

THE
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OF INDEPENDENT MAILES

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

FITZ'S EXPRESS

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FITZ'S EXPRESS

COMPANY HISTORY

The company known as Fitz's Express, started as "Fitz & Choate's Express" in 1856. In 1857, it produced labels under the name "Fitz's Express" or "G.C. Fitz's Express". The proprietor was George C. Fitz, who lived in Ipswich, Massachusetts. The express carried parcels and private mail between Ipswich and Boston.

EXPRESS LABELS

Four types of label are recorded from Fitz's Express. Two similar labels, shown below, were square shaped with an accordion-style border. These labels were issued as "Fitz & Choate's" and "G.C. Fitz's" Express.



F&CX-L1
BLACK ON ORANGE SC
IMPERFORATE



FTZX-L5
BLACK ON ORANGE SC
IMPERFORATE

The other two label types used by Fitz's Express are a rectangular label with a decorative border, and a square label with a simple double line border. This latter stamp is known used on a cover with a September 1863 enclosure.