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OF INDEPENDENT MAILS

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

EASTERN EXPRESS COMPANY

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EASTERN EXPRESS COMPANY

COMPANY HISTORY

THE EASTERN EXPRESS COMPANY.

Formed by the combination of the Express Companies
—OF—
Hodgman, Carr & Co.,
Carpenter & Co.,
Winslow & Co.,

Will continue the Express business between
BOSTON AND THE STATE OF MAINE,
over the Eastern, Boston & Maine, York & Cumberland,
Kennebec & Portland, Somerset & Kennebec, Androscoggin & Kennebec; and Penobscot & Kennebec Railroads; and
by Steamboats between Boston and Portland, Portland
and Bangor, Boston and Augusta, and Boston and Bangor.
Their Expresses will be in charge of their own Messengers,
and they have responsible Agents in all towns on the
route, and are enabled to offer increased facilities to the
public for the transaction of business.

PROPRIETORS:

F. H. HODGMAN.....	Bangor.
O. S. CARPENTER.....	Augusta.
J. N. WINSLOW.....	Portland.
F. W. CARR.....	Boston.
J. R. HALL.....	Boston.

They assume no responsibility for loss by fire or perils of
the sea, nor for the delivery of packages going beyond their
route after they have left their hands.

Office in Boston, 35 Court square.

Boston, May 1, 1857.

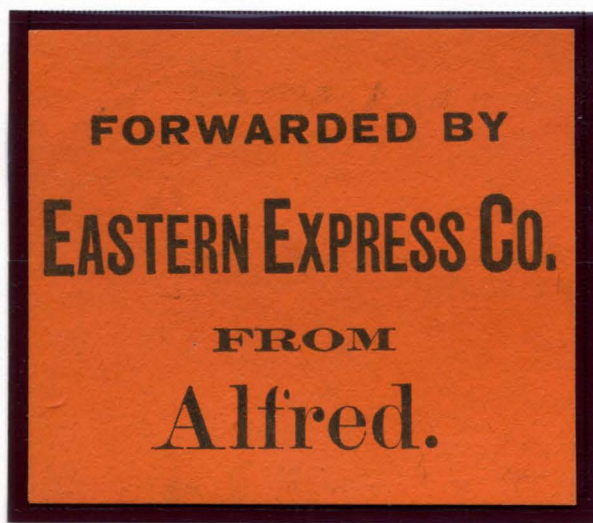
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The Eastern Express Company was formed in May, 1857 by the merger of three existing express companies: Hodgman, Carr & Co.; Carpenter & Co.; and Winslow & Co. The express carried mail and parcels between cities and towns in New England and into Canada, with a majority of business between Boston and Maine. It was absorbed by the American Express Company in 1879.

ADVERTISEMENT PUBLISHED IN
THE BOSTON TRAVELER - MAY 2, 1857

EXPRESS LABELS

The Eastern Express Company used a variety of different labels. The following examples are of the same style, EASX-L5. These are printed in black on orange rectangular labels. The first three lines read "FORWARDED BY / Eastern Express Co. / FROM". On the fourth line, the town or city name is printed. City and town names were printed in different font types.



EASX-L5 : ALFRED
BLACK ON ORANGE
IMPERFORATE

EASTERN EXPRESS COMPANY
EXPRESS LABELS



EASX-L5 : BAR MILLS
BLACK ON ORANGE
IMPERFORATE



EASX-L5 : BUXTON CENTRE
BLACK ON ORANGE
IMPERFORATE



EASX-L5 : CENTRE WATERBORO
BLACK ON ORANGE
IMPERFORATE



EASX-L5 : FRYEBURG
BLACK ON ORANGE
IMPERFORATE

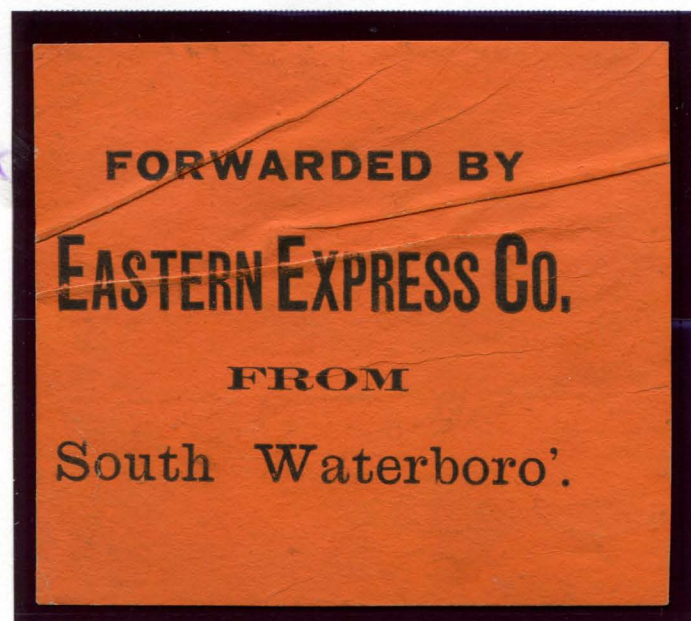
EASTERN EXPRESS COMPANY
EXPRESS LABELS



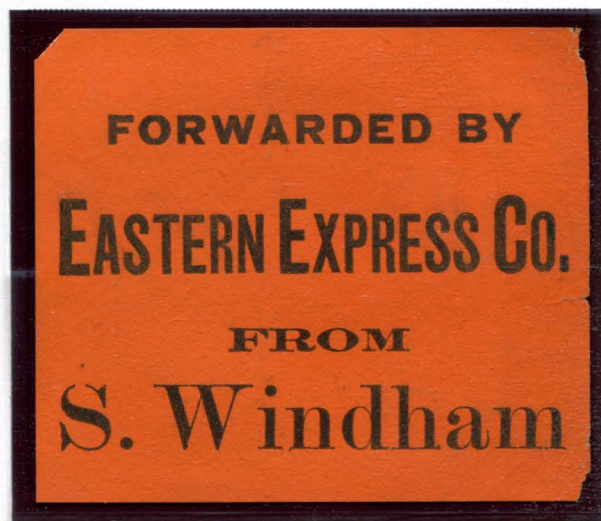
EASX-L5 : HIRAM
BLACK ON ORANGE
IMPERFORATE



EASX-L5 : SACCARAPPA
BLACK ON ORANGE
IMPERFORATE



EASX-L5 : SOUTH WATERBORO
BLACK ON ORANGE
IMPERFORATE



EASX-L5 : S. WINDHAM
BLACK ON ORANGE
IMPERFORATE

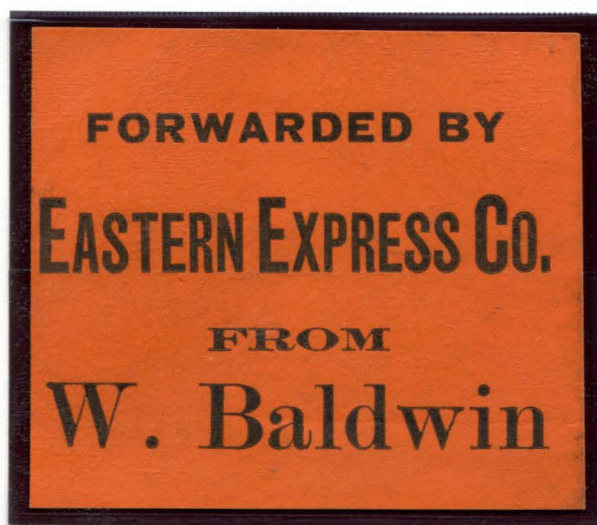
EASTERN EXPRESS COMPANY
EXPRESS LABELS



EASX-L5 : SPRINGVALE
BLACK ON ORANGE
IMPERFORATE



EASX-L5 : THOMASTON
BLACK ON ORANGE
IMPERFORATE



EASX-L5 : W BALDWIN
BLACK ON ORANGE
IMPERFORATE

EASTERN EXPRESS COMPANY

EXPRESS LABELS

EASX-L15: A diamond-shaped label with a double straight-line border and six lines of black text on an orange background.



EASX-L15 : AUGUSTA
BLACK ON ORANGE
IMPERFORATE

EASTERN EXPRESS COMPANY

EXPRESS LABELS

EASX-L17: Small, rectangular labels with a straight line border in four different colors. These labels read "EASTERN EXPRESS CO. / 35 COURT SQUARE, / BOSTON."

The 35 Court Square address implies these labels were used prior to 1865, when the company changed address.

ADVERTISEMENT PUBLISHED IN
SNOW'S PATHFINDER RAILWAY GUIDE
BOSTON, APRIL 22, 1865

Eastern Express Co.

124 WASHINGTON, cor. WATER ST.

Removed from 35 Court Square.

The Eastern Express Company have removed to their new building at the corner of Washington and Water St., where they continue to receive Express business for the State of Maine and the British Provinces.

They take no risk of loss, on packages in their charge, by fire or the perils of navigation, or of forwarding beyond their own route.

J. R. HALL, Supt.

BOSTON, Jan. 1, 1865.



EASX-L17
BLACK ON
SLATE BLUE
IMPERFORATE



EASX-L17
BLACK ON
GREEN (SHADE)
IMPERFORATE



EASX-L17
BLACK ON
GREEN (SHADE)
IMPERFORATE



EASX-L17
BLACK ON
AQUA
IMPERFORATE



EASX-L17
BLACK ON
ROSE
IMPERFORATE

Forgeries of these stamps (or the following, similar EASX-L20) are known. These forgeries are printed with the same text in the same colors, but with different spacing and font.



FORGERY
[EASX-L50]
BLACK ON
LIGHT GRAY
IMPERFORATE



FORGERY
[EASX-L50]
BLACK ON
SLATE BLUE
IMPERFORATE



FORGERY
[EASX-L50]
GOLD ON
BLACK SC
IMPERFORATE

EASTERN EXPRESS COMPANY

EXPRESS LABELS

EASX-L20: Small, rectangular label with a thin, straight line border. Four lines of text listing the "35 Court Square" Boston address.



EASX-L20
GOLD ON BLACK
IMPERFORATE

Although the Eastern Express Co. label affixed to the cover below is a genuine example, it probably did not originate on this cover, but was likely added by a philatelist sometime later. The label is placed over a red, ringed circle cancel used by the Boston City Post Carrier. The carrier stamps was probably removed and replaced with the Eastern Express label.

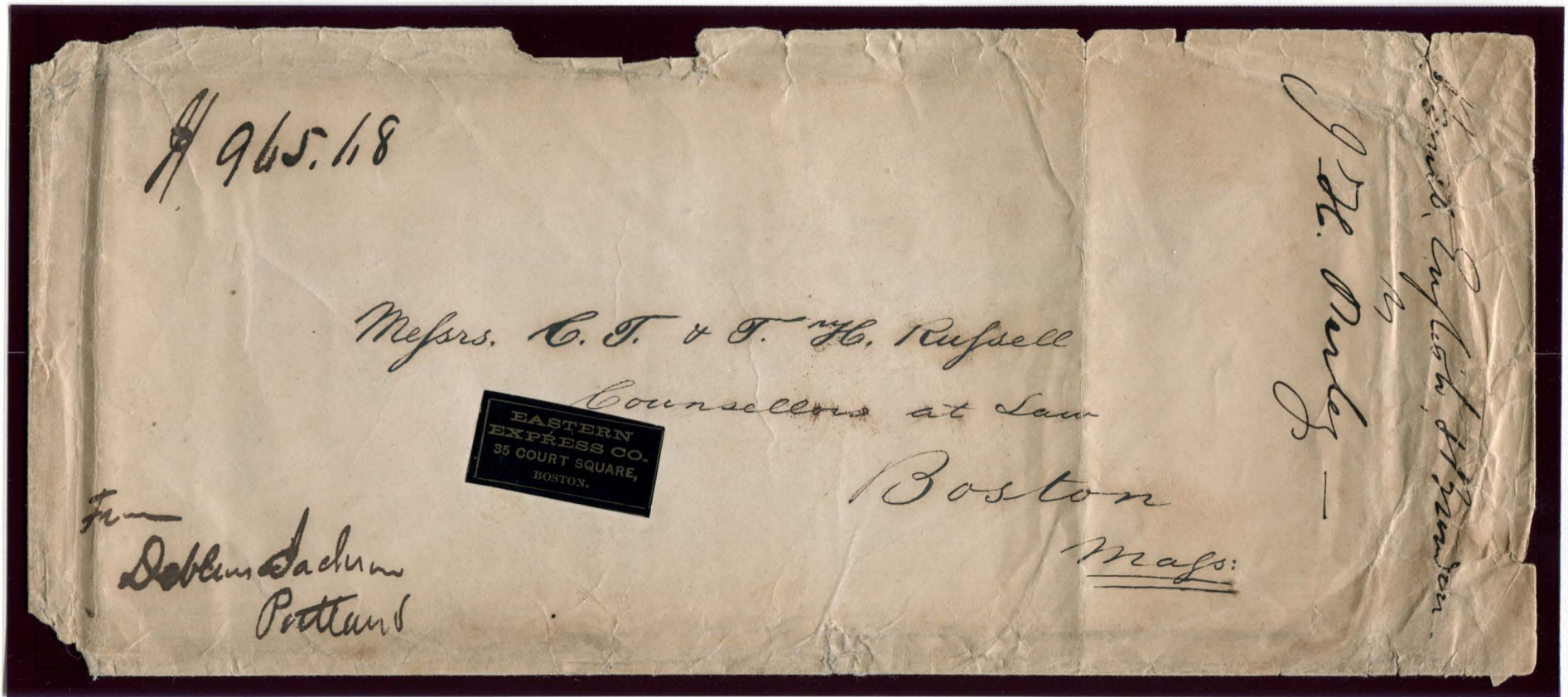


EASX-L20 : GOLD ON BLACK
OVER RED, RINGED CIRCLE CANCEL
ON COVER WITH
11 : 3c DULL RED (1851)
BLACK, "PAID" 6-BAR CIRCLE CANCEL
RED BOSTON CDS - APRIL 8

EASTERN EXPRESS COMPANY

EXPRESS LABELS

The cover below was carried within Boston by the Eastern Express Co. It was delivered to C.T. & T.H. Russell, Counsellors at Law, and probably contained the sum of cash listed on its face (\$965.68).



EASX-L20 : GOLD ON BLACK
USED ON COVER

EASTERN EXPRESS COMPANY

EXPRESS LABELS

EASX-L22: Small, squarish label with a thin, straight line border. Four lines of text listing the "124 Washington St." Boston address.



EASX-L22
GOLD ON BLACK
IMPERFORATE

The cover below was carried to Boston "Express paid" with an Eastern Express Co. label. The letter was mailed in a 3¢ stamped envelope, but there are no postmarkings to indicate that the cover was ever carried through the US mails.



EASX-L22 : GOLD ON BLACK
MAILED ON COVER
U53 : 3¢ PINK ON WHITE

EASTERN EXPRESS COMPANY

EXPRESS LABELS



Greens Landing June 6th 1867

Capt George R Sylvester
Dear Sir

This cover was carried by the Eastern Express Co. to Captain George Sylvester, It is addressed in care of William McKenzie, a fish merchant in Gloucester. A notation on the envelope reads "By Express Due 15 cents".

The original letter is included. It discusses a suggested route for Sylvester to travel home.

yours of May 25th is at Hand
Stating your warabon & De
you spoke of going from Rock
Port to Gloucester to Point
we think you would save time
and money
from Rock
I have
the folk
the Envo
arrived
is expected
Seher is
Castine

By Express Due
15 cents



Capt George R. Sylvester
Gloucester
In Care Wm McKenzie
Mass

Yours truly
Stephen Morey

EASX-L22
GOLD ON BLACK

EASTERN EXPRESS COMPANY

EXPRESS LABELS

EASX-L24: Long, thin rectangular label with a thin line border, looped at each corner. Two lines of text listing a "51 Devonshire St." Boston address. Known used on a November, 1869 cover.



EASX-L24
GOLD ON BLUE
IMPERFORATE

The cover below was carried by Eastern Express Co. The cover is sealed on the reverse with five wax seals bearing an Eastern Express Co. imprint.

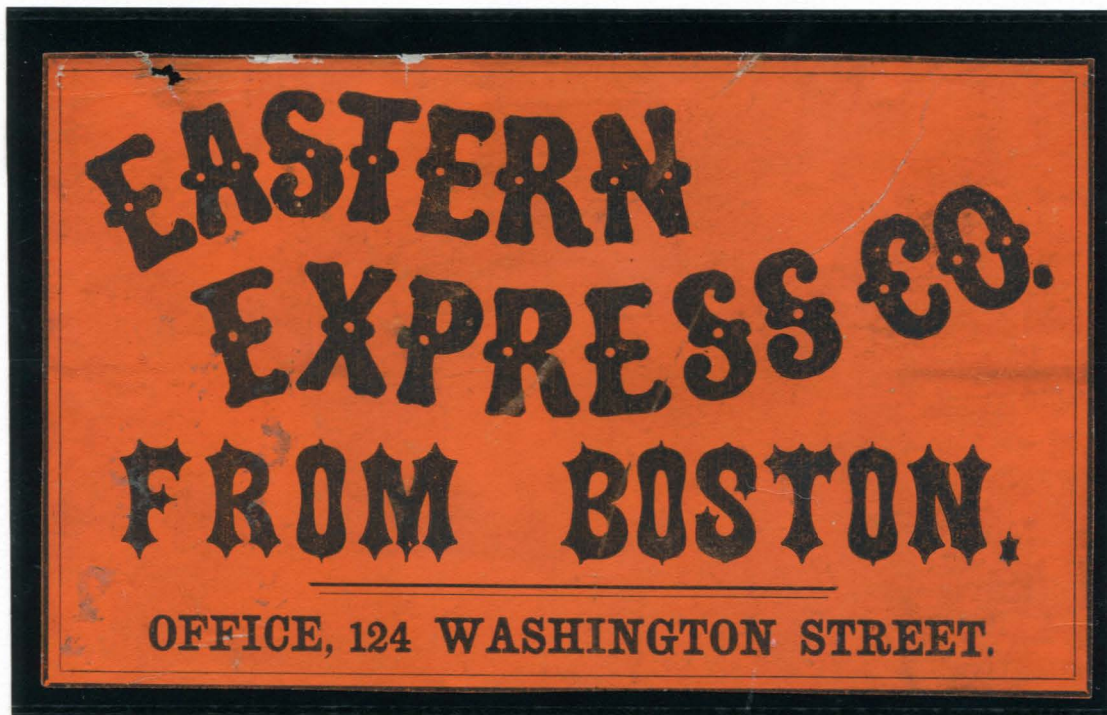


EASX-L24 : GOLD ON BLUE
USED ON COVER

EASTERN EXPRESS COMPANY

EXPRESS LABELS

EASX-L30: Large, rectangular label with a double straight line border. Four lines of text reading "EASTERN / EXPRESS CO. / FROM BOSTON. / OFFICE, 124 WASHINGTON STREET." "Eastern Express Co." printed in a decorative, wavy font with ornamental dots in the middle of each letter.



EASX-L30
BLACK ON ORANGE
IMPERFORATE

The decorative "Eastern Express Co." font type logo used on this label was also used on the following labels.

EASTERN EXPRESS COMPANY

EXPRESS LABELS

EASX-L32: Large, rectangular label with a double, straight line, thick/thin border. Five lines of text reading "EASTERN / EXPRESS CO. / FROM / State of Maine / Office, 51 Devonshire Street, Boston."



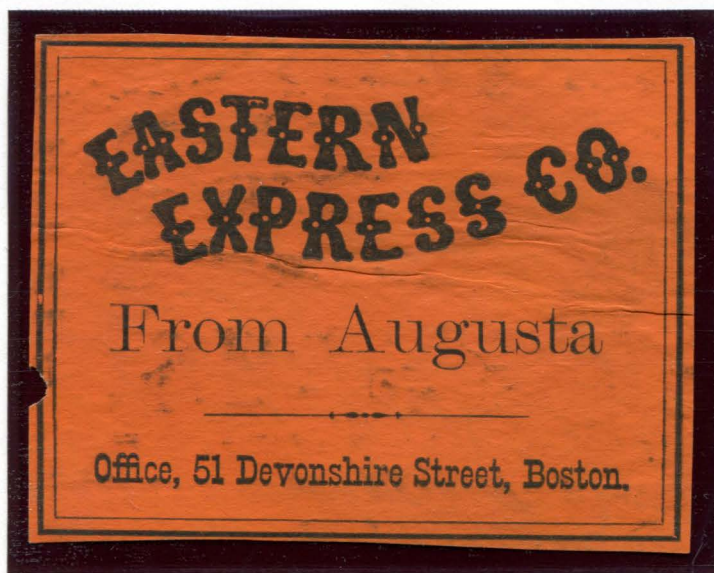
EASX-L32
BLACK ON ORANGE
IMPERFORATE

EASTERN EXPRESS COMPANY

EXPRESS LABELS

EASX-L34: Large, rectangular label with a double, straight line, thick/thin border. Four lines of text reading "EASTERN / EXPRESS CO. / FROM [place name] / Office, 51 Devonshire Street, Boston."

This label design was used by different towns and cities. These place names were printed in different font types.

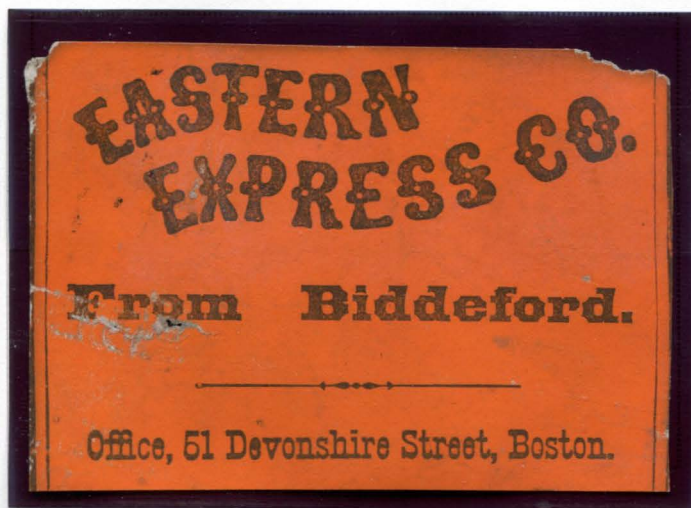


EASX-L34 : AUGUSTA
BLACK ON ORANGE
IMPERFORATE

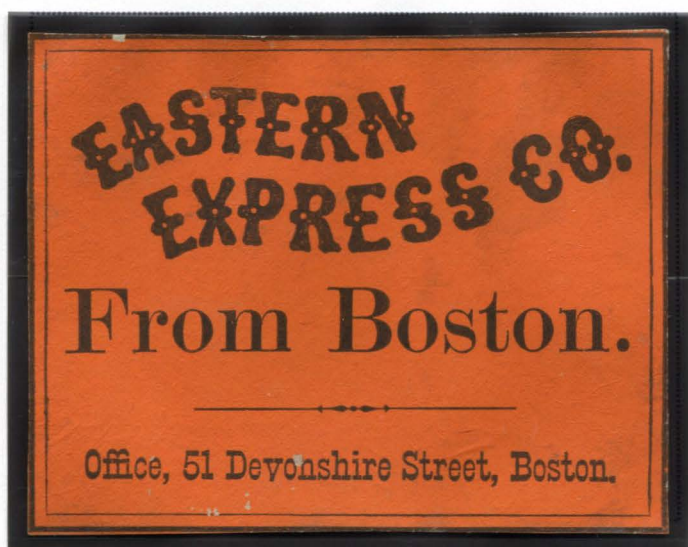


EASX-L34 : BATH
BLACK ON ORANGE
IMPERFORATE

EASTERN EXPRESS COMPANY
EXPRESS LABELS



EASX-L34 : BIDDEFORD
BLACK ON ORANGE
IMPERFORATE

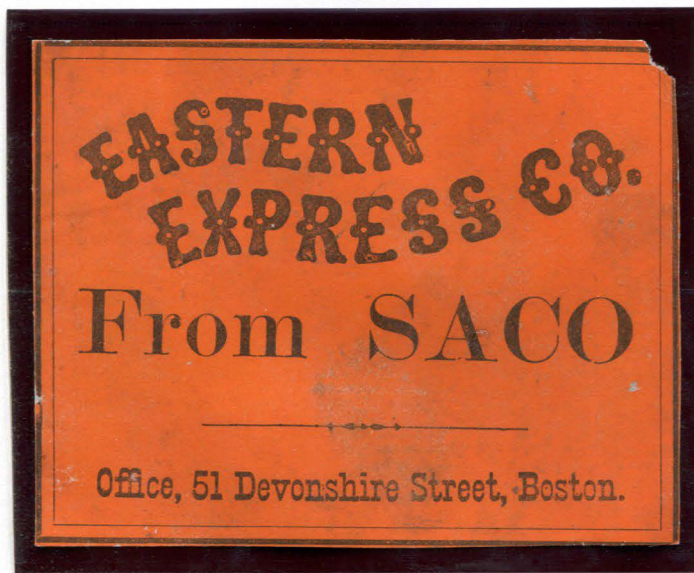


EASX-L34 : BOSTON
BLACK ON ORANGE
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EASTERN EXPRESS COMPANY
EXPRESS LABELS

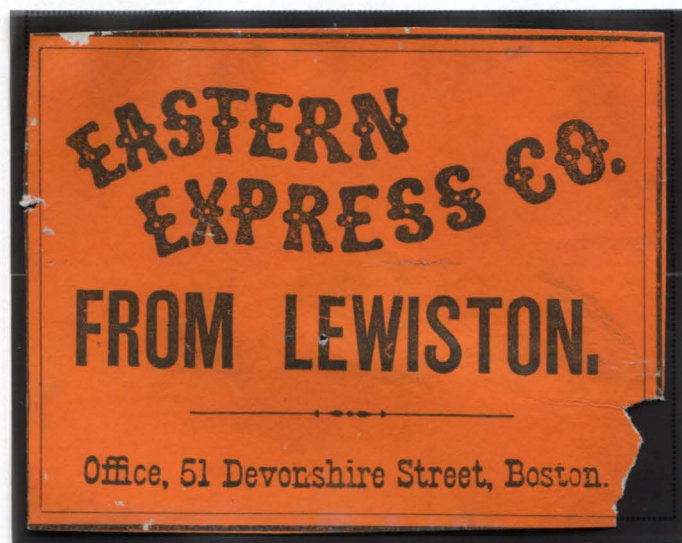


EASX-L34 : BRUNSWICK
BLACK ON ORANGE
IMPERFORATE

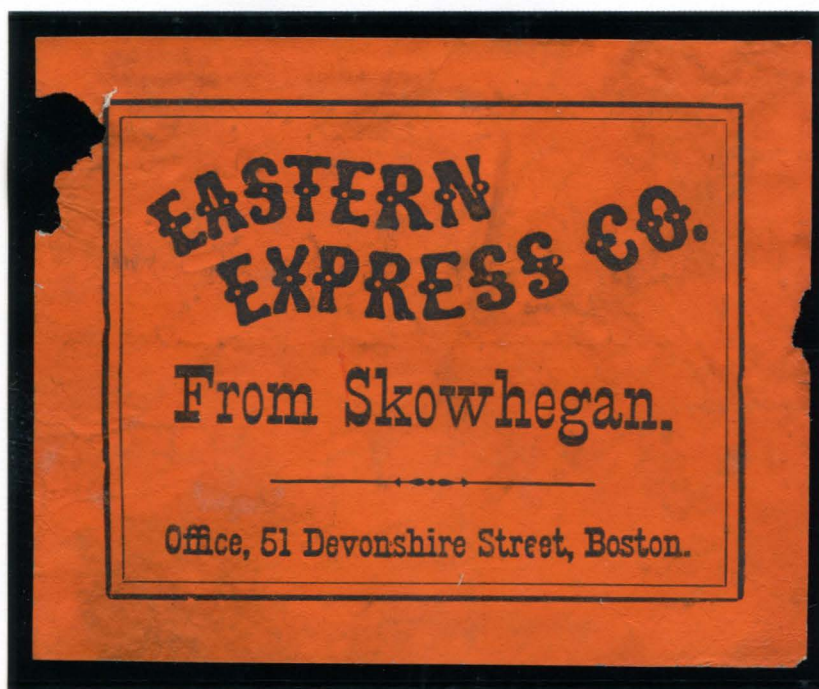


EASX-L34 : SACO
BLACK ON ORANGE
IMPERFORATE

EASTERN EXPRESS COMPANY
EXPRESS LABELS



EASX-L34 : LEWISTON
BLACK ON ORANGE
IMPERFORATE



EASX-L34 : SKOWHEGAN
BLACK ON ORANGE
IMPERFORATE

EASTERN EXPRESS COMPANY

EXPRESS LABELS

EASX-L36: Very large, rectangular label with a double, straight line, thick/thin border. Four lines of text reading "EASTERN / EXPRESS CO. / FROM PORTLAND. / OFFICE, ATHENÆUM BUILDING, PLUM STREET."

Eastern Express Co.

Our Lines cover all the Rail Road and
Steam Boat Routes between Boston
and all points in the State of
Maine and the Provinces,

ADVERTISEMENT PUBLISHED IN
DAILY EASTERN ARGUS, PORTLAND, MAINE
NOVEMBER 14, 1868

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Wednesday and Friday, 4 o'clock P. M.

**Office, Athenæum Building, Plum
Street.**

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J. N WINSLOW.

**EASTERN
EXPRESS CO.
FROM PORTLAND.**

OFFICE, ATHENÆUM BUILDING, PLUM STREET.

EASX-L36
BLACK ON ORANGE
IMPERFORATE

EASTERN EXPRESS COMPANY

MANUSCRIPT COVER

The cover below was carried, along with one box of merchandise ("Mdses") from the drug and fancy good store of W.L. Alden & Co. in Bangor to George W. Smith in Mattawamkeag, Maine. No label is affixed to the cover itself, but it is marked with manuscript instructions "per E. Express" - a label was probably affixed to the box of merchandise it was delivered with.



STAMPLESS COVER
"WITH MDSE. PER E. EXPRESS 1 BOX"
BLUE COMPANY CDS
W.L. ALDEN & CO. MAY 23, 1875

EASTERN EXPRESS COMPANY

MONEY PACKAGE RECEIPT

The Eastern Express Company provided receipts for money delivered over their lines. These receipts kept records for the express and served as a form of insurance for the sender. Different designs were used throughout their operation.



EASTERN EXPRESS RECEIPT
BLACK ON WHITE : \$26.70
OFFICE RAIL ROAD EXCHANGE, COURT SQUARE, BOSTON
AUGUST 23, 1860

The example above uses a design with the names Winslow & Co., Carpenter & Co., and Hodgman & Co. - the three companies that combined to form Eastern Express Co. - at the left. It has a printed "185_" year on the dateline, though the design was used into the 1860s, as evidenced by the manuscript "6" written over the "5".

New designs would be made for changes to year, office address, and the inclusion of additional text.

EASTERN EXPRESS RECEIPT
BLACK ON WHITE: \$155.40
OFFICE 124 WASHINGTON ST., BOSTON
AUGUST 23, 1865

EASTERN EXPRESS RECEIPT
BLACK ON LIGHT BLUE: \$800
OFFICE RAIL ROAD EXCHANGE, COURT SQUARE, BOSTON
JUNE 24, 1862



EASTERN EXPRESS OFFICE
RAIL ROAD EXCHANGE COURT SQUARE BOSTON.

Office of the Eastern Express Company,
Frankfort, June 24 1852

Received of Wm. Bates Treas package,

said to contain Eight Hundred Dollars

directed to J. D. Butler Orson

to be forwarded to destination at our risk so far only as our route extends, perils of the sea and fire excepted For the Eastern Express Company,

D. Tyler

G. J. Libby



EASTERN EXPRESS COMPANY.

\$155.40

Mar. V. Dec 23 1865.

Received of E. D. Pratt

One Thousand Fifty Five & 4/100 Dollars

directed Geo. Lockman West V. Bartman

Which the Eastern Express Company agree to forward and deliver at destination, if within their route, and if not, to deliver to the connecting Express, Stage or other means of conveyance; at the most convenient point; and to be responsible for such delivery to the amount of Fifty Dollars only, unless value is stated above. It is further agreed that they shall not be held responsible for any loss occasioned by Fire, or the dangers of Railroad, Steam or River Navigation, or for the breakage of glass or other fragile goods.

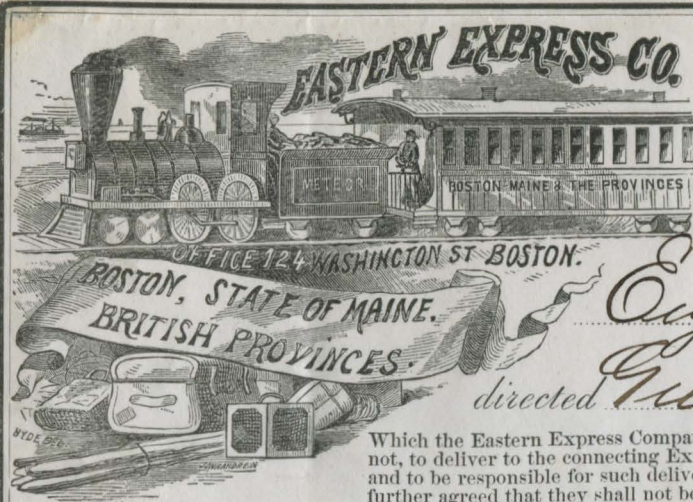
FOR THE EASTERN EXPRESS CO.,

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EASTERN EXPRESS CO.
MONEY PACKAGE RECEIPT

EASTERN EXPRESS COMPANY

EXPRESS LABELS



EASTERN EXPRESS CO.
BOSTON, MAINE & THE PROVINCES
OFFICE 124 WASHINGTON ST. BOSTON.
BOSTON, STATE OF MAINE.
BRITISH PROVINCES.

Winthrop Feb 5 1867

Received of *C. P. Truak*
Eighty five & 38/100 Dollars
Gilbert Lovejoy & Co Boston
directed

Which the Eastern Express Company agree to forward and deliver at destination, if within their route, and if not, to deliver to the connecting Express, Stage or other means of conveyance, at the most convenient point; and to be responsible for such delivery to the amount of Fifty Dollars only, unless value is stated above. It is further agreed that they shall not be held responsible for any loss occasioned by Fire, or the dangers of Railroad, Steam or River Navigation, or for the breakage of glass or other fragile goods.

FOR THE EASTERN EXPRESS COMPANY, *Eiley*

EASTERN EXPRESS RECEIPT
BLACK ON WHITE : \$85.38
OFFICE 124 WASHINGTON ST. BOSTON
FEBRUARY 5, 1867

EASTERN EXPRESS COMPANY
MONEY PACKAGE ENVELOPE

EASTERN EXPRESS COMPANY,

OFFICE, RAIL ROAD EXCHANGE, 35 COURT SQUARE, BOSTON.

\$90.73

From

Primer Express

Expense

Portland, June 27 1860

Charges

Prepaid

For *Mrs Mary J Phinney*

No 31 Leveret St

Return Receipt in this Envelope.

Boston Mass

EASTERN EXPRESS COMPANY
OFFICE: RAILROAD EXCHANGE, 35 COURT SQUARE, BOSTON
BLACK ON ORANGE LAID : \$90.73
PORTLAND TO BOSTON
JUNE 27, 1860

EASTERN EXPRESS COMPANY
MONEY PACKAGE ENVELOPE

EASTERN EXPRESS COMPANY,

OFFICE, RAIL ROAD EXCHANGE, 35 COURT SQUARE, BOSTON.

163.48 \$ *100* From *Chas. P. Stetson*
Bangor, *Dec 18* 1861
Expense.....
Charges *38*.....
Prepaid.....
For *Hayward Cashing*
Care Silas Perce & Co
Boston

Return Receipt in this Envelope.

EASTERN EXPRESS COMPANY
OFFICE: RAIL ROAD EXCHANGE, 35 COURT SQUARE, BOSTON
BLACK ON BUFF: \$163.18
BANGOR TO BOSTON
DECEMBER 18, 1861

EASTERN EXPRESS COMPANY
MONEY PACKAGE ENVELOPE

EASTERN EXPRESS COMPANY,
Boston, State of Maine, and British Provinces.

OFFICE IN BOSTON, 124 WASHINGTON, CORNER WATER STREET.

\$ 175 For Ezekiel Merritt Expense,
Houlton Charges,
From Parker Piper Me
Waterville, Dec 14 1866.

EASTERN EXPRESS COMPANY
OFFICE: 124 WASHINGTON, CORNER WATER STREET
BLACK ON BUFF: \$175
WATERVILLE TO HOULTON
DECEMBER 14, 1866

EASTERN EXPRESS COMPANY
MONEY PACKAGE ENVELOPE

EASTERN EXPRESS COMPANY,
Boston, State of Maine, and British Provinces.
OFFICE IN BOSTON, 124 WASHINGTON, CORNER WATER STREET.

\$1000.00

For

Paul Tomlinson

Expense, 2.00

Charges,

Houlton

From

S. H. Dale & Co

Maine

Bangor, Mar 30 1868.

EASTERN EXPRESS COMPANY
OFFICE: 124 WASHINGTON, CORNER WATER STREET
BLACK ON ORANGE: \$1000
BANGOR TO HOULTON
MARCH 30, 1868

EASTERN EXPRESS COMPANY

MONEY PACKAGE ENVELOPE

The envelope below was sent from Boston, Massachusetts to North Waterford, Maine via Portland. When the recipient, Nathan C. Brackett, received the \$1000, they returned the envelope with the enclosed handwritten receipt.

According to the docketing, the envelope took five days to travel between Boston and North Waterford.

*North Waterford Nov 15-1869
Recd by the hand of J F Rice one*

⁽⁷⁾ EASTERN EXPRESS COMPANY.

Boston, State of Maine, and British Provinces

OFFICE IN BOSTON, 51 DEVONSHIRE STREET, CORNER SPRING LANE.

\$ *100.00* For *Nathan C. Brackett* Expense, *30*
90 North Waterford Charges,
From *N. C. Brackett*
Via *Portland*
Boston, *Nov 10* 1869. *W.C.*

EASTERN EXPRESS COMPANY
OFFICE: 51 DEVONSHIRE STREET, CORNER SPRING LANE
BLACK ON ORANGE : \$1000
BOSTON TO NORTH WATERFORD (VIA PORTLAND)
NOVEMBER 10, 1869
WITH ENCLOSED MANUSCRIPT RECEIPT

EASTERN EXPRESS COMPANY
MONEY PACKAGE ENVELOPE

⁽⁷⁾ **EASTERN EXPRESS COMPANY.**

Boston, State of Maine, and British Provinces.

OFFICE IN BOSTON, 51 DEVONSHIRE STREET, CORNER SPRING LANE.

\$

For

Expense, _____

Charges, _____

From

1871.

EASTERN EXPRESS COMPANY
OFFICE: 51 DEVONSHIRE STREET, CORNER SPRING LANE
BLACK ON ORANGE : UNUSED
TO
1871