

March 23, 1867

El Dorado, California to New York, NY. Given to Boyd's for delivery

Ben Holladay controlled 2,760 miles of stage routes. Late in 1866 Wells, Fargo & Co. acquired the Holladay Stage lines for \$1.5 million and gained control of the overland routes for express, mail and freight to the East. Although government prepaid envelopes were mandatory, Wells Fargo mails were carried outside the U.S. Mails.



Carried by Greenwood & Newbauer Northern Express to San Fracisco, Feb. 18. Wells Fargo carried to New York, NY and handed to Boyd's for local delivery.



Herman Greenhood and Joseph Newbauer started an express operation from a base in Weaverville in late 1856. They purchased Rhodes & Whitney's early in 1857 and W. F. Rowe Express service in 1858. This consolidation of feeder expresses, along with the establishment of a bank and a connection to Wells Fargo at Marysville, gave them control over the northern mines and the Marysville to Weaverville route. Greenhood & Newbauer's banking operation failed in Aug, 1867 taking the express operation with it.

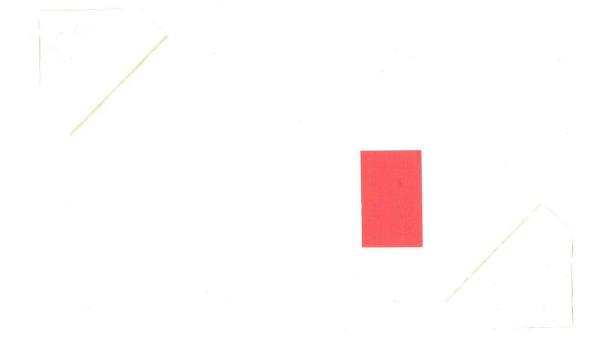
The U.S. post office issued new prepaid envelopes in 1861.

The dated Boyd's postmark was used from 1865 to 1870, the "PAID" marking from 1865 to 1869.



February 18, 1867

Mailed in San Francisco to New York, arriving at the Wells Fargo office on March 14. Given to Boyd's for delivery.



November 30, 1867

Mailed from Salt Lake City, Utah Territory, to New York. Carried outside the U.S. mails and delivered to the New York Wells Fargo office. Given to Boyds on March 14. Marked "PAID" by Boyd's. The fee was 2¢.

During this time period the Wells Fargo mails were take by coach to the nearest terminus of the Union Pacific railroad.

Transcontinental Mails Wells Fargo & Co. Use of Post Office Pre-paid Envelopes



January 28, 1853

Sent from San Francisco and delivered by Wells, Fargo & Co. to their agent in New York. Delivered to the Irving House Hotel by Boyd's.



Letters such as these were carried entirely outside the U. S. Mails. The use of the 6¢ U. S. stationery was in compliance with the Postal Act of August 31, 1852. Wells, Fargo & Co. paid the U. S. post office the 6¢ fee for delivery over 3,000 miles. The post office provided no service. The January 28, 1853 predates the issuance of Government prepaid envelopes.



April 24, 1855

Carried by Wells, Fargo & Co. from San Francisco to their agent in New York city. Delivered to the city address by Boyd's.

Mailed on the last day, March 31, 1855, of the 6¢ rate.

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