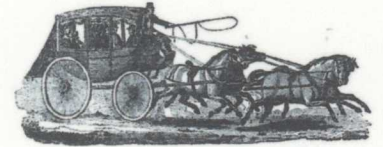


Leavenworth & Pikes Peak Express Co.

February 1859 to July 1859



The Leavenworth and Pikes Peak Express Co. William H. Russell and John Jones formed the company. On May 7, 1859 the first company coaches arrived at Denver City after a nineteen day journey from Leavenworth. The distance travelled was 687 miles averaging 36 miles per day over the Republican River route. The company soon received a contract to carry the mail from Leavenworth to Denver City. The first coach returning east on May 21st arrived at Leavenworth bringing \$3,500 in gold from the mines.



June 1, 1859 Leavenworth & Pikes Peak Express Co. To L. R. Mills Wadsworth, Ohio
With round date express stamp on 3 cent red Nesbitt envelope entering the mails at
Leavenworth City on June 12, 1859.



Leavenworth City & Pikes Peak Express Office ~ Denver City