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HOYT'S LETTER EXPRESS

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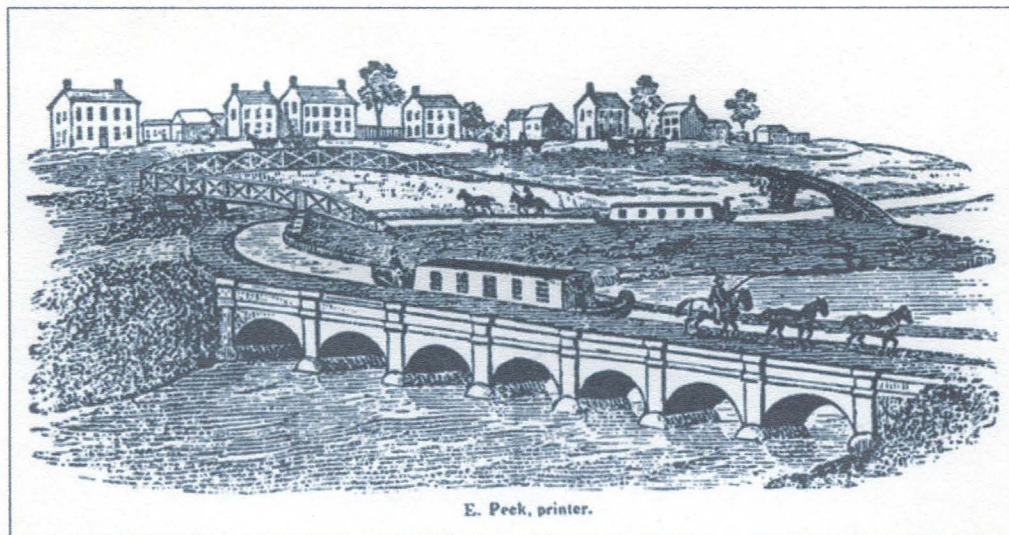
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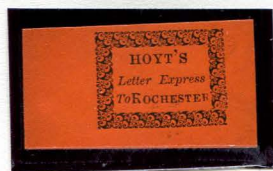
# HOYT'S LETTER EXPRESS

In 1844 David Hoyt, an agent for the Livingston, Wells & Pomeroy express company, ran his own letter and package express between Rochester and Dansville, New York. Hoyt utilized the Genesee Valley Canal, which first opened between the two cities in the fall of 1841. He made connections with other letter expresses such as Pomeroy. The post only lasted for a few months.



WOODCUT IMAGE OF THE AQUEDUCT FOR THE ERIE CANAL OVER THE GENESSEE RIVER IN ROCHESTER, PRINTED IN 1827.

Genuine Hoyt's stamps are rare. Only nine examples of the stamps are recorded to exist. Three different forgeries are known of the original design.



FORGERY A  
5¢ BLACK  
ON VERMILION SC  
(85L1)

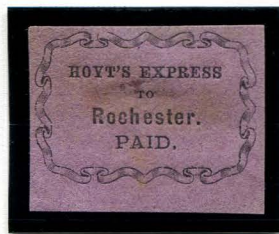


FORGERY C  
SCOTT  
5¢ BLACK  
ON CREAM  
ILLUSTRATION FROM  
1886 SCOTT ALBUM  
(85L1)

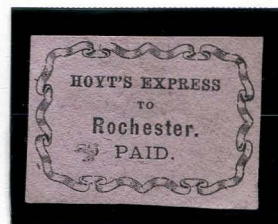


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Two distinct designs of bogus stamp were produced using this post's name. These fakes are significantly larger than the genuine stamps and feature different decorative borders. The first is bordered by a ribbon.



BOGUS 1  
5¢ BLACK  
ON PURPLE

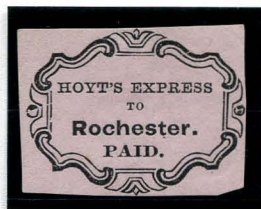


BOGUS 1  
5¢ BLACK  
ON LAVENDER

The second Hoyt's Express bogus was printed by S.A. Taylor. This design has a fancy border that looks like a picture frame.



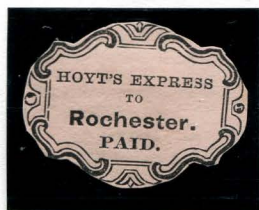
BOGUS 2  
TAYLOR - FORM AA20  
5¢ BLACK  
ON BLUE GRAY



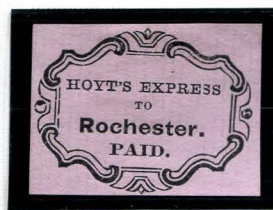
BOGUS 2  
TAYLOR - FORM AA20  
5¢ BLACK  
ON PINKISH



BOGUS 2  
TAYLOR - FORM AA20  
5¢ BLACK  
ON PEACH



BOGUS 2  
TAYLOR - FORM AA20  
5¢ BLACK  
ON PEACH V. LAID



BOGUS 2  
TAYLOR - FORM AA20  
5¢ BLACK  
ON PALE PINK V. LAID