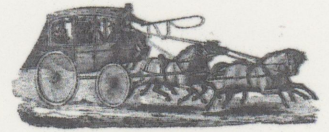


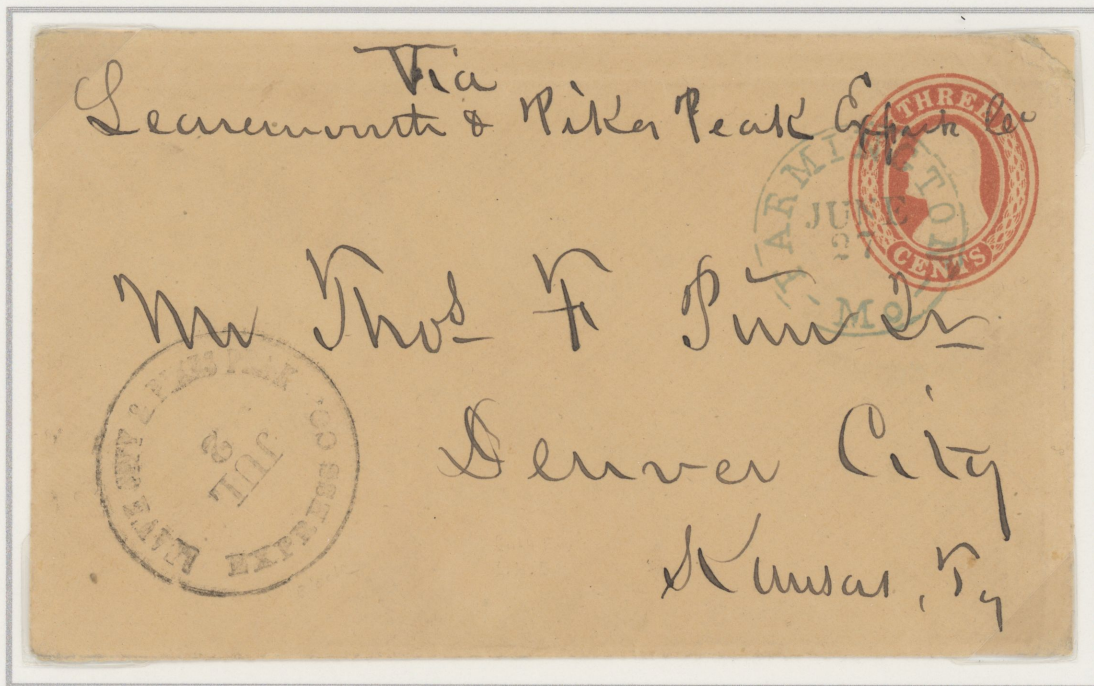
The Rocky Mountain Gold Rush

Western Express
Mail Delivery
1859



Jones and Russell's dream of a profitable fast express to the gold fields did not develop as planned. The coach fair charged did not cover costs and the additional freight and mail carried still left the company short of money. In June of 1859 it became time for a major reorganization with fresh capital. They changed the name to Jones and Russell Pikes Peak Express Co. and carried on with the business.

LEAVENWORTH CITY & PIKES PEAK EXPRESS CO.



June 27, 1859 Farmington, Missouri with blue circular handstamp on 3 cent red Nesbitt entire with July 2, Leave'n City & Pikes Peak Express Co. handstamp To Thos F. Pim, Jr. at Denver City, Kansas Ty with large pen directive Via Leavenworth & Pikes Peak Express Co. This cover carried on last west bound trip.



Denver City, K. T. ~ 1860's