

Forerunner Special Delivery



"Rush to Stage driver"

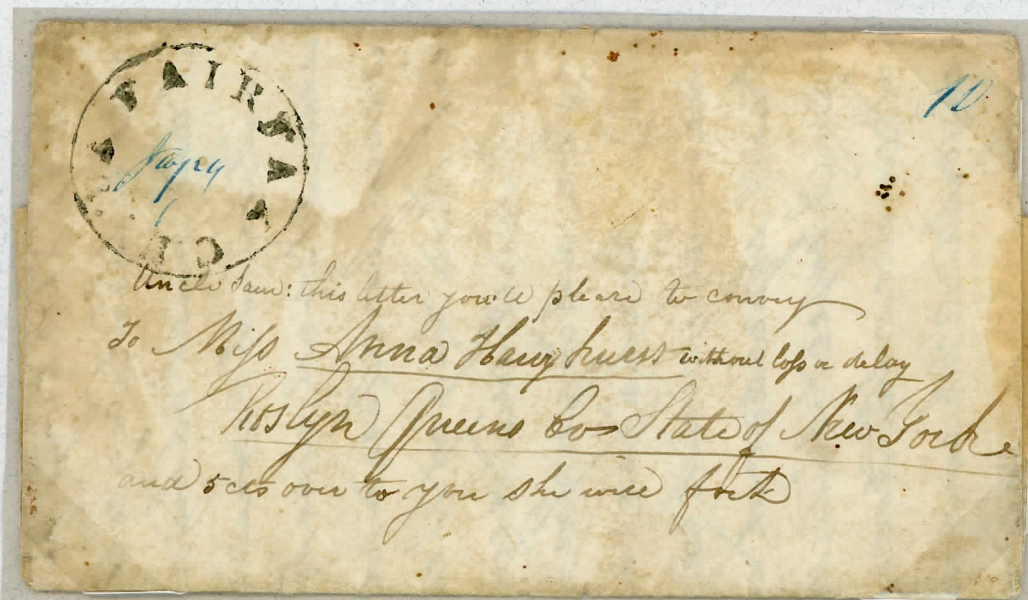
Hanover to Bath, N.H.
January 10, 1824

Only recorded
Hanover marking in red



"by Portland Stage,
Mr. Chapman please
for (?) today -"

Hartford to Portland Ct.
January 23, 1846



"Uncle Sam: this letter
you'll please to convey
without loss or delay and
5 cts over to you she will fork"

Fairfax, Ct. to Brooklyn, N.Y.,
January 22, 1847

Please deliver this immediately



Messrs J Maguire & Green
Maiden Lane
New York.

"Please deliver this immediately"

New York, N.Y., October 6, 1848

WITH DISPATCH



"WITH DISPATCH."

Washington, D.C. to Avon, Ct.
September 8, 1861

Rev. John Bailett
Avon
Connecticut

Please forward this so that I can get
an answer by return mail and oblige
your friend S.L. Piuse



Benjamin Tilley Esq

Bristol R.I.

If Benjamin
is not at home his
wife will please open
and answer

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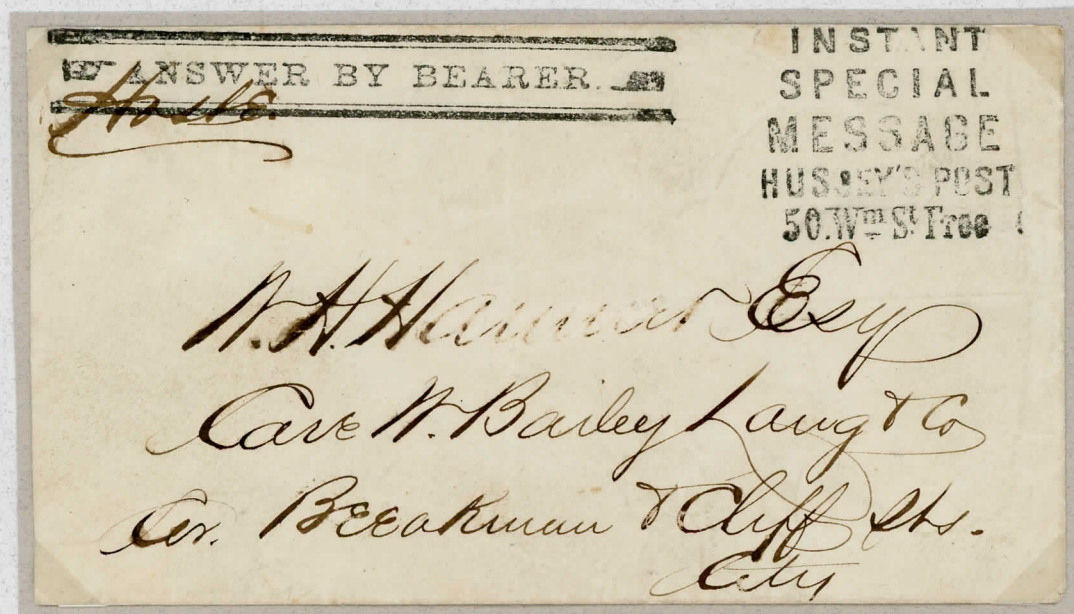
"If Benjamin is not at home,
his wife will please open and
answer"

Edgartown, Ms to Bristol, R.I.
June 9, 1862

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"Double quick"

Confederate States
to Mt. Jefferson Al., circa 1864



"ANSWER BY BEARER"
"INSTANT SPECIAL MESSAGE"
"HUSSEY'S POST"
"50. Wm. St. Free"

Local use within New York, N.Y.
circa 1870s

"special to deliver"

Local use within
Boston, Ma.
June 16, 1888

Regular postage was
not valid to pay the
Special Delivery fee
until July 1, 1907.

