

THE
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OF INDEPENDENT MAILS

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

HOMAN'S EMPIRE EXPRESS

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HOMAN'S EMPIRE EXPRESS

There is very little information known about this New York local post. Only five genuine examples of Homan's Empire Express stamps are known. The genuine Homan's covers that are dated indicate the post operated in 1852.

Homan Benjamin, pedler, 507 Av. 8
Homan Caroline S. 286 W. 27th
Homan Charles, dining saloon, 60 Nassau, h. L. I.
Homan Daniel H. carpentr, 4 Fourth, h. 159 W. 18th
Homan Garret, baker, 9 Goerck
Homan George W. stagedriver, 119 Columbia
Homan Isaac, carpenter, 28 Av. 6
Homan John, shoes, 78 Willett
Homan Joseph, tailor, 194 Houston
Homan Richard S. clerk, h. 172 Division

HOMAN LISTINGS - DOGGETT'S DIRECTORY 1852
GEORGE W. AND RICHARD S. HOMAN HIGHLIGHTED

Homans William, laborer, h. 189 Av. C
Homan Daniel H. carpenter, W. 16th, n. Ninth av.
Homan George W. clerk, h. 415 Sixth av.
Homan Gerard, baker, h. 326 Tenth
Homan Isaac, carpenter, h. 20 Cornelia
Homan Richard S. clerk, h. 172 Division
Homan Travers, laborer, h. Third av. cor. E. 39th
HOMANS J. SMITH, pub. banker's magazine, 50

HOMAN LISTINGS - WILSON/TROW DIRECTORY 1852
GEORGE W. AND RICHARD S. HOMAN HIGHLIGHTED

The post is often attributed to Richard S. Homan, who is listed in some 1850s New York directories as a clerk. However, there is no direct evidence to link him to the express business. He is also listed in directories as a grocer (*Doggett*, 1854) and as a flour merchant (*Trow*, 1857).

Another possible proprietor is George W. Homan, who is listed as a stage-coach driver (*Doggett*, 1852-1854) and as a clerk (*Wilson/Trow*, 1852).

The cover featured here includes a genuine Homan's stamp, although it did not originate on this letter. The datestamp that "ties" the stamp to the cover was drawn in. This stamp represents the first Homan's stamp reported, as published in the *American Journal of Philately*, 1892.



83L1 : GENUINE : 1¢ BLACK ON YELLOW SC
"TIED" WITH FAKE (DRAWN) NEW YORK INTEGRAL RATE CDS
ON NON-ORIGINATING COVER
PF CERT #0366012