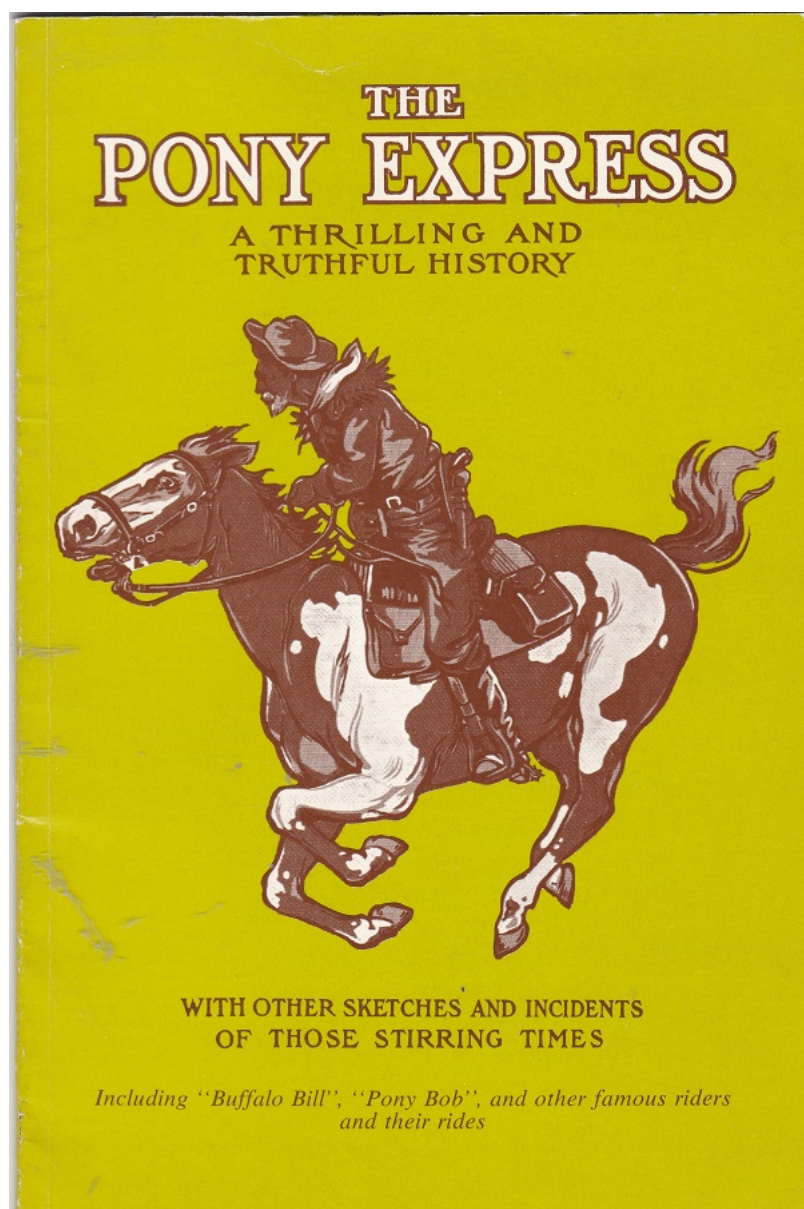


St. Joseph, MO - Pony Express

Patee House Museum - 1860 Pony Express

Dům, ve kterém byl v roce 1882 Jesse James zabit, je od rorku 1977 těsně vedle domu Ředitelství Pony Expressu. Jesse James byl americký zločinec, lupič a vrah. Za života slavný, po smrti legenda. Typický lupič Divokého západu .



Ukázka z knížky The Pony Express, A Thrilling and Truthful History

Vlevo dole ukázka dopisů dopraveného kurýrní službou Pony Express

simply repetition, yet one required as much dash and nerve as another. The service created the greatest enthusiasm, not only among the riders, but among all others of the employees and all along the route, and to add a "pony" in trouble was jumped at as a high privilege. For instance, on the first trip the west-bound rider, between Poloma and Sacramento, was thrown and his leg broken. A stage of the Wells-Fargo Company found him in this plight, and the special agent of the stage company volunteered to finish the ride, which he succeeded in doing so well as to arrive at Sacramento only one hour and thirty minutes late. This agent was J. G. McCall who was for many years afterward the Pacific Coast agent of the Erie Railroad. McCall often afterward told of the great recreation that he got at Sacramento, and how the whole town turned out to enthusiastically welcome him.

The service also created much interest among Eastern newspapers, the more prominent of which kept representatives at St. Joe to collect news from this source. Henry Villard, afterward president of the Northern Pacific, was at the time under consideration the representative of the New York Tribune.

Beside "Buffalo Bill" and "Pony Bob," written of at length later in these chronicles, those of the pony riders who have been heard of within the last few years are these:

Jay G. Kelley was captain of Co. C, First Nevada Infantry, during the Civil War, after which he resumed the business of mining and was engaged at that as last accounts. Sam and Jim Gibson long ago became millionaires at mining in Utah. Mike Kelley became a successful miner at Austin, Nevada. Jim Burdick, "Black Sam," Jim and Bill McNaughton died many years ago. Bill Carr was hanged at Carson,

Nevada, for the murder of Bernard Cherry, his being the first legal execution in that territory. H. J. Faust, became a prominent physician in Utah. Of "Irish Tom" and Jose Zengott, nothing has been learned since the service ended.

Among other noted Pony Express riders, not specially mentioned elsewhere in these pages, were Jim Clark, George Spurr, Henry Wallace, George Towne, Jim McDonald, Wm. James, John Barnett, Jim Becklin, Wm. Carr, Wm. Carrigan, Major Egan, J. K. Ellis, H. J. Faust, John Fisher, Jim Gentry, Jim Gibson, Sam Gibson, Lee Huntington, James William, Bob Martin, J. G. McCall, Jim McNaughton, Josh Perkins, Johnson Richardson, Bart Ellis, George Thatcher, Henry Wallace, Dan Wescott, and as many more whose names and deeds of thousands of other heroes who helped to make the great West the rich heritage of pioneer valor, endurance, and enterprise.

Among the humorous incidents associated with the Pony Express was one associated with "Artemus

Ward."

Charles Farrar Browne—that has come to be a joke classic. Artemus was at the zenith of his fame as a humorous writer and lecturer at the time of the starting of the Pony Express. Thomas Maguire, the most prominent promoter of amusements in San Francisco at that time, desired to employ Ward for a series of entertainments in California. He sent one of the expensive dispatches from San Francisco to New York asking Ward:

"What will you take for a hundred nights?"

Ward promptly responded, by the same means:

"Brandy and water." Artemus made the trip to California, going by steamer via Panama, and returning overland. The engagement was profitable and hilarious to Artemus and Maguire, and gave much joy to the genial humorist's audiences everywhere, en route.



ARTEMUS WARD

