

NEW ORLEANS → HARTFORD
(EX CALVET HAHN)

1 DEC 1836

ONE OF THE EARLIEST RECORDED
EXPRESS MAIL LETTERS

Only Single

23

Messrs Smith & Co

Hartford

Conn:

Express Mail

EARLY EXPRESS MAIL-TO HARTFORD

Blue 31mm NEW ORLEANS/DEC/1/La. circle and mspt. Express Mail and 75¢ to Hartford Conn. 1836. Two weeks after start of system this is one of first known covers. It began before the express route by regular mail and con-

tinued on beyond it by regular mail. The route actually ran from Mobile to New York City only, and there is some question about the Phila. to New York portion as this was melded with the regular mails although in a separate rubber bag. "E-M NEW ORLEANS-EARLY 12/1/1836 #30"

Smith & Co
Dec. 1st 1836

arr 11/17/36
Cover is known
to H. H. H. H.

Known 11/19/36
from Smith & Co

Earliest
not original
New Orleans Dec 1 1836
arrived
CCI

PRINTED
CARD

NEW ORLEANS → BOSTON

(EX H. SKINNER)

DEC 31, 1836

1 JAN (1837)

VERY EARLY

CIRCULAR

"TOO LATE" MARKING STRENGTHEND

(NO TO BOSTON)

EX SKINNER

(Single) 1/2
Express Mail }
Dr. Co. Thatcher Magoun Esq.
Boston
Massachusetts
JAN. 1, 1837
Too late

The combined wholesale price list and letter is dated December 31, 1836 and postmarked in New Orleans January 1, (1837) for an addressee in Boston. In manuscript is shown "Single", "75", "Express Mail" and "Too late". The Express Mail began in November 1836. The single (1/2oz.) rate was 75¢ from New Orleans to New York. If carried by the Express Mail it was early usage. The inks of manuscript "Express Mail" and "Too late" are different from the others. The previous responsible dealer/owner advertised as: 'The mss. express markings, as well as a "Too late" at right have been strengthened by penmark, the latter originally being marked in red ink.'

New Orleans
Dec 31. 1836
Dart & Winsor
Prepaid for Freight

Bruce Ball
4/84

OCT 16, 1837
(NO to RICHMOND)
EX STEINER

A L & J L Addis
New Orleans 15 Oct 1837

Express Mail 17th Nov. Single



Wm. J. D. Stewart

Richmond
Virginia

Postmarked October 16, (1837) in blue, of type described above, for delivery in Richmond, Virginia. It was double rated \$1.50 as shown by the red manuscript "150". Note the sender wrote "Express Mail 17th Oct: Single" and thus was wrong on 2 counts. Prepayment was compulsory after October 12, 1837 but there are no indications that the postage was prepaid.

DOUBLE
RATE

JULY 31, 1837
(NO TO HARTFORD)
EX SKINNER

DOUBLE RATE



EX SKINNER

Smith W. B.
July 31st 1837

ENS
HIXON

Eastern Express Mail
Double "15"
1837 VF \$5.00

VERY
UNUSUAL
DESTINATION

Eastern Express Mail
early "75"
PREPAID YP #8500

PAID

KINGSTON

Express Mail
EX

Mr Joseph Holmes
Kingston Mass

1838

My Dear Parent

New Orleans January 4th 1838

Sir We arrived here after yesterday
after a Passage of 17 days to the Bar all well
& safe

Freights are 5/8 & ships are holding out for
3/4 I was told that there were a few taken up
at 11/16 to day. I shall take room as soon as
I get the ship to discharging there is so many vessels
here that I fear I shall be at some trouble for
a berth

I saw a Man here from Mobile that says
he pass the 10th February yesterday going up
to Mobile & that the August was at Town
since writing the above I have got the promise
of Berth tomorrow

in haste your Son Paractete

I shall write again soon

DOUBLE
RATE

NEW ORLEANS → HARTFORD

17 JAN (1837)



UNITED STATES POSTAL HISTORY

NEW ORLEANS, LA. ————— EXPRESS MAIL

Posted January 17, (1837) in New Orleans and destined for Hartford, Conn. The double rate \$1.50 EXPRESS MAIL fee is shown by the red manuscript "150". "Express Mail" is shown in red and the blue postmark measures 30 mm. in diameter and the type used from 1835-1850.

