

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		Names
1 3	4 5 6	Alcott, Jack (James) Anson, John Anton Aubrey, F.X. (*)
1 2	4 5 6 7 9	11 12 Avis, Henry
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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

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1	2	4		6	7	R	9	10	11	12	Brink, James W. ("Doc," "Dock")
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1	2	4	5	6	7	8	9		11	12	Carrigan, William
1											Carson,
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1	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Cates, William A.
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1	2		5	6	7					12	Clarke, Richard W. ("Deadwood Dick")
1	2	4	5	6	7		9		11	12	Cleve (Cleave), Richard
1	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Cliff, Charles
1	2	4	5	6	7	8	9		11	12	Cliff, Gus (Gustavus)
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									11		Foreman, Jimmie
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1	2	4	5	6	7		9		11	12	Gardner, George ("Irish")
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									11		Haws, Sam
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									11		Hensel, Levi
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1			4	5	6					11	12	Jones, William
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1	2		4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Keetley, J. H. (Jack) ("the joyous jockey of the Pony Express")
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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		11	12	Kelley (Kelly), Jay G.
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1	2		4					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)
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1					6							Larzelere, Charles
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1 1 1		3	4	5	6					11 11 11 11		Pace, Thad Packard, G. Page, William Parr, Dick Paul, John Paxton, "Mochila Joe"
1		3	4	5	6	7				11		Perkins, George Washington ("Wash")
	2						8	9	10		12	Perkins, Josh (@@)
1	2		4	5	6	7		9		11	12	Pridham (Prindham), William
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Ranahan, Thomas J. ("Irish Tommy," "Happy Tom")
1	2		4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Rand, Theodore ("Little Yank," "Yank")
1	2		4	5	6	7		9		11	12	Randall, James
1			4	5						11	12	Reynolds, Charles A.
1	2		4	5	6	7		9			12	Reynolds, Thomas J.
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										11		Scovell, George
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1	2		4	5	6	7		9	10	11	12	Upson, Warren ("Boston") (^^^)
1	2	3			6	7		9				Van Blaricon (Van Blaricorn), William E. (R.) ("Pony Ned") Vickery, Bill
1 1 1 1	2 2 2	3	4 4 4	5 5 5	6	7 7 7			10 10		12	Wade, John B. Wallace, Henry Weaver, Cap Westcott (Wescott), Daniel (Don) Whalen (Whelan), Michael M.
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1		3			6	7				11		Wright, George Wright, Mose (Morse)
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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 <u>not</u> 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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- 7 Pony Express The Great Gamble by Roy S. Bloss. Published 1959.
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 No idea where it came from. It must be pretty old, as it mentions a few of the riders still being alive.
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