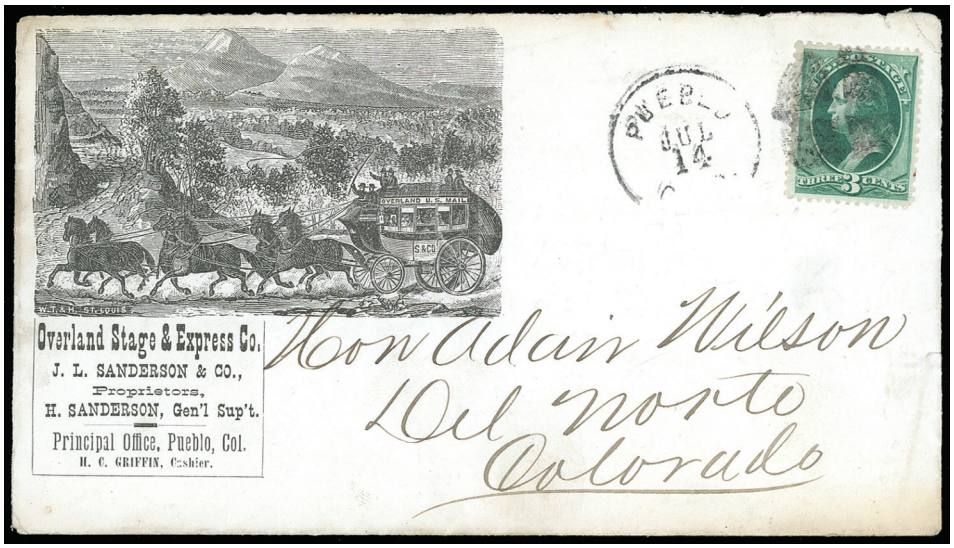


860 ✉ **Jones & Russell's Pikes Peak Express Co., Denver City,** circular express postmark without date, on 1853, 3¢ Nesbitt entire to Albion, Mich., entered the mails with "Leavenworth, K.T., Jul 31, 1859" cds; cover reduction at left just into rim of express postmark professionally restored, **Very Fine appearance,** still an attractive example of **the earliest known usage of this express company handstamp**.
Scott No. **U10** . . . . . Estimate $500 - 750



861 ✉ **Jones & Russell's Pike's Peak Express Co, Denver City, Aug 12 1859,** complete sharp strike of cds on 1853, 3¢ Nesbitt entire to Duplain, Mich., entered the U.S. mails with "Leavenworth City, K.T., Aug 23, 1859" cds canceling indicia; small edge tears and nick, a bit reduced at left, **otherwise Very Fine,** ex-Rogers.
Estimate . . . . . $500 - 750

While still operating the Leavenworth City & Pikes Peak Express, Jones and Russell purchased the John Hockaday line, which had the government mail contract to Salt Lake City via the Platte River. Eventually, this led to the termination of the Republican River-Fort Riley route used by the Leavenworth City & Pikes Peak Express. Jones & Russell's express operated from July 1859 to February 1860, charging 25¢ per letter.



862 ✉ **Sanderson & Co. Overland Stage & Express Co., Principle Office, Pueblo, Col.,** printed corner card with illustrated design showing **Six Horse Stage on Mountain Road, Stage with "Overland U.S. Mail, S. & Co." imprint**, on cover to Del Norte, Col., franked with 1873, 3¢ green tied by quartered cork handstamp, matching "Pueblo, Colo., Jul 4" handstamp alongside, some minor toning on reverse, **Very Fine and choice**; with 2011 P.F. certificate.
Estimate . . . . . $2,000 - 3,000

AN EXTREMELY RARE ILLUSTRATED CORNER CARD FROM THE SANDERSON & CO. OVERLAND STAGE & EXPRESS CO.

Established by Vermont men, Jared L. Sanderson and Bradley Barlow during the Civil War, the Barlow-Sanderson Overland Mail Company first carried the mail and operated a stage line between Sedalia and Warrensburg, Missouri and by 1863, was also operating a line from Kansas City, Missouri to Fort Scott, Kansas. In 1866, they began to expand westward and transferred their headquarters from Kansas City to Junction City, Colorado. By 1867, the two entrepreneurs had established a route from Missouri to California over the Santa Fe Trail and changed the name to the Barlow and Sanderson Company. The company continued to grow in Colorado, becoming the largest stage line in the area and in 1874, the headquarters moved to Granada, Colorado. Two years later, despite rumors of bribery and corruption within the company, the stage line continued to expand. However, buy 1878, Bradley Barlow withdrew and the name of the comapny changed to J.L. Sanderson and Co. Overland Stage and Express Line.



863 ✉ **Southern Overland Mail and Express Co., Barlow & Sanderson Proprietors, Principle Office, Pueblo, Col.,** corner card on cover with illustrated design showing **Six Horse Stage on Mountain Road, Stage with "Overland U.S. Mail/B.S. & Co." imprint**, franked with 3¢ Banknote tied by cork handstamp, matching "**Pueblo, Colo., Oct 30**" cds above; cover reduced at right slightly into illustration, **otherwise Very Fine,** *ex-Bauer*.
Estimate . . . . . $1,000 - 1,500

Barlow and Sanderson was a dominant express company in southern Colorado and the San Juan Mountain region. It eventually gave way to the advancing railroads.



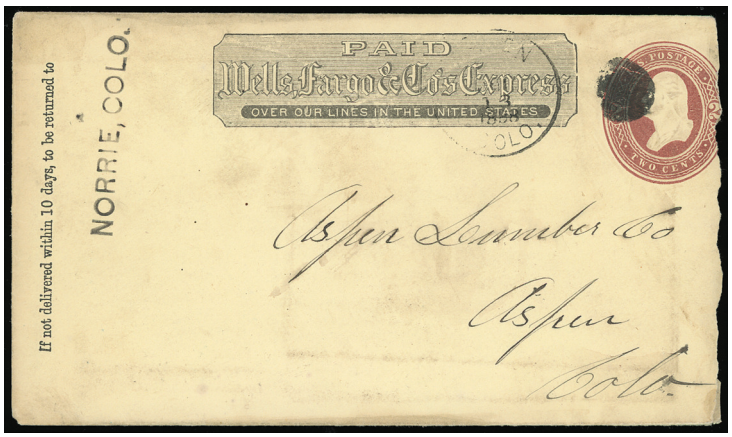
864 ✉ **Wells Fargo & Co./Denver City Col. (Colorado Territory) May 17, 1867,** blue double oval handstamp (Leutzinger type 17-8) on **1864 3¢ pink entire** with **Holladay Overland Mail and Express Company** printed frank (posthumous Wells Fargo use) to Saint Joseph, Missouri, **entered the mails with "Salina, Kan., May 22" cds** and duplexed target, thus carried from Denver by stage on the Smoky Hill Route to the Union Pacific Eastern Division (later Kansas Pacific) railroad terminus at Salina, edge tear at top, mended slit into the address at bottom, **F.-V.F., a rare Wells Fargo usage, with photocopy of an 1867 Wells Fargo map showing the route.**
Estimate . . . . . $1,000 - 1,500

The Smoky Hill Route was pioneered in 1864 by Butterfield's Overland Despatch, a freighting and forwarding venture that ran between Denver and Leavenworth, Kansas. Butterfield's Despatch was acquired by the Holladay Overland Mail and Express Company in March of 1866. The United States Express Company also operated on the Smoky Hill Route.

Wells Fargo and Holladay along with the Overland Mail Company, which was controlled but not yet legally owned by Wells Fargo, were merged in a "Grand Consolidation" that was effective November 1, 1866. The new corporation retained the Wells Fargo name. The new Wells Fargo was a transportation enterprise as much as an express and banking business. As such, the new Wells Fargo was responsible for the entire Central Overland Route, which they began advertising as the "Great Overland Mail Route" with "Wells, Fargo & Co. Sole Proprietors." The United States Express Company, as allies of Wells Fargo, took charge of the Smoky Hill Route.

An odd thing about Wells Fargo's "Great Overland Mail Route" was that it was disappearing incrementally as a consequence of the construction of the first transcontinental railroad. On the eastern end, the Union Pacific Western Division reached Julesburgh, Colorado Territory, in June of 1867. Through service between Cheyenne City, Dakota Territory (soon to be Wyoming Territory), and Omaha, Nebraska, was initiated in November of 1867. In the interim, Indian attacks and railroad breakdowns east of Omaha led Wells Fargo to occasionally send express on the United States Express Company's Smoky Hill Route as an alternative to the easternmost portion of their own Central Overland Route.

865 ✉ **(Wells, Fargo & Co.) Norrie Colo.,** straightline agent line handstamp on 1884, 2¢ brown entire to Aspen, Colo., black company frank at top, with original 1888 Wells, Fargo & Co. letterhead enclosure datelined from Norrie; cover slight rough reduction at left, **otherwise Very Fine,** an extremely rare Wells, Fargo & Co. Express usage from Norrie Colorado.
Estimate . . . . . $400 - 600



866 ✉ **(Wells, Fargo & Co.) Norrie Colo.,** straightline agent line handstamp on 1884, 2¢ brown entire to Aspen, Colo., black company frank at top, dropped at the Aspen post office with 1888 cds, original Wells, Fargo & Co. letterhead enclosure; cover slight rough reduction at right into indicia, **otherwise Very Fine,** an extremely rare Wells, Fargo & Co. Express usage from Norrie Colorado.
Estimate . . . . . $400 - 600



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Colorado Balance Lots



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867 **Colorado Bank Check Group. 1867-1900,** 10 checks all on Revenue stamped paper, includes 5 1860-70's illustrated checks from The Rock Mountain National Bank (two different designs, one accompanied by N.B.N.Co. proof of illustration), The Colorado National Bank and The Denver Pacific Railway, others including Denver & Rio Grande Railway Co., U.S. Express Co. and Denver Gas & Electric (unused), **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $750 - 1,000

868 ✉ **Colorado Statehood Cover Balance,** approximately 85 covers and cards; nice range of towns throughout; 1870-80's usages with towns including various Colorado Springs cds's, Mancos, Manitou, Ouray, 1879 Rosita, Idaho, Silver Plume, Nederland, Taylorsville manuscript, Littleton, Rollinville manuscript, Left Hand with fancy star killer, 1884 Fort Lupton, Gunnison with star duplex, scarce 1889 Dake, Gold Hill, 1887 Golden to Switzerland, 1882 Eaton manuscript, 1880 Estes Park, 1884 Crook T&C cds, 1883 Durango "Advertised" cds, 1885 Coal Creek, 1887 Fort Garland, scarce 1888 Symes manuscript, etc., later usage also with a nice range of town and usages including foreign destinations, illustrated ads, patriotic, etc.; condition varies with many nice town strikes throughout, **generally F.-V.F. or better.**
Estimate . . . . . $750 - 1,000

869 ✉ **Colorado Territorial Balance,** 16 covers and card; with postmarks including 1867 Fort Lyon, 1869 Mountain City, 1864 Black Hawk Point, 1870 manuscript Kit Carson, 1896 Cripple Creek to England, 1888 Monarch registered, 1880's Rico, 1877 Ouray, 1880's Breckin Ridge (altered postmark), 1880's West Las Animas with illustrated merchant corner card, other 1870-80's postmarks including Longmont, Poncho Springs, Fraser straight line, Colorado Springs, etc.; condition varied, **generally F.-V.F. overall.**
Estimate . . . . . $750 - 1,000

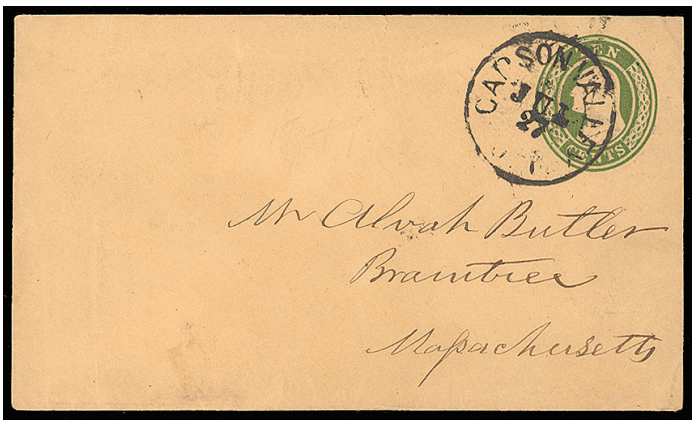
870 ✉ **Colorado Territorial Cover Group,** of 19 covers; 1860's usages include Julesburg, Nevada, Golden City, Fort Lyon, 1867 incoming to Idaho, selection of seven Mountain City covers bearing four different type cds's, red Pueblo cds on Thatcher Bros. corner card cover, 1870's usages include Kit Carson, Georgetown, Golden City, 1875 Colorado Springs to England and Greeley; condition varies with many nice strikes throughout, **generally F.-V.F. or better.**
Estimate . . . . . $500 - 750

871 ✉ **Denver, Col. Cover Group,** approximately 30 covers; starting with a nice range of 1860's postmarks (including Jarrett 68, 69 & 72 types) with couple forwarding usages, 1870 usages including American House corner card, various fancy killers including "$" in circle and negative "M" handstamps, incoming mourning cover from France, interesting later usages including 1896 Bryan campaign cover, many foreign destinations including Turkey and Tangier, R.P.O., ads, Parcel Post franking, etc., **generally F.-V.F. or better.**
Estimate . . . . . $400 - 600

872 ✉ **(Dakota) Fort Abercrombie D.T. Jan 17,** 3¢ dull red tied by target cancel with mostly clear Dakota Territory postmark on cover to Fort Snelling, Minnesota, **Very Fine.**
Scott No. **65** . . . . . Estimate $200 - 300

873 ✉ **(Montana) Wells Fargo & Co./Helena, Montana, Oct 26, 1867,** blue double circle handstamp on 1864, 3¢ pink entire with black company frank to Tipton, Mo., placed in the mails & postmarked with light strike of "Hays City, Kansas" cds; entire with some wear & small tear at left, **F.-V.F.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

Nevada Postmarks



874 ✉ **Carson Valley, U.T., Jul 27,** bold strike of cds on 10¢ green on buff entire to Braintree, Mass., **Very Fine and choice.**
Scott No. **U16** . . . . . Estimate $750 - 1,000

Several covers were carried by Snowshoe Thompson's express from Carson Valley to Placerville during the winters of 1857-58 and 1858-1859. This cover would have been carried by Thompson from the Carson Valley post office in his role as a Chorpenning's sub-contractor for the mails, from Carson Valley to Placerville. See the article "Across the Sierra Nevada Mountains by Snow-Shoe" by Risvold and Frajola in Chronicle 215 (Aug. 2007, p. 201-211).

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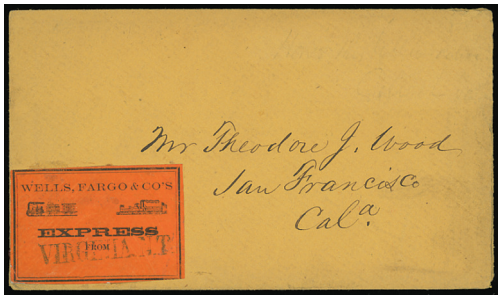

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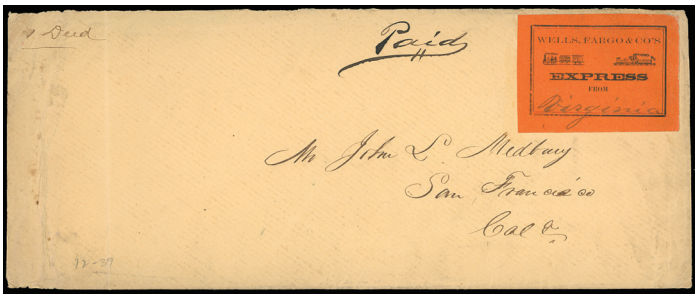

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875 ✉ **Esmeralda, N.T., Mar 23,** cds on 1864 cover to **Picton, Canada** franked with 1861 2¢ + 3¢+ 10¢ canceled by target handstamps, markings include red straight line "Paid" and "15" in octagon handstamps, transit and receiving backstamps; stamps with some defects and cover slightly reduced at left, **F.-V.F.,** a rare Nevada territorial usage from this town paying the 15¢ treaty rate to Canada for over 3000 miles, *ex-H. Spelman*. (See Lot 83 for California Usage)
Scott No. **73+65+68**. . . . . Estimate $750 - 1,000

Nevada Expresses

876 ✉ **Wells, Fargo & Co., Belmont, Nev., May,** blue oval datestamp cancels fresh 2¢ red entire to San Francisco, printed black Wells Fargo 1884 illustrated paid frank, **Very Fine and scarce marking.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

877 ✉ **Wells, Fargo & Co., Carson City,** blue oval datestamp on 3¢ pink (U59) buff entire to San Francisco Cal., printed black Wells Fargo paid frank, manuscript "Empire Nev, Oct 24" postmark; opened at right, **F.-V.F.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

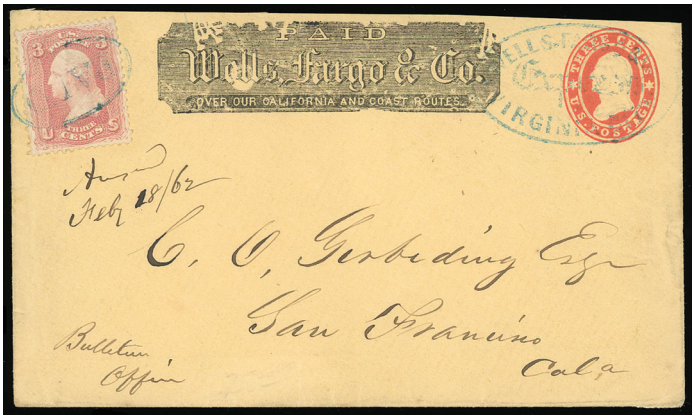
878 ✉ **Wells, Fargo & Co., Carson City,** clear strike of blue oval date stamp on 3¢ Star Die entire to Sacramento, Cal., black company frank at top, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $100 - 150

879 ✉ **Wells Fargo & Co., Tuscarora, Nev., Sep 5,** blue oval date stamp on 3¢ green franked entire to Virginia City; expertly restored cover reduction at right including small portion of indicia, **Very Fine appearance,** still a very rare and possibly unique express date stamp from Tuscarora.
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

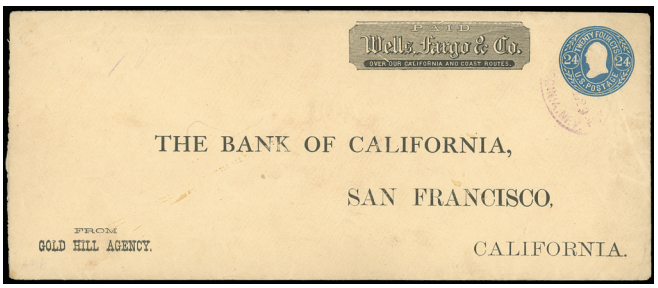


880 ✉ **Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, Virginia City,** blue oval handstamp canceling on 1851, 3¢ Nesbitt entire to San Francisco, additional blue "**Wells, Fargo & Co., Sac Messenger**, Nov 24" oval date stamp tying 1857, 3¢ dull red (26), company frank at top, **Very Fine and a most unusual usage.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

881 ✉ **Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, Virginia City,** clear blue oval handstamp on 1853, 3¢ Nesbitt entire to Sacramento City, black company frank; cover reduction at left, **Very Fine,** a choice strike.
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200



882 ✉ **Wells Fargo & Co. Express, Virginia City,** blue oval handstamp (Leut. type 3-2) on 1860-61 3¢ entire with black company frank to San Francisco, additionally **franked with 1861 3¢** tied by matching blue oval "Paid" handstamp, used in Feb. 1862, **Very Fine,** a wonderful & rare cover as the 3¢ Star Die had been demonetized, therefore the 1861 3¢ adhesive was necessary.
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400



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883 ✉ **Wells, Fargo & Co., Virginia City N.T. (Nevada Territory),** blue oval date stamp tying **Wells Fargo 1864 25¢ red** on 1861, 3¢ pink entire to San Francisco, black company frank at top; cover cleaned and cover and stamp slightly repaired with stamp removed and placed back in original position, **Fine appearance**; with 1967 P.F. certificate (prior to restoration).
Scott No. **143L9**. . . . . Estimate $750 - 1,000

884 ✉ **Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, From Virginia (City), N.T.,** black on orange label with illustrated train and steamboat (Mosher WFCX-L545), handstamp town and state, on cover to San Francisco, Cal. without U.S. franking, **Very Fine and rare,** *ex-Hackett*.
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

885 ✉ **Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, From Virginia (City),** black on orange label (Mosher WFCX-L545) with illustrated train & steamboat, Virginia in manuscript, affixed on legal size cover to San Francisco with manuscript endorsement "1 Deed" & "Paid"; file fold, **Very Fine,** a rare Nevada Territory express label usage, *ex-Hackett*.
Estimate . . . . . $400 - 600

886 ✉ **Wells, Fargo & Co., Virginia, Nev, Jul 29,** violet oval date stamp canceling on 1865, 24¢ blue legal size entire to San Francisco, black company frank and "From Gold Hill Agency" endorsement at bottom left, **Very Fine.**
Scott No. **U71** . . . . . Estimate $150 - 200

887 ✉ **(New Mexico) Fort Stanton, N. Mex., Aug 25,** cds and matching quartered cork handstamp canceling on 2¢ green entire to El Paso, Tex., receiving backstamp, **Very Fine.**
Estimate. . . . . $75 - 100



888 ✉ **(New Mexico) Albuquerque, N.M., Jul 27,** cds with matching target tying 1861 3¢ rose (s.e. at right) on cover to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, endorsed "*P.M. please return this to Albuquerque, N.M. as Dr. Mc Gill is dead.*" and Fort Leavenworth postmark, **Very Fine.**
Scott No. **65** . . . . . Estimate $200 - 300

McGilL, George McCulloch, surgeon, was born at Hannah Furnace, Centre co., Pa., Apr. 20, 1838. He served during the Civil War and later at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He received the brevet rank of colonel in the United States army for faithful services during an outbreak of cholera near Fort Harker, Kansas, and died of the disease en route to New Mexico.



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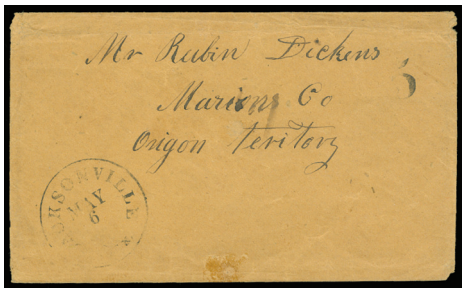

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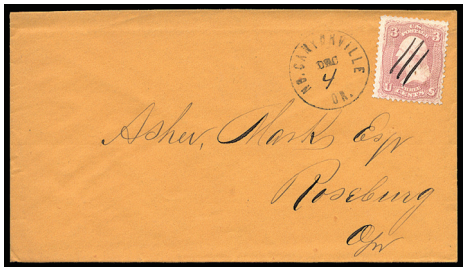

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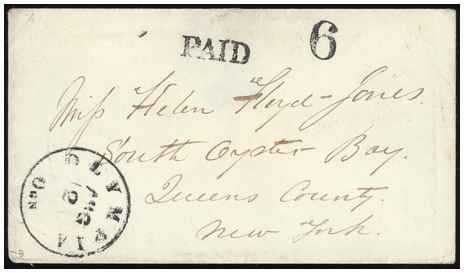

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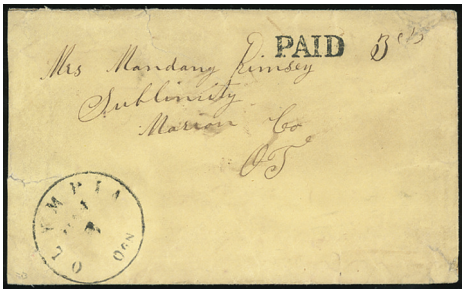

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New York Expresses



889 ✉ **Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, New York, Dec. 11,** blue cds on 1861 10¢ green entire to San Francisco, black printed frank (WFE-042) at top left and blue "Jan 5" receiving date stamp, **Very Fine,** three example of this East Coast frank are recorded all on ten cent rated envelopes used from New York in late 1859 through early 1860, **of the three recorded this is the finest known example**.
Scott No. **U41** . . . . . Estimate $500 - 750

890 ✉ **Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, New York, Jun 24,** blue oval cds canceling on fresh 1861, 10¢ yellow green entire to San Francisco, company frank at upper left, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $100 - 150

891 ✉ **Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, New York, Feb. 21,** blue double double circle date stamp on 1864, 3¢ pink entire to San Francisco, black printed frank (WFE-042a) at top left; small opening edge tears at top and in backflap, **F.-V.F.,** with **only two examples of this frank type have been recorded** the other found on an unused envelope, used after the three cent rate went into effect most likely 1864.
Scott No. **U58** . . . . . Estimate $500 - 750

892 ✉ **Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, New York,** blue circular date stamp canceling on 1865, 18¢ red legal size entire to San Francisco, black company frank at top, **Very Fine.**
Scott No. **U70** . . . . . Estimate $150 - 200

Oregon Postmarks

893 ✉ **Astoria, Orgn., Jul 26 (Clatsop),** bold strike of early type cds (Whittlesey #2, R-C) on 1851 folded cover to Missouri with manuscript "10" rate, present is a poignant letter home to the sender's wife datelined "Clatsop Co., O.T."; some staining, **F.-V.F. and rare.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300


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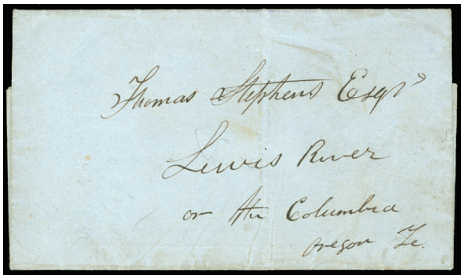
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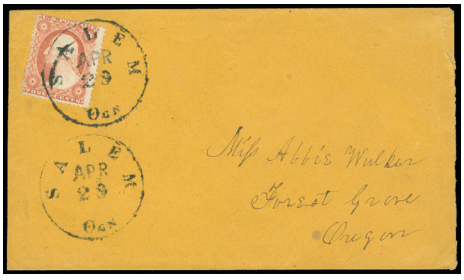
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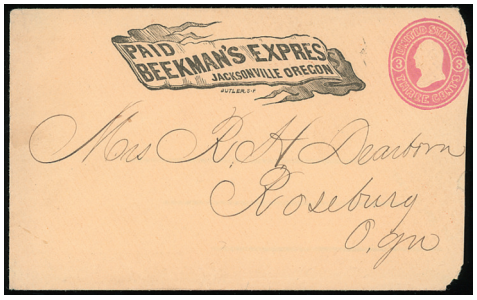

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894 ✉ **Astoria, Ogn., Jan 10 (Clatsop),** cds (Whittlesey #3, R A) on 3¢ Nesbitt entire, to Kirbyville, Ogn., 1855 docketing at upper left; reduced at left with stain, **F.-V.F.**
Estimate . . . . . $50 - 75

895 ✉ **Jacksonville, Ogn., May 6 (Jackson),** cds (Whittlesey #2, R-A) with handstamp "5" on ca. 1855 stampless cover to "Marion Co., Origon Teritory" (sic); minor corner wear, **F.-V.F. and rare.**
Estimate . . . . . $100 - 150

896 ✉ **Jacksonville, Ogn., Jun 4 (Jackson),** bold cds tying 1857, 10¢ green, type V on folded letter sheet to East Chester, N.Y., additionally tied by manuscript, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $100 - 150

897 ✉ **No. Canyonville, Or. Dec 4,** postmark on orange cover franked with 1861 3¢ rose with manuscript cancel to Roseburg, **Extremely Fine.**
Scott No. **65** . . . . . Estimate $150 - 200

898 ✉ **Olympia, Ogn., Aug 2 (Thurston),** bold cds (type 2) on fresh cover to New York with matching "Paid" & "6" handstamps, **Very Fine and choice.**
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

899 ✉ **Olympia, Ogn., Sep 8 (Thurston),** cds (type 2) on cover to Sublimity, O.T., with "Paid" handstamp and manuscript "3 cts", with original 1859 enclosure, reduced at left & edge wear, **Fine.**
Estimate. . . . . $75 - 100

900 ✉ **Oregon City, Orgn., Nov 29 (Clackamas),** cds (Whittlesey #2, R B-A) on 1853 folded cover to Cathlamet from the Surveyor General's Office with "5" rate handstamp; small bit of soiling at top left, **F.-V.F.**
Estimate . . . . . $100 - 150

901 ✉ **Oregon City, Orgn., Jan 21 (Clackamas),** full bold cds (Whittlesey #2, R A) on pen cancelled 1853, 3¢ Nesbitt entire, probably territorial usage, to West Tualatin, Oregon; hint of soiling at right, **Extremely Fine,** a choice strike.
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

902 ✉ **Portland, Feb 19th, 1850 (Multnomah),** dateline on folded letter carried privately to "Lewis River on the Columbia, Oregon T.", **Very Fine,** an early internal usage.
Estimate. . . . . $75 - 100

903 ✉ **Portland, O.T., Nov 20th 1850 (Multnomah),** manuscript postmark (Whittlesey #1, R B) with manuscript "40" alongside, to Indiana and forwarded; stains and edge faults, **Fine,** still a **very rare early 40¢ transcontinental rate usage from Portland**.
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400



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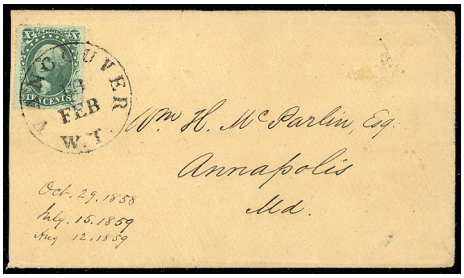

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904 ✉ **Portland, O.T., Sep 10 (Multnomah),** neat red cds (Whittlesey #3, R A) on buff cover to Wisconsin, franked with manuscript canceled **1851, 3¢ orange brown, vertical pair** (mostly large margins), included is interesting & lengthy letter telling of life in Oregon…*I passed through what is called French Paire, a splendid section of Country. It was or is settled by a good many Frenchmen, who have intermarried with the Natives or Squaws… I met a company of 40 Volunteers between Albany and Salem on their way to the mining country to help allay the difficulties between the Whites and Indians… I think the Indian as well as the poor Slave has been cruelly outraged and my sympathies are most on their side.*, plus much more, **Very Fine.**
Scott No. **10A** . . . . . Estimate $500 - 750

905 ✉ **Roseburg, Or., May 3 (Douglas),** bold cds (Whittlesey #3, R6) ties 1857, 3¢ dull red, on cover to Phoenix, Or., docketed 1860; reduced at left including portion of stamp, **F.-V.F.**
Estimate . . . . . $75 - 100

906 ✉ **Salem, Ogn., Apr 29 (Marion),** two strikes of cds on fresh buff cover to Forest Grove, one tying **1857 3¢ dull red** adhesive, **Very Fine and choice.**
Scott No. **26** . . . . . Estimate $150 - 200

Oregon Expresses

907 ✉ **Beekman's Express, Jacksonville, Oregon,** black printed scroll frank on 1861, 3¢ pink entire to Roseburg, Ogn.; reduction at right slightly into indicia, **fresh and F.-V.F.,** a very scarce company frank.
Estimate . . . . . $150 - 200

Texas Expresses



908 ✉ **Wells, Fargo & Co., El Paso, Texas, Sep 5, 1889,** full purple transit date stamp (type 17-19) on green Mexican frank (WFM-038) 2¢ entire (U311) to Guadalajara, Mexico, faint Wells Fargo San Francisco origin handstamp applied over indicia, complete Wells Fargo Guadalajara receiving handstamp on back side along with a red San Francisco handstamp of "Importers and Commission Merchants Cabrera, Roma & Co.", **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $100 - 150



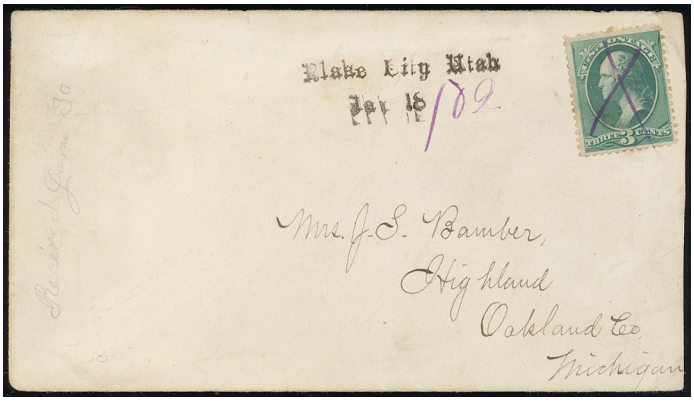
909 ✉ **(Wells, Fargo & Co.) Eagle Pass, Texas,** two strikes of purple origin straight line handstamp on 1890 2¢ entire (U311) with green Mexican frank (WFM-038), to Monterey, Mexico, accompanied by piece with oval company handstamp from Eagle Pass, **Very Fine.**
Estimate. . . . . $75 - 100

In 1882 the Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio Railroad extended to the border at Eagle Pass and went on to connect with Mexican National Railroad at Piedras Negras making Eagle Pass an important international center for the southwest.

910 ✉ **Wells, Fargo Y Cia., El Paso, Texas, Departamento, Mexo., Nov 12, 1891,** full complete red department handstamp (type 21-8) applied to green Mexican frank (WFM-038) 2¢ green entire (U311) to their Agent in Guadalajara, Mexico, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $100 - 150

911 ✉ **Wells, Fargo & Co., El Paso, Texas, March 2, 1894,** purple oval date stamp (type 17-19) used with black printed frank type WFE-060 on 2¢ green entire (U311) carried entirely by Wells Fargo from El Paso, Texas to San Jose, Cal., with **rare complete purple Wells Fargo San Jose Depot type 20-3 datestamp** on reverse; entire reduced slightly at right with small tear into indicia, **otherwise Very Fine,** the San Jose mark is believed to be the finest example recorded.
Estimate . . . . . $100 - 150

Utah Postmarks



912 ✉ **(Utah) Blake City, Utah, Jan 18/82,** fancy straight line date stamp on cover to Highland, Mich., franked with 1881, 3¢ blue green tied by violet manuscript cancel, with **original enclosure with interesting content regarding Indian rock paintings**, **Very Fine,** with **less than 5 known examples of this Utah territory postmark**.
Scott No. **207** . . . . . Estimate $300 - 400

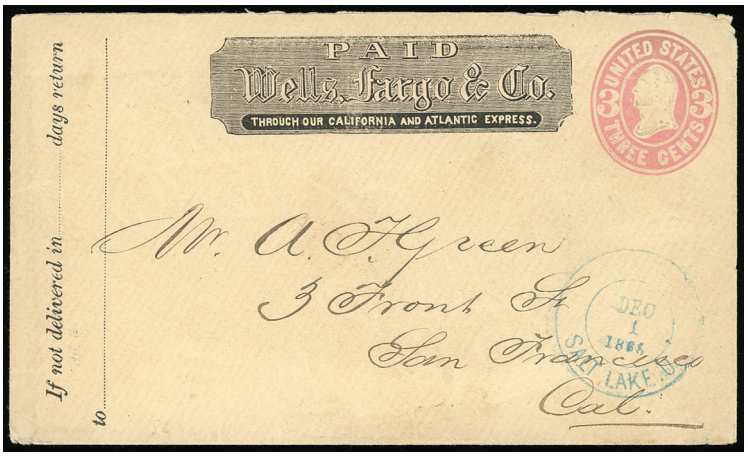


913 ✉ **(Utah) Manti, Utah,** blue double circle postmark on 1866 folded cover to **Denmark**, sent via New York with N. York Hamb Pkt/3 debit cds, backstamped with Copenhagen arrival, **Very Fine,** a very rare territorial from this town, Unlisted in ASCC.
Estimate . . . . . $500 - 750

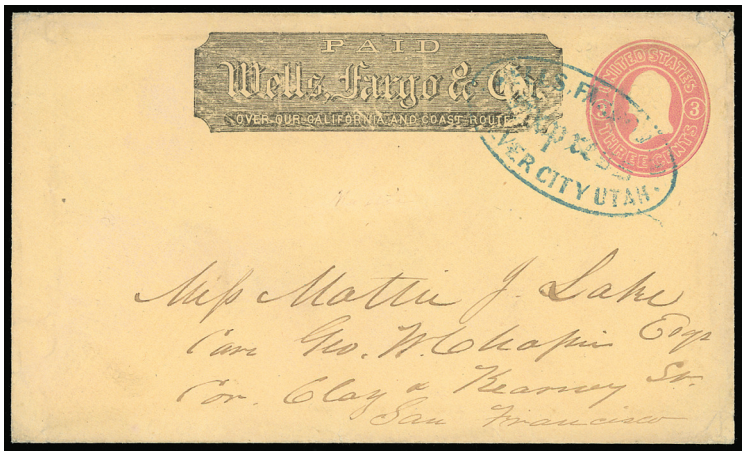
Utah Expresses



914 ✉ **(Utah Expresses) Wells Fargo & Co./Salt Lake Cty., U.T./Mar. 9,** blue oval company handstamp (Leut. type 12-3) on 1864-65 3¢ entire with additional **company double circle handstamp** (Leut. type 17-4) to San Francisco, backstamped with addressee's handstamp, used in 1870, **Extremely Fine,** a most unusual & attractive item.
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400



915 ✉ **(Utah Expresses) Wells Fargo & Co./Salt Lake, U./Dec. 1, 1868,** blue double circle handstamp without "Wells, Fargo & Co." at top (Leut. unlisted) on 1864-65 3¢ entire with black company frank to San Francisco, backstamped with both the sender's & addressee's handstamps, **Extremely Fine,** a most unusual item and a very rare Utah usage.
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300



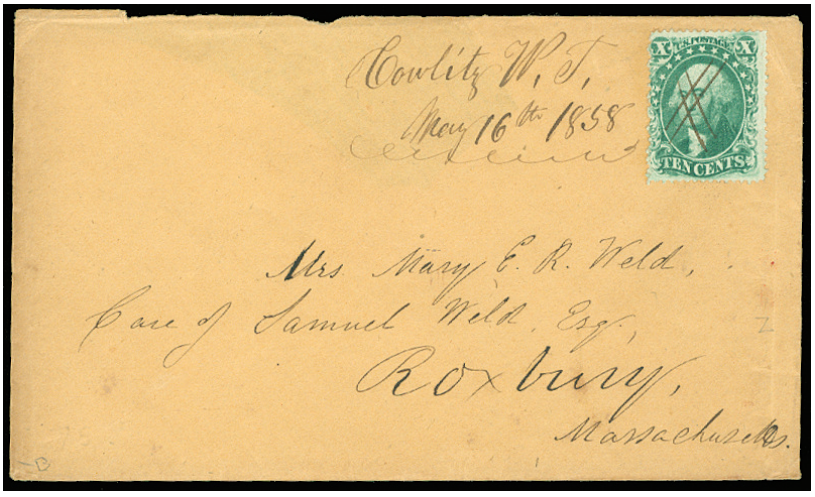
916 ✉ **(Utah Expresses) Wells Fargo & Co./Silver City, Utah,** blue oval handstamp (Leut. type 4-1) on 1861 3¢ entire with black company frank to San Francisco, **Very Fine,** a very rare Utah Territorial marking.
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400

917 ✉ **(Utah Expresses) Wells, Fargo & Co., Utah Usages,** 25 items including a few fronts, all with black company franks, various Wells, Fargo & Co. town handstamps, including many Salt Lake Cty U.T., several Silver City, also Ogden, Ophir, Corinne, etc; a few with town postmarks like Ogden City, includes Ogden forwarding label; many to San Francisco but also other destinations like Santa Cruz, Carson City, N.T., Sanphilipa, Folsom; Virginia City, Montana; Leavenworth City, Kansas; New York City, etc.; condition varied, **Fine overall.**
Estimate . . . . . $500 - 750

Washington Postmarks



918 ✉ **Cathlamet, W.T., Aug 18th 1863 (Wahkiacum),** unusual arch postmark (type 2, 10 known) with manuscript date below, on 1861, 3¢ pink entire to Dallas, Oregon, canceled with segmented cancel, **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $200 - 300

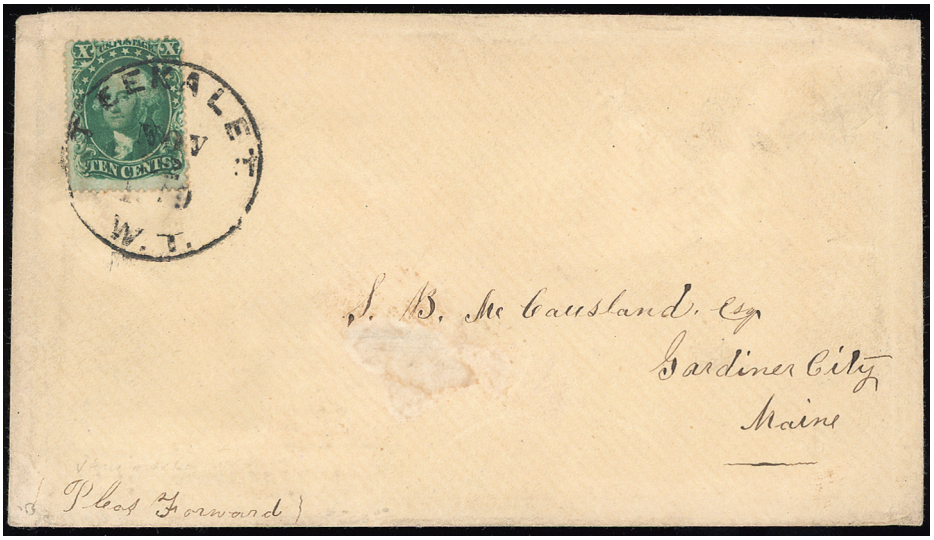


919 ✉ **Cowlitz, W.T., May 16th 1858 (Lewis),** manuscript postmark (type 1) on cover franked with manuscript cancelled **1857 10¢ green, type III** to Massachusetts, partial backflap, **otherwise Very Fine.**
Scott No. **33** . . . . . Estimate $400 - 600



920 ✉ **Cowlitz, W.T., July 19th 1858,** manuscript postmark at top of folded letter to Roxbury, Mass., franked with **1857, 10¢ green, type III**, manuscript canceled, **Extremely Fine,** a early and rare territorial usage.
Scott No. **33** . . . . . Estimate $500 - 750

921 ✉ **Oak Point, W.T., Jul 31 1860 (Cowlitz),** perfect strike of bold cds (type 2, 3 reported) ties 1857, 3¢ dull red on cover to Oregon; bit rough opening at right (not affecting adhesive), **Very Fine and choice.**
Estimate . . . . . $300 - 400



922 ✉ **Teekalet, W.T., Nov 22 1859 (Kitsap),** well struck cds (type 2) tying 1857 10¢ green, type II on cover to Maine; central cover scuff, **otherwise Very Fine.**
Scott No. **32** . . . . . Estimate $300 - 400

923 ✉ **Vancouver, W.T., Feb 13,** full strike of cds tying **1857, 10¢ green, type V** on cover to Annapolis, Md., **Very Fine and choice.**
Scott No. **35** . . . . . Estimate $200 - 300

Washington Expresses

924 ✉ **(Washington Expresses) Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, Seattle, W.T., Jul 22, 1884,** red oval date stamp on 2¢ red entire with company frank to Portland, O., **Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $100 - 150

925 ✉ **(Washington Expresses) Wells, Fargo & Co., Walla Walla., Aug 1,** blue oval datestamp on 3¢ pink entire (U35) with type E printed frank to San Francisco, manuscript endorsement "Sacramento Str bet Moncomro and Sansome"; minor flyspecking, **otherwise Very Fine.**
Estimate . . . . . $100 - 150

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