Scope and Content Note: Express

7 Boxes

This material consists primarily of scattered correspondence on letterhead stationery, bills/receipts, envelopes, printed advertisements, price lists, reward notices, photographs, and company publications.

Express companies offered the following services: money orders, express shipments including parcels and packages, money, valuables to any part of the world. Local express companies what they call general express business such as forwarding money, bills, notes and drafts for collection, C. O. D's.

There is some material from railroad express freight lines.

Foreign express companies had foreign offices used by the travelling public as a headquarters when aboard. Agents in the offices would receive and forward mail and assisted with information about routes, baggage, rates and localities.

Publications include pamphlets: "Reports and opinions in cases against Express Companies", tried in the state of New York, and establishing the validity of the limitation clause in Express Company Receipts. It was printed by the Adams express company in 1865. History of the Express Company published in 1872 which discusses a number of the large express companies including adams express, wells, and fargo.

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NOTE TO RESEARCHERS

This portion of the Warshaw Collection has been processed, however, at this time a finding aid for the materials has not been completed. Researchers are welcome to look at the materials. If further information is needed the researcher is asked to consult either the survey forms for the collection or to ask the reference archivist for assistance.