

JABEZ FEAREY & CO.

This New Jersey messenger service is currently listed in the Scott *Specialized Catalogue* as a local post, although it is debated that it should be classified as an express. The history of the post has been told several times by different authors, each with conflicting elements in the story.

What is known is that the company operated in the late 1880s; the headquarters was located on or near Market St. in Newark; and that the proprietor, Jabez Fearey, also worked for a telegraph company. Exactly which company Fearey worked for changes between accounts, but all accounts note that the company eventually fell under the umbrella of Western Union.

The stamps (or labels) paid for the delivery of packages of messages from the company headquarters. Supposedly the rates were 10¢ for distances within a mile, and 20¢ for distances greater than a mile. The stamps are not denominated, but have been reported at a 5¢ value.

There is no known mention of the company in directories of the time, but there is a mention of a "Jabez Fearey & Co." in an 1889 German-language newspaper. This newspaper implies that the company handled delivery of parcels.

— Jabez Fearey & Co., 180 Mar-
ketstr., haben einen neuen hübsch aus-
gestatteten Taschenfahrplan heraus-
gegeben, der außer den Abfahrtszei-
ten der Züge zwischen hier und New
York die Daten für die Abfahrt der
bedeutenderen Dampfer, Notizen über
Baseball u. s. w. enthält.

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