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PONY EXPRESS RIDERS

Following is a compilation of the rider lists which have fallen into my hands over the past 20 years. The best of lists is none too good. Not much was preserved in the way of records, and no serious attempt was made to write Pony Express history until about 50 years after the ponies stopped running. Some of those included in the lists definitely did not ride. There are almost certainly omissions as well. Stories and anecdotes sometimes mention riders whose names are not found in the lists, and many family traditions tell of riders not listed in the books. It must be remembered that, in addition to the Central Overland Pony Express started by Russell, Majors and Waddell, a number of other Pony Express mail services operated at various times and in various parts of the West. This information is offered for whatever it is worth.

Citations

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Names

Alcott, Jack (James)
Anson, John
Anton
Aubrey, F.X. (*)
Avis, Henry

Babbitt, Rodney
Ball, L. W. (Lafayette, S. W.)
Bank (Banks), James W.
Barnell, James
Bagnh, Jim ("Boston") (**)
Bagnh, Melville
Beardsley, Marve
Beatley [Foote], James
Becker, Charles
Bedford, Thomas J.
Billman, Charles
Bills, G.R.
"Black Sam"
"Black Tom"
Black, Thomas
Bolwinkle, Lafayette (***)

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9	"Irish Jim"
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12	James, William
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11	Jennings
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1 4 5 6 11 12	Jones, William
5	Kates, William (@)
1 2 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12	Keetley, J. H. (Jack) ("the joyous jockey of the Pony Express")
1 6 11	Kelley, Hi
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 11 12	Kelley (Kelly), Jay G.
1	Kelley, Merrit P.
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 9 11 12	Kelley (Kelly), Mike (I.C.)
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 9 11 12	King, Thomas Owen
1	King, Tony
1 2 4 5 6 7 9 11 12	Koerner, John P. (John Phillip)
11	LaMont, Harry
1	Larzelere, Charles
1 6 11	Lawson, William
4 11	Leonard, George
1 3 4 5 6 11	Little, George Edwin
1 4 6 9 11 12	Littleton, "Tough" (Elias)
11	Lytle, N. N.
1 4 5 6 7 9 11 12	Macaulas (Macoulas), Sye
1 2 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12	Martin, Robert
1 3 4 5 6 11	Maxfield, Elijah H.
1 3 4 5 7 9 11 12	Maze, Montgomery
1 3 4 5 11 12	McCain, Emmett (Emmet)
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12	McCall, J. G. (Jay)
3 11	McCarty, Charlie
1 2 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12	McDonald, James
1 4 5 6 7 9 11 12	McEnaney (McEnamey, McEarney, McEnearny, McEneamny, McEneany), Pat
11	McLaughlin, David
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11	Meacona, Lorenzo

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													("Pony Ned")
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						7							William, James (\$)
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- (*) F.X. Aubrey was killed in Santa Fe in 1854 according to Chapman and others.
- (**) The nickname "Boston" is also often associated with Warren Upson.
- (***) "Bolly", as he was called, was on the scene, but not usually mentioned as a rider.
- (#) Major Egan served as a Division Superintendent from Salt Lake City west to Roberts Creek, (NV), but is pretty well documented to have carried the mail at times.
- (##) Wild Bill is generally understood not to have been a rider.
- (###) Ben Holladay was the Stage Line magnate who took control of the COCPPE in Spring of 1862. Same guy, or a mix-up?
- (@) Same as William Cates? Probably.
- (@@) Probably the same as "Wash" Perkins.
- (^) Bolivar Roberts was Division Superintendent between Roberts Creek, (NV), and Sacramento.
- (^^) Slade was Division Superintendent in the Julesburg area.
- (^^^) The nickname "Boston" is also often associated with Jim Baughn.
- (\$) Transposition of William James? Could be.

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- 5 *Riders of the Pony Express* by Kate B. Carter. Published 1947. "As far as known, the roster for the Express riders, including substitutes."
- 6 *Saddles and Spurs* by Raymond and Mary Settle. Published 1955. The Settles say they consulted six lists in making up theirs. The only one I have used which is found in their bibliography is Carter, #5.
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- 9 This list was compiled by California historian Herbert S. Hamlin and published in 1955. Found in *Museum Graphic*, 3rd Edition, 1965.
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