

THE  
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❧ COLLECTION ❧  
OF INDEPENDENT MAILS

INCLUDING THE HISTORY, FORGERIES, & FANTASIES OF  
UNITED STATES, LOCAL POSTS, CARRIERS,  
INDEPENDENT MAIL ROUTES, & EXPRESS CO.S

CAPE COD EXPRESS CO.

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# CAPE COD EXPRESS CO.

## COMPANY HISTORY

The Cape Cod Express Company operated between Boston and Cape Cod, Massachusetts from 1870 until around 1887. The company consolidated with and was operated by the New York & Coston Despatch

Express Company. When, exactly, the merger took place is uncertain, but it likely occurred around 1880. The advertisement at left, published in 1879, insists that a consolidation has not taken place; however, an 1880 obituary of Elijah Lewis (an agent for Cape Cod Express Co.) states that the company had been consolidated some time before then.

### CAPE COD EXPRESS CO.

Being often inquired of as to the truth of the reports concerning the consolidation of the Cape Cod Express with the New York & Boston Despatch, will say that all such, from whatever source, are designedly manufactured, without foundation, and calculated to mislead the public in their dealings with the former company. CAPE COD EXPRESS COMPANY.

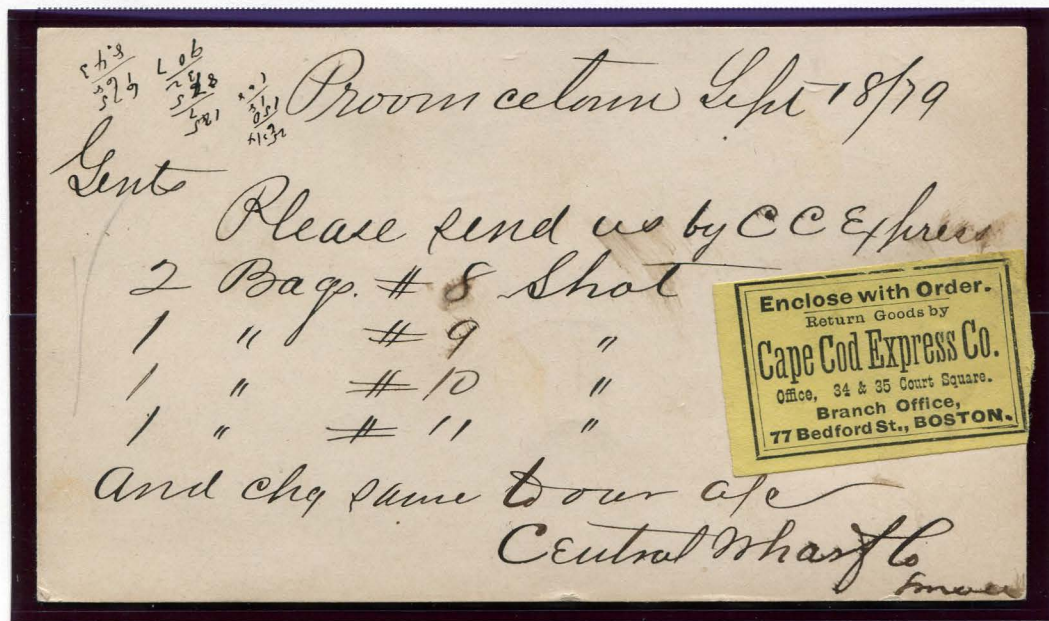
Boston, June 13.

REVEREND HOUSE Boston

ADVERTISEMENT PUBLISHED IN  
THE BOSTON HERALD, JUNE 13, 1879

## EXPRESS LABELS

The company issued express labels in three different recorded designs. All three designs were simple, rectangular labels with the express name and office address.



Although the card above was carried by the express company - not the US mail - it was written on a prepaid US postal card. The label is affixed to the card with an order for goods and the note "Please send us by CC Express".

# CAPE COD EXPRESS CO.

## EXPRESS LABELS



CODX-L3  
BLACK ON  
YELLOW SC



CODX-L3  
BLACK ON  
GREEN SC