

THE
MIKE FARRELL
❧ COLLECTION ❧
OF INDEPENDENT MAILS

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

ERIE EXPRESS

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ERIE EXPRESS

COMPANY HISTORY

In 1886, rather than renewing their contract with the United States Express, the New York, Lake Erie and Western Railroad Company decided to create their own express company. This new company, Erie Express, operated independently until 1888, when it was purchased by Wells, Fargo and Co. Although part of Wells Fargo, it operated under the Erie Express name for several additional years.

COMPLIMENTARY FRANK

These franks were given to provide government, railroad and express employees with free delivery privileges. These franks were printed by J.W. Pratt & Son, and featured the signature of General Manager W.M. Clements in the design.



ERIX-F1
BLUE ON WHITE WITH RED CONTROL
H. PERF 14 - V. IMPERF



ERIX-F2
BLUE ON WHITE WITH RED CONTROL
FOR PACKAGES NOT EXCEEDING TWENTY POUNDS.
BLUE OVERPRINT
H. PERF 14 - V. IMPERF

ADVERTISEMENT PUBLISHED IN
PLAIN DEALER - CLEVELAND, OHIO
MAY 16, 1886

"Erie Express."

The United States Express Company, having withdrawn from the N. Y., P. & O. R. R., the latter company will, on and after Monday, 17th inst., operate its own express, to be known as the

"ERIE EXPRESS."

The system will be operated in connection with the Baltimore & Ohio and other responsible express organizations, thereby enabling this company to forward express matter of every description to, and receive it from, all prominent points.

It is the intention of the company to provide first class express facilities at reasonable rates. Information as to offices, rates, etc., will be given at the company's office,

No. 210 - Bank Street,
Weddell House Building,

and by agents at all points embraced in the system.

W. M. CLEMENTS,

General Supt. N. Y., P. & O. R. R.

ERIE EXPRESS
EXPRESS LABELS

* Form EX 49 —200,000.

FORWARDED BY THE

ERIE EXPRESS

FROM

ON ABOVE LINE INSERT NAME OF STATION.

ERIX-L10
BLACK ON YELLOW SC
IMPERFORATE

The form below is a shipping label for the Erie Despatch. This unlisted company has a similar name and logo to Erie Express, and seems to have operated over the same railway lines. It is possibly a successor to the company.

* Form E. D. 1043—3, 1902—200 bks. 50 lvs.

THIS CANCELS ALL PREVIOUS SHIPPING AND ROUTING INSTRUCTIONS.

To *C. E. Sears*
Cynthoville
Car Corn

Until otherwise ordered, please ship all freight for the undersigned via **ERIE DESPATCH**, care *Southern Pacific*

Date *Sept 15, 1902* (OVER) *Los Angeles Cal*

MA Munnick & Co

OFFICE
ERIE DESPATCH
STIMES
LOS ANGELES
ERIE
DESPATCH

UNLISTED COMPANY FORM
ERIE DISPATCH - 1902
BLACK ON WHITE