## MIKE FARRELL COLLECTION OF INDEPENDENT MAILS

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

## LATHROP'S ALBANY BANK EXPRESS

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## LATHROP'S <u>Albany bank express</u>

Augustus B. Lathrop ran a small express business, carrying exchanges between the banks of Albany and Troy in New York. Lathrop is listed as a "bank exchange" in Albany directories from 1862 to

A NEW PROJECT .- Augustas B. Lathrop, who for a long series of years has been the carrier of exchanges between the banks of this city and .... Troy, proposes, while still continuing in the serpor vice of these institutions, to organize a "parcel delivery" for the use of our merchants. For a the certain fix-d, monthly compensation, the amount of which his no. yet been decided upon, but which mit will be a long way below the present expense of such service, he will engage to deliver all the goods and parcels that his anbscribers may desire hor thr to have so disposed of, be they few or many. Wagons will start from certain given points rehe peatedly throoghant the day, and will call at the stores of his p.trons as they are reached on the route, As al classes of buyers will be served CIL with all kinds of purchases by these wagons, the drivers must soon become so conversant with the WI residences of the "shopping " public that an error in the delivery of a package will be almost im-SL possible. Mr. Lathrop has presented the matter Tr to a large number of our merchants, who have reper ceived it with the highest approbation. The regularity and certainty with which he has conducted the business of the Bank Express faraish sufficient proof that the new undertaking will be care-B fully mansged and thoroughly reliable.

NEWSPAPER CLIPPING FROM DAILY ALBANY ARGUS, ALBANY, NEW YORK MAY 10, 1871

1878. From 1863-1864, his business was located at 57 State Street. By 1866, he had moved to 52 State Street, where he remained until after 1876.

According to a newspaper article published in 1871, Lathrop expanded his business to include parcel delivery for local merchants. Payment for his services was to be received monthly.

Although this was a real service, there is no evidence that Lathrop's express used adhesive postage. Stamps under the "Lathrop's Albany Express" name have long been considered bogus.

These stamps, with a simple square design, are often attributed to S. Allan Taylor.

These stamps are relatively scarce compared to other bogus stamps.

The address listed on these stamps, 57 State Street, is also the location of Gavit & Co., the engraving and printing company that printed the Pomeroy Express stamps.







LATHROP'S ALBANY Bank Express 57 State St. BOGUS BLACK ON PEACH SC



BOGUS BLACK ON DEEP BLUE SC