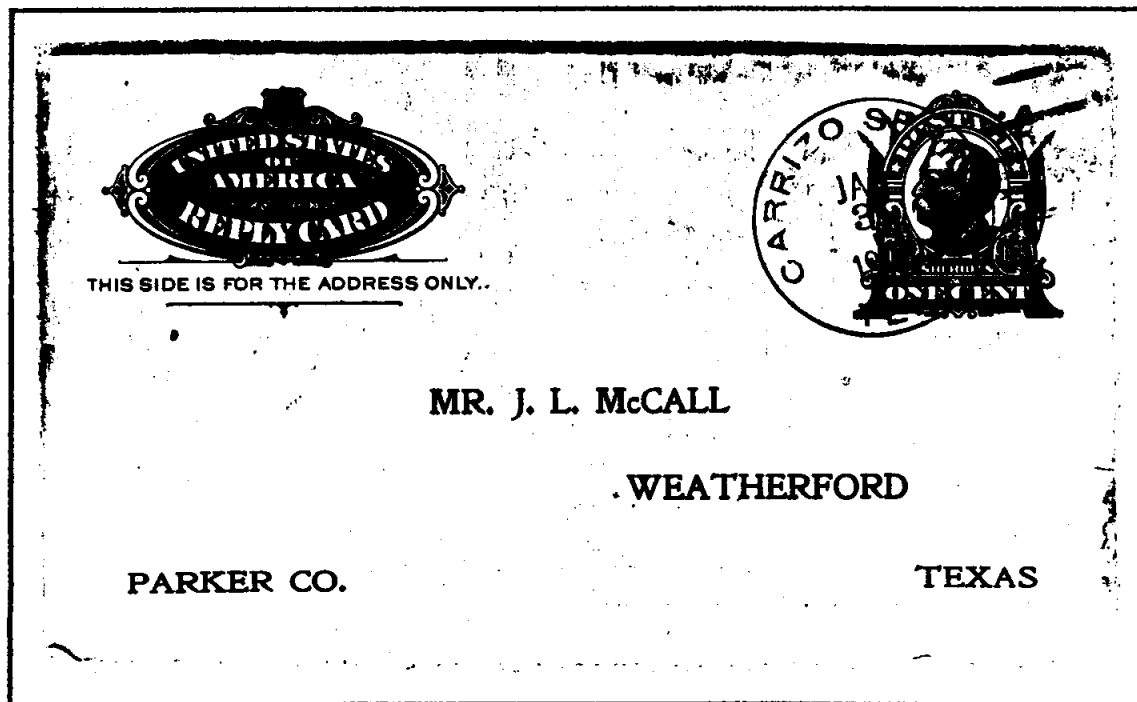
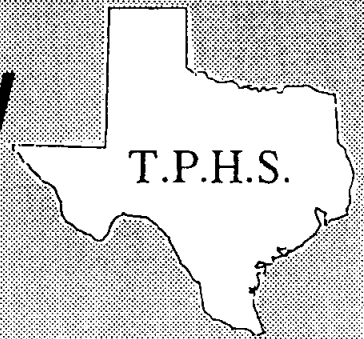


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The feature article in this issue by John Germann and Myron Janzen is very important. You need to take advantage of the sources available as outlined in this article. If you have any plans to research your covers, research some aspect of Texas history or even do personal genealogical research, you need access to this monumental study. The county maps, for example,, are the most accurate in existence. This work ranks as a reference with Deaton's *Texas Postal History Handbook*, Schmidt's *Encyclopedia of Texas Post Offices* and ter Braake's *Texas: The Drama Of Its Postal Past*. John Germann's address, phone number and e-mail address are found on page 16 of this Journal and Myron Janzen's on page 17.

On the cover

A detached Paid Reply Card, UY4 issued 1904, posted at Carrizo Springs in Dimmitt County on Jan. 30, 1907. The recipient, Mr. J. L. McCall of Weatherford, was an attorney seeking information. Reply cards are still being used at the current post card rate. However, they are not as common as in the days of the penny post card.

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From the President . . .

As usual, we had an interesting and productive meeting at TEXPEX this past April. Attendance was excellent and we recruited one new member. The "Show and Tell" part of our meeting included early and modern Texas postal history. The most recent featured inauguration event covers made by our expert cover creator - Lyle Boardman.

The principal business item discussed was the future of the TPHA Auction. The plan to have a "For Sale" listing in the Journal each issue has not materialized. No covers were submitted to the Editor. Thus we have not had a sale of any kind for well over a year.

The "piggy-back" TPA auction also has not taken place and there has been no TPA auction the past year. And prospects for one are very dim.

As a result, the group thought we should give strong consideration to restarting our TPHA auction under our own auspices. Perhaps we should also let TPA members bid and take part in the auction. This may also get us some new TPHA members as well.

It was agreed by those present that we should restart our auction. Hopefully, the mechanics can be worked out and the rules can be similar to the ones which we were using in the past. We'll keep you posted via the *Journal*.

And speaking of the *Journal*, don't forget that our Editor needs more articles. He always does! He never has the luxury of having a backlog on hand. So get your name in print -write a postal history piece for the TPHA *Journal*

Hope you have had a philatelically good time this winter and have acquired some TEXAS gems.

That's all for this time.

Good Collectin',

THE MAKING AND FINISHING
OF
TEXAS POST OFFICES BY COUNTY

by
John J. Germann and Myron R. Janzen
1985 - 2000

Twenty years ago I began researching the independent civilian post offices of Texas. At the time, the only work which dealt specifically with the post offices themselves (rather than with postal history) was Charles Deaton's *Texas Postal History Handbook* which incorporated alphabetical and county lists of United States post offices in Texas, 1846 - 1930 - based on Jim Wheat's fine research. I was curious, however, about specific rather than annual dates for the post offices, about openings and closings before 1846 and after 1930, about the locations of these offices (including those in counties which had long since subdivided), about postmasters and name origins, etc. So I resolved to start a work which would be as thorough as possible in these areas, from the earliest office to the present day. I decided to divide my efforts into four separate areas: 1) brief county Sketches; 2) Tables of all offices by county; 3) Maps by current county; and 4) basic Information on the offices. A sample of one county is included for reference. I have selected Reeves County in far West Texas. The Reeves pages shown here are a sample of the format used for all the counties. Some counties, for example those "old" counties in East Texas, are much more complicated. Unlike the study itself, I have included some Reeves County cover illustrations for the readership of this article.

The four separate areas listed above posed a variety of research challenges, and I thought I'd share with you some of the postal and postal history sources helpful in meeting those challenges:

The Sketches:

For the most part I gleaned this information from *The New Handbook of Texas* and *The Texas Almanac* and several volumes of the *The Eyes of Texas Travel Guide*.

The Tables:

For the offices that functioned under the United States government I started with the *Record of the Appointment of Postmasters*, a valuable microfilm record in manuscript of "official" dates for establishments and closings which now goes through 1971. It is available for rent or purchase from the National Archives. It has been transcribed by word-processing, though with some errors and only through 1930, onto the World Wide Web; it can be found at (<http://www.rootsweb.com/~txpost>) I followed with issues of the *Postal Bulletin*, at first issued annually and then weekly and now monthly; it filled holes. It also gave "effective" dates for openings and closings in the late nineteenth century and early twentieth century; these dates override the "official" dates of the *Record of Appointment* lists. It is available on National Archives microfilm as well, and can be borrowed from the American Philatelic Research Library. More holes were filled with the *Postal Guide* (and various earlier titles), an annual hard-bound publication which summarized post office goings-on and sometimes contained clarifying or additional information. The Library of Congress has the full run of these.

When it came to the Texas Republic offices, I looked at every relevant piece of paper available in the Texas State Library and Archives in Austin. The records are spotty. Some of the earlier information was put into print in James M. Day's two-volume *Post Office Papers of the Republic of Texas*, another hard-copy source which I sometimes referred to was Harry M. Konwiser's *The Texas Republic Postal System*, I also checked my dates against those which Walter G. Schmidt incorporated in *An Encyclopedia of Texas Post Offices*.

For information on post offices in the Mexican and Spanish eras I relied heavily on the thorough research presented in Alex Ter Braakes's *Texas: The Drama of Its Postal Past*.

The Maps:

First and foremost I discovered a most capable, interested, conscientious, and willing cartographer in my friend, Myron Janzen. All I had to do was give him a rough (very rough) draft, and off he went. The information I fed to him came from a host of sources.

For the USA offices post-1875, the most important source by far is the Post Office Department's *Site Location Reports*. When a postmaster wished to apply for a new office, he was required to fill out a form which asked for the names and distances of the nearest streams, railroads, and already extant post offices, plus a hand-drawn map illustrating these. Trust me, not all applicants filled them out conscientiously or accurately! But they are a pretty thorough and very valuable resource (and sometimes the Post Office Department would scrawl an effective date for a name or site change, which was often later than and therefore more likely accurate than the "official" dates). These are available for purchase on microfilm from the National Archives; Texas consumes about twenty reels.

For the location of U.S. offices which existed between 1846 and 1875, I had to use a variety of sources. Among them were maps at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., and at the (Barker) Center for American History on the University of Texas campus in Austin. Post office ledgers in the National Archives, including those of the Confederacy, were very helpful for some of the more obscure offices of the 1850s and 1860s. Cemetery records sometimes placed a founding postmaster; genealogy libraries have many such records. Microfilmed manuscript county tax records in the 1850s often indicated the land grant for a taxpayer's property or the nearest major stream. It's tedious work but can sometimes be most helpful when you get down to the real "toughies"; libraries often have local or regional records, and the rest can be obtained pretty easily via Interlibrary Loan. Deed records are a real "shot in the dark"; some are not easy to work with, but if you are lucky you can find a revealing transfer of land by or to a founding postmaster contemporary with the post office. These are available on microfilm from each individual county (at least those whose courthouse contents were not destroyed by fire) through Inter library Loan.

For those obscure offices which functioned during the Republic era, sometimes the best source are the land grant maps in the General Land Office in Austin. Quite a few (but not enough) of the Texas pioneers obtained land grants/patents, and that can help document the location of the post office which very likely functioned out of their home, the process is not totally reliable, but if you come armed with at least a little knowledge you may be able to reasonably pinpoint an office.

And the GLO staff is quite efficient in answering written inquiries about any land records for a pioneer.

The Information:

For the first postmasters (and subsequent ones for that matter) the *Record of the Appointment of Postmasters* is the mainstay source, up through 1971.

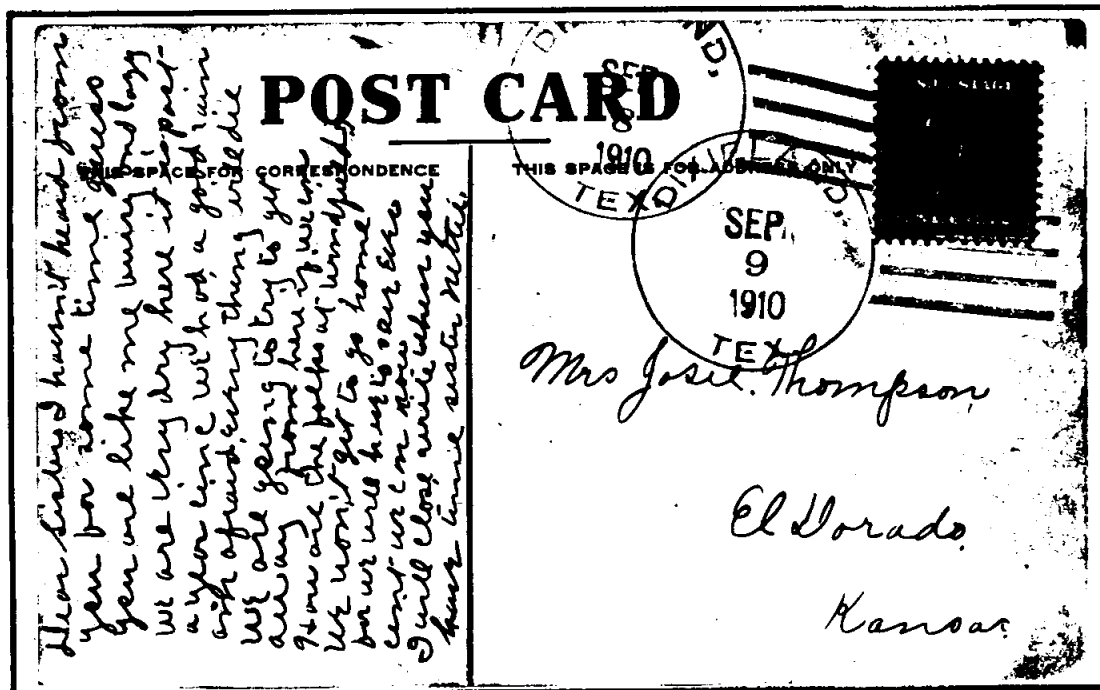
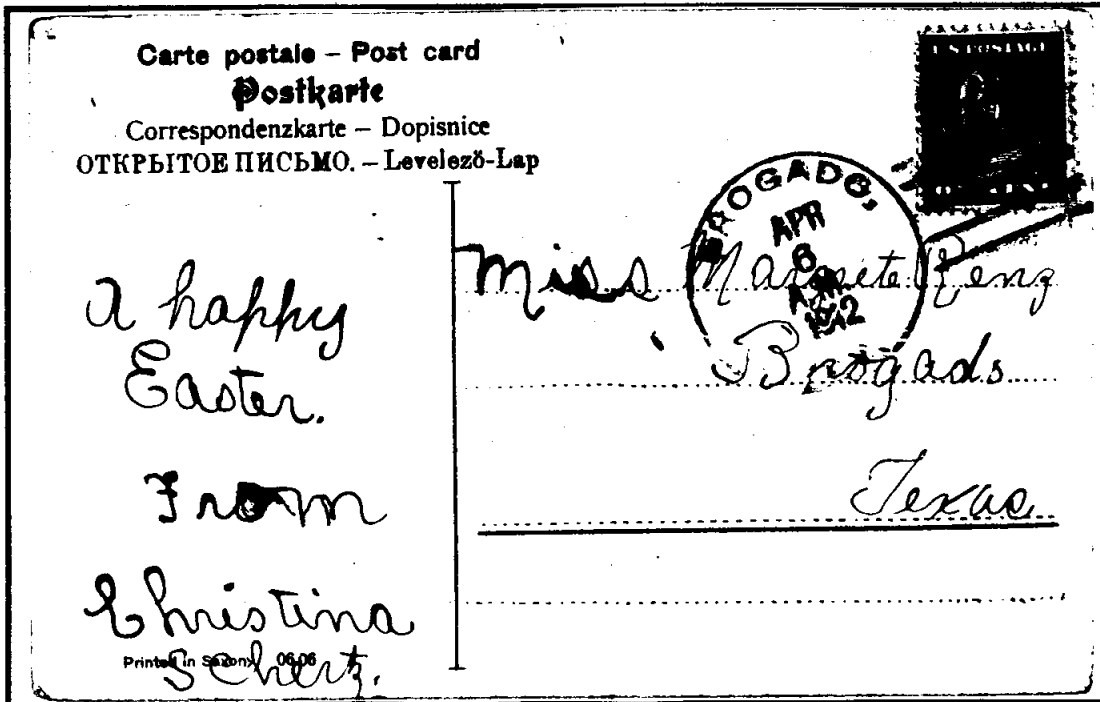
Often the name of a post office would have no connection to the historic name of the community. Sometimes founding postmasters would name a post office for a family member or friend or former hometown, railroad and sawmill town post offices would honor company personnel, or the historical name would duplicate that of another state office, etc. So it is helpful to know the "also known as" other names. Particularly helpful here is *The Handbook of Texas*, Maps and atlases often indicate alternate names as well.

The population figures come from the postmaster applications and form census reports. The former are not always reliable (it was tempting, for example, for prospective postmasters to exaggerate the number of persons they would be serving), so they are often preceded by quotation and approximation marks. The census information for the most part was plucked from *The Texas Almanac*. Some name originals are simple, for example those named for the first postmaster or after a nearby stream. Many are very elusive if not impossible to determine. *The New Handbook of Texas* (which is now online) is very important here. So too are county histories; most but not all Texas counties have had their story told in hard copy. City public and genealogical libraries (e.g. Houston's Public and Clayton Genealogical Libraries) can have good collections of these, as well as of cemetery records and genealogical works. Austin's Center for American History also has an excellent collection of primary and secondary sources; it also houses the papers of historian/journalist Grover C. Ramsey who wrote innumerable letters to individuals around the state in his pursuit of information on Texas ghost towns. Census records are rather hit-and-miss for this kind of pursuit; they do not provide location information, but sometimes you can find the postmaster and discover a son or wife or daughter after whom he has named the office. When it comes to online data, TexGenWeb has a wonderfully ambitious genealogical website with all 254 Texas counties participating. Some of the sites have the likes of census, cemetery, and family biography, land survey, and marriage data; a few even have an index of their entire website - all you do is type in a name and it brings up anything and everything that it has containing that name. From those sites you can also find "locals" with whom you can correspond via e-mail about name origins in their geographic area. But even with all of these histories, "locals", and records many of the name origins, and indeed many of the places themselves, remain lost to history but for an entry or two in the postal records. It is rather amazing how little is known about so many of them.

The story of Texas communities and post offices is a fascinating one, and it has been a personal joy to get to know the history of railroad, coal mining, Norwegian, blatantly speculative, and myriads of other kinds of towns over such a broad and diverse landscape. And it has been enlightening to learn about the development of the state through its stages of settlement. But mere personal satisfaction could not have sustained me; the two decades of research and fifteen years of publication were egged on by many friends and associates in the field of Texas history in

general and Texas postal history in particular - not the least of which have been the loyal subscribers whose continued encouragement and support kept the fires burning. And as they already know, the work is not totally done. If intentions and energy do not forsake me, *Texas Post Offices By County* will be enlarged by the addition of much more Texas postal information - on postmasters, stations and branches, military postal operations, railroad and highway post offices. But that's another story, and another set of years away.

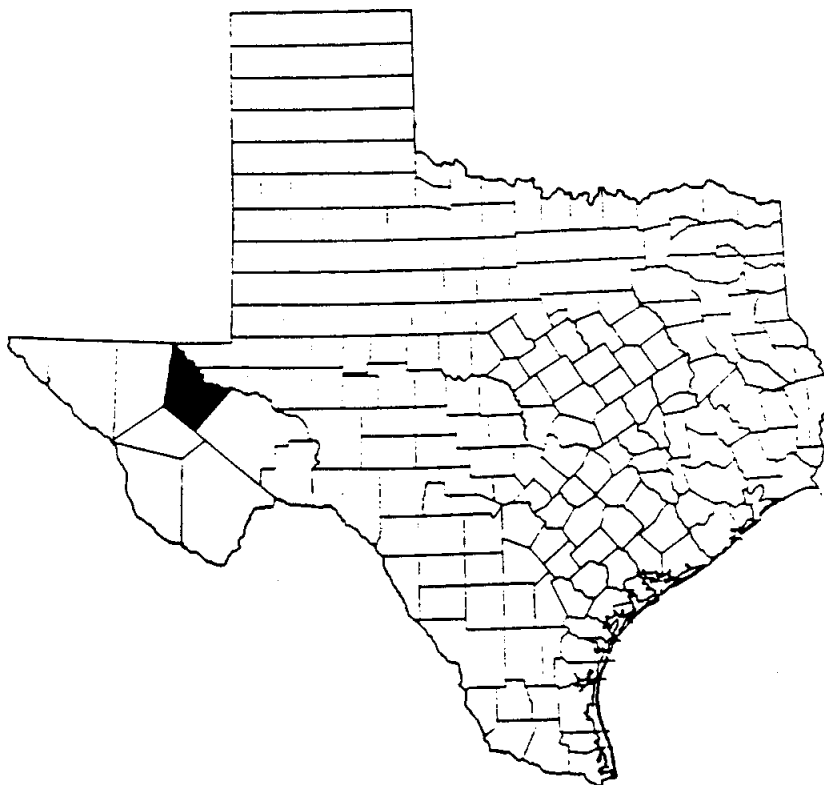
John J. Germann



Reeves County covers, Brogado April 6, 1912 and Dixieland September 9, 1910. Both communities are DPO's.

REEVES COUNTY POST OFFICES

One of the large Trans-Pecos counties of far West Texas, Reeves County boasts 2642 square miles of land which ranges from flat to mountainous. It has little rain but it possesses many powerful springs and is bordered by the Pecos River on the north. It can, therefore, support a variety of activities, and its economy ranges from livestock to significant production of cotton, hay, and famous cantaloupes, to tourism. Add to that successive oil and gas discoveries in the 1930s, 1950s, and 1970s. Tourism is important as well; one of the attractions is the annual Pecos Rodeo, since Pecos claims to have held the very first cowhand games back in 1883. Interest in Reeves County is nothing new. Prehistoric man enjoyed what it had to offer, as did Jumano Indians and Mexican settlers. The first Anglo farmers appeared in 1871, followed shortly by ranchers in 1875. The Butterfield Overland Mail route crossed it, as did railroad tracks in 1881, and two interstate highways in the latter twentieth century. It was wrested from Pecos County in 1883 and named for Confederate colonel and Texas legislator and house speaker George Robertson Reeves. Organization came the next year and Pecos acquired the seat. Population has increased fairly steadily, with a couple of major boosts. One came from the sale of state school lands at the beginning of the twentieth century, which also produced a spate of post offices. The other was the discovery of multiple oil and gas fields. In 1890 the county claimed 1247 residents; that number grew steadily to 17,644 in 1960. In 1990 it stood at 15,852. The first post offices appeared in the 1880s - Rockwell and Toyah leading the pack in 1881. There were a dozen openings between 1900 and 1915 but only one since then - Red Bluff in 1935, which served the construction site of a nearby dam on the Pecos River for two years and then folded. In the 1990s six were still managing to hang on.



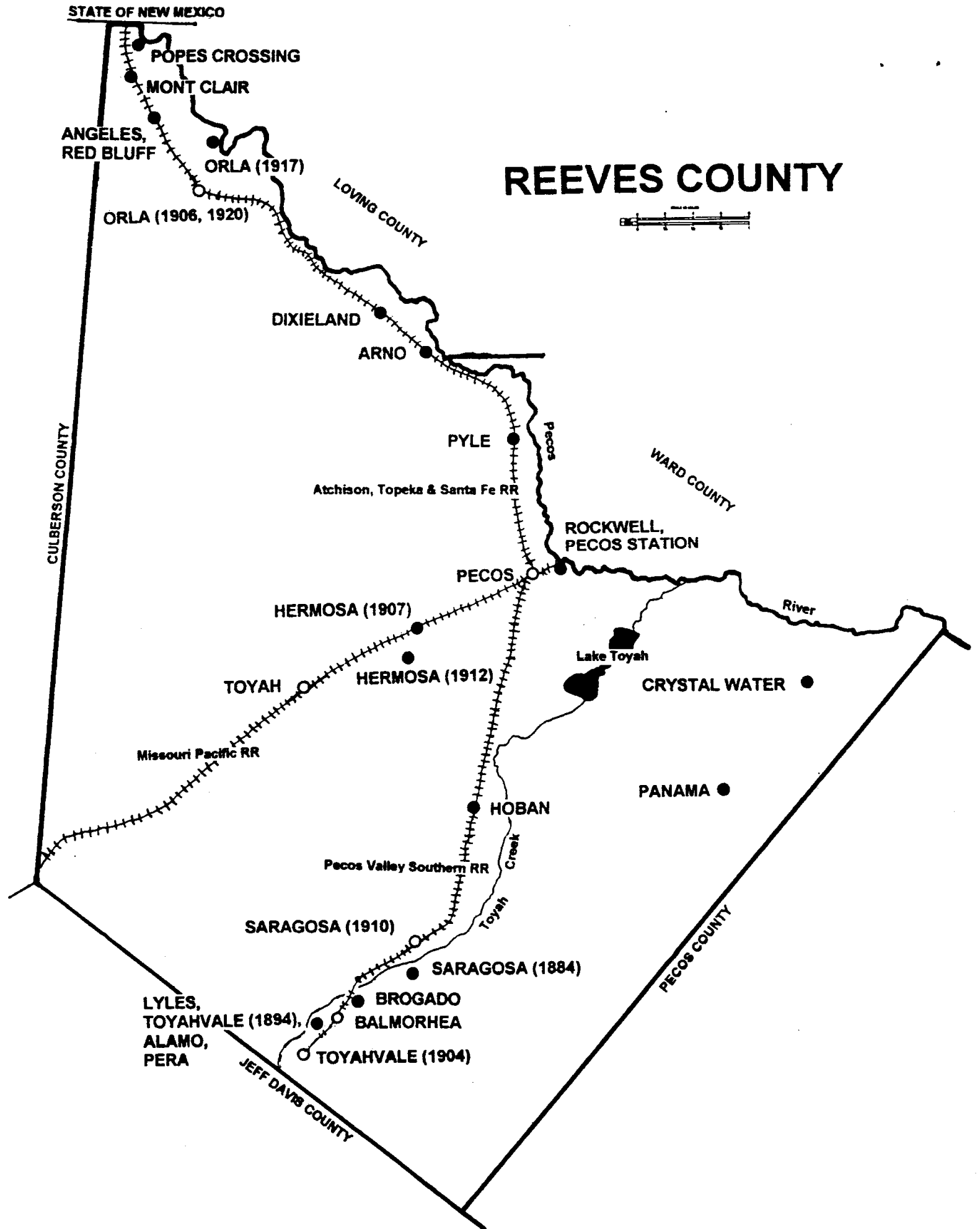
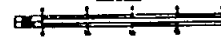
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<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>ESTABLISHED</u>	<u>DISCONTINUED</u>	<u>MAIL TO</u>
ALAMO	3 NOV 1903	15 MAY 1905	CHGD TO PERA
ANGELES	12 OCT 1910	9 APR 1916	CHGD TO ORLA
ARNO	17 MAY 1907	15 DEC 1915	PORTERVILLE
BALMORHEA	4 AUG 1908	OP	
BROGADO	28 AUG 1894	31 MAY 1918	BALMORHEA
CRYSTAL WATER	8 SEP 1913	30 JUN 1917	PYOTE
DIXIELAND	26 FEB 1904	15 APR 1912	ARNO
HERMOSA	27 FEB 1907	15 JAN 1914	PECOS
HOBAN	31 OCT 1911	31 JAN 1918	PECOS
LYLES*	26 AUG 1891	30 JUL 1894	CHGD TO TOYAHVALE
MONT CLAIR	8 APR 1910	30 JUN 1914	ANGELES
ORLA	26 DEC 1906	31 JAN 1916	ANGELES
ORLA*	10 APR 1916	30 APR 1920	PORTERVILLE
ORLA	23 APR 1921	14 JUN 1924	PORTERVILLE
ORLA	4 JUN 1926	OP	
PANAMA	21 APR 1904	15 OCT 1913	PECOS
PECOS*	20 JUN 1884	OP	
PECOS STATION	17 NOV 1882	19 JUN 1884	CHGD TO PECOS
PERA*	16 MAY 1905	30 APR 1913	BALMORHEA
POPES CROSSING	9 APR 1879	13 AUG 1879	FORT STOCKTON
PYLE	12 OCT 1910	31 JUL 1911	PECOS
RED BLUFF	23 APR 1935	15 JAN 1937	ORLA
ROCKWELL	25 AUG 1881	20 JAN 1882	TOYAH
SARAGOSA	23 JAN 1884	25 AUG 1891	CHGD TO LYLES
SARAGOSA	29 SEP 1900	30 SEP 1901	BROGADO
SARAGOSA	30 SEP 1902	OP	
TOYAH	30 DEC 1881	OP	
TOYAHVALE*	31 JUL 1894	30 JUN 1903	BROGADO
TOYAHVALE	19 JAN 1904	21 MAR 1931	BALMORHEA
TOYAHVALE	22 SEP 1931	OP	

^ INDIAN ROCK IN NEW MEXICO

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

REEVES COUNTY



REEVES COUNTY POST OFFICES

ALAMO:

1ST PM: Joseph B. Cortes; AKA "Laloma"(applied for)
NAME : Probably as a historical alternative to "Laloma"

ANGELES:

1ST PM: Edgar O. Olds
NOTE : A loading point for cattle on the Santa Fe RR

ARNO:

1ST PM: Mrs. M. E. Solman; AKA "Arno Valley"

BALMORHEA:

1ST PM: William Calvin Kelley; POP: 1990 = 757
NAME : For the three land developers - Balcum, Moore, and Rhea -
who founded the town

BROGADO:

1ST PM: Louis Schertz
AKA : "India"(applied for) & "San Jose"; POP: 1990 = 122
NAME : For Father Brogado, a Catholic priest who made regular
visits to tend to the townspeople

CRYSTAL WATER:

1ST PM: Mabel E. Levin
NAME : For the ranch on which it was established

DIXIELAND:

1ST PM: Enoch L. Hayden [Richard R. Cobb - Failed to Qualify]
NAME : Probably for its location in the South, as a promotional
device
NOTE : An irrigated agricultural promotion

HERMOSA:

1ST PM: David L. McDaniel
NAME : For the view from the site ("beautiful"[Sp.]

HOBAN:

1ST PM: William C. Sisco
NAME : For Catholic priest Joseph Hoban, who served the area out
of Pecos

LYLES:

* : Was Saragosa
1ST PM: Jacob Morrow
NAME : For George and Robert Lyle, pioneer farmers in the region

MONT CLAIR:

1ST PM: Alexander W. Proctor

ORLA:

* : Was Angeles
1ST PM: John D. McAdams; AKA "Hagertown"; POP; 1990 = 183
NAME : For location near the Pecos River ("fringe"[Sp.]

PANAMA:

1ST PM: John W. Irby; AKA "Murryville"(applied for)

PECOS:

* : Was Pecos Station
1ST PM: Alvin W. Callahan; AKA "Pecos City"; POP: 1990 = 12,023
NAME : For location near the Pecos River

PECOS STATION:

1ST PM: William J. Leader
POP : 1882 = "cattle trade on the Rio Pecos"
NAME : For the Texas & Pacific RR station at the site on the Pecos
River
NOTE : Established in Pecos County (pre-Reeves)

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PERA:

* : Was Alamo
1ST PM: Joseph B. Cortes

POPES CROSSING:

1ST PM: James Raynor
NAME : For the nearby crossing of the Pecos River used by Captain
John Pope on his 1854 survey expedition
NOTE : Established in Pecos County (pre-Reeves)

PYLE:

1ST PM: Isaac A. Boren [John W. Curtis - declined]; AKA "Patrol"

RED BLUFF:

1ST PM: Mrs. Meady J. Armstrong
NAME : For red bluffs on the Pecos River nearby
NOTE : The site of a dam on the Pecos River completed in 1936

ROCKWELL:

1ST PM: Louis Graff; AKA "Pecos"(applied for); POP: 1881 = @300
NOTE : Established in Pecos County (pre-Reeves)

SARAGOSA:

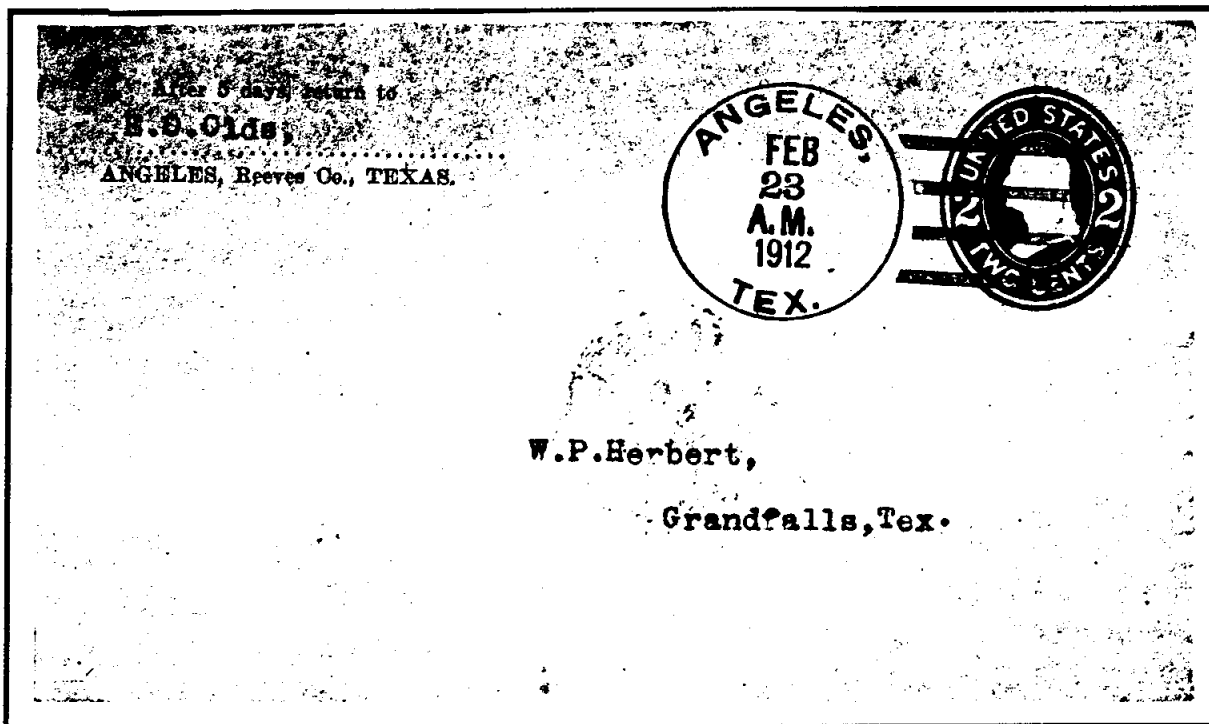
1ST PM: James K. Dempsey; POP: 1990 = 185
NOTE : Established in Pecos County (pre-Reeves)

TOYAH:

1ST PM: Hiram Lightner; POP: 1990 = 114
NAME : From the Indian word for "flowing water" - a reference to
its artesian wells
NOTE : Established in Pecos County (pre-Reeves)

TOYAHVALE:

* : Was Lyles
1ST PM: Charles Augustus Hutchins
POP : 1931 = "@10 - country store", 1990 = 60
NAME : (See Toyah)



A Reeves County DPO, Angeles, Texas Feb. 23, 1912.

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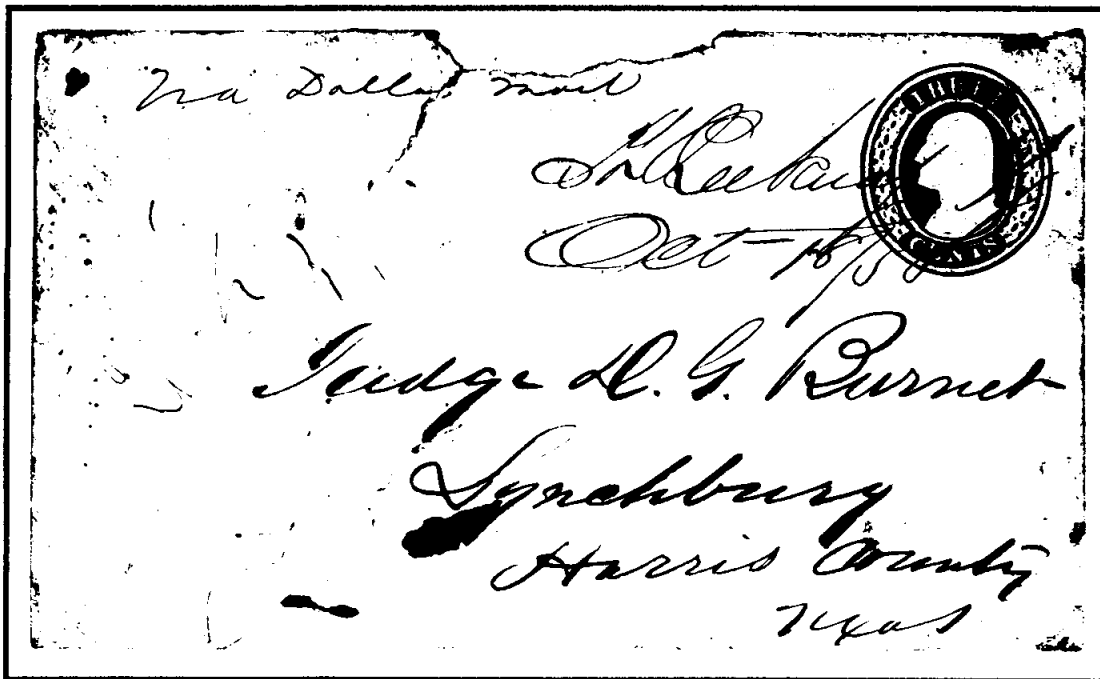
by A. E. Gaddy

The pictured cover was purchased by mail as a Texas item with the notation "Via Dallas Mail". When the cover arrived the manuscript postmark was not immediately obvious. The date, Oct. 18, 1858, was plain. The addressee, Judge D. G. Burnet, was interesting as his Texas political activities included Ad-Interim President of the Republic of Texas.

The routing instruction indicated that the post office was probably on at least two mail routes, one with a Dallas connection. During the late 1850's there were probably only three routes serving Dallas. The San Antonio to Memphis route passed through Dallas and other towns including Clarksville, McKinney, Waxahachie and Waco. The route between Dallas and Palestine had various stops based on opening and closing of post offices. The third route was between Dallas and Fort Belknap. Stops on this route included Birdville, Fort Worth and Weatherford.

In October 1858 Fort Belknap had another postal route serving it. This was the well known Butterfield Overland Mail Route, extending from St. Louis to San Diego. Service began in September 1858. Sherman was the main distribution location for Texas mail.

Knowing the mail routes and post offices of north Texas in 1858, it became easier to read the name of the postmark office - "Ft. Belknap".



Manuscript postmark at Ft. Belknap Oct. 18, 1858. Routing was "via Dallas mail", a normal procedure for mail from this fort located west northwest of Dallas. A backstamp noted receipt at Lynchburg on Oct. 30th. Addressee was a famous Texas patriot.

Fort Belknap was established in new Young County as part of a chain of Forts to protect the frontier. A post office was not established there until August 14, 1856. The office continued open during part of the Confederate States period and was officially closed by the U.S. Post Office in 1866.

The sender or postmaster of the Fort Belknap item most likely knew the postal route schedules and determined the quickest routing for this letter. Many of the routes were only once or twice a week. From Dallas the letter could have been forwarded to Palestine or Waco Village to connect with a route to Houston and from Houston another route to Lynchburg on Buffalo Bayou opposite the San Jacinto battleground. All this probably resulted in a notation on the back of the envelope reading "Recd 30 Oct". Realizing the connection schedules of the routes the twelve days of travel can be understood.

The route this cover took is as follows. First, the originating date, Oct. 18, 1858, was a Monday and the receiving date, Oct. 30, 1858 was a Saturday. The stagecoach from Ft. Belknap to Dallas, a distance of 137 miles, was mail Route 8706 which departed Mondays and Thursdays at 5 A.M. Thus this letter left Ft. Belknap on Monday Oct. 18th. Arrival in Dallas was scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 20th at 10 P.M.

Letters could depart Dallas on Route 7849 on Mondays, Wednesdays or Saturdays at 5 A.M. for Waco Village. This letter arrived at Dallas too late for the Wednesday stage and had to wait for the Saturday stage. It left at 5 A.M. on Saturday Oct. 23rd and arrived at Waco Village the next day, Sunday, Oct. 24th, at 8 P.M. Route 8564 departed Waco Village for San Antonio via Austin daily at 4 A.M. The letter left Waco Village on Monday, Oct. 25th and reached Austin the next day, Tuesday, Oct. 26th at 10 P.M. At Austin it was transferred to the daily Austin - Houston stage, Route 8512, and left Austin at 6 A.M. on the 27th. Arrival in Houston was scheduled for the third day at 6 A.M. In this case that would be 6 A.M. Saturday, Oct. 30th. The daily Houston - Galveston Route 8509 was by steamboat. It left Houston on Saturday the 30th at 3 P.M. and arrived at Lynchburg (going down Buffalo Bayou) later that day, confirming the receiving backstamp date of Oct. 30, 1858.

SOURCE:

The above routing information was researched by TPHS editor Jim Stever. He is in possession of House of Representatives Executive Documents which set out the routes, distances, departure and arrival times plus contract proposals along with the winning contractor and amount he was paid per annum. Some but not all route descriptions give mode of conveyance as well as intervening stops. The particular reference is Document No. 109 from the 36th Congress, Second Session providing mail contract data beginning July 1, 1858. The Texas section is found on pages 267 - 341.

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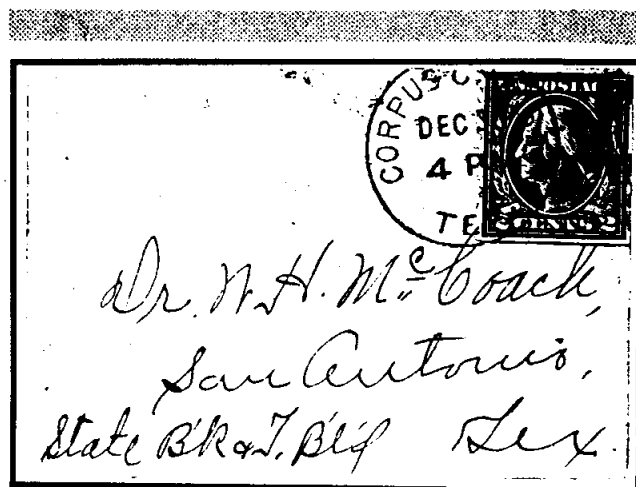
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