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STAGE LINES- BOISE BASIN

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Boise and Basin Stage Line

A. L. Ostner, Proprietor

Headquarters: Idaho City

(References: November 1901; May 3, 1911)

Greathouse & Company

Idaho City to Placerville. Daily.

Established in Spring of 1864.

In October of 1864, Henry Greathouse and Sam Kelly bought out Cornish and Warren. They changed the road between Summit house and Huntington's in order to avoid the Summit hills. In 1865, they purchased Ward & Co.'s Boise to Idaho City Line. Daily. In March of 1866, Henry Greathouse sold his holdings to his brother George. In 1868, G. Greathouse sold Boise Basin Line to Pinkham Bros. May 6, 1871, Henry Greathouse, who had returned to stage business, sold Boise to Boise Basin Stage Line to T. V. Mathews.

Walla Walla and Boise Stage Company

George F. Thomas and Henry Greathouse and others,
Proprietors

Thomas ran line from Wallula to Express ranch on Burnt River and Greathouse was in charge of line on into Boise Basin. Triweekly. First stage left Basin for Walla Walla on February 21, 1864. Their road over the Blue Mountains was twelve miles north of Ish and Hailey's route. It was known as Thomas and Ruckles Road. From 1864 to 1866, they held a subcontract under Holladay to carry mail from Boise to the Dalles. In 1866, the Boise to Walla Walla line sold to John Hailey. In 1865, rather than go to the Basin first and then to Boise, they decided to go directly to Boise from Payettesville and then on to the Basin.

Hailey Stage Line - Umatilla Stage Line

John Hailey, Proprietor

In 1865, Hailey bought out partner William Ish to become sole owner of Umatilla to Boise Basin Line. In 1866 purchased Walla Walla and Boise Stage Company. At the same time, took over the U. S. mail subcontract. (See also Overland and Kelton)

Idaho Stage Company

Started a stage to Rocky Bar.
(Reference: May 30, 1865)

Idaho Stage Company

E. H. Beggs, General Manager
Headquarters: 905 West Main, Boise
Boise to Idaho City
(Directory Reference: 1902. After 1915, ceased operations.)

Idaho & California Stage Company

John Mullan, Superintendent
Company's first stage arrived in Rocky Bar. A part of Chico to Silver City to Boise and Boise Basin and South Boise line.
(Reference: July 8, 1865. Also see Owyhee reference.)

Ish and Cau

Placerville to Umatilla. Every other day.
(Reference: July 9, 1864)

Ish and Hailey

Umatilla to Placerville - Boise Basin.
April 18, 1863 - started a saddle train from Walla Walla to Placerville. March 15, 1864 - ran a stage coach from Umatilla to foot of Blue Mountains on west side. Triweekly.
By May 1, 1864, coaches went 70 miles west of La Grande to Express Ranch. June 1864 - coaches went from Umatilla to Horseshoe Bend leaving only an eighteen mile trip by horseback. July 1864 - stage line extended into Placerville. In 1865, Ish sold his one-half interest in Thomas & Company's line from Walla Walla to Express Ranch.

Joe Mason Stage Line

Boise to Idaho City. Line was run in opposition to Greathouse & Company.
(Reference: October 31, 1868)

Cornish & Francis Stage Line

Idaho City to Placerville. Daily.
(Reference: November 21, 1863)

Cornish and Wiley's Stage Line

Idaho City to Placerville. Daily.
(Reference: April 16, 1864)

Boise, Idaho, Centerville, Placerville, and Quartzburg Stage Line

Subsidiary of California, Oregon & Idaho Stage Company
Fletcher W. Boomer, Superintendent

Headquarters: Boise
Established 1890

Boise and Idaho Stage Line

Theodore V. Mathews, Proprietor
Purchased this line from Greathouse & Company, May 6, 1871.
Boise to Idaho City - connected at Boise with Northwestern Stage Company. Connected at Idaho City with Pinkham Brothers Stage for Placerville, Quartzburg, Centerville, and all points in Boise Basin. In January 1872, purchased Pinkham Brothers Stage Company and became sole operator of Boise Basin Stages. In April, 1873, sold Boise Basin line to Northwestern Stage Company in order to pay off creditors. He became an employee of company that bought him out.

Oregon and Idaho Stage Company

In March 1864, they started two stages from Yreka for Idaho City. They planned to go by way of Portland, Umatilla, Placerville, past Hog'em to Idaho City. Hoped to reach Idaho City by April 1, 1864. Stages are intended to be part of a regular line between Umatilla and Idaho City.

Pinkham Brothers Boise Basin Stage Line

Eb and Joseph Pinkham, Proprietors
Idaho City to Centerville, Placerville, and Granite Creek. Daily.
In 1868, purchased Greathouse & Company's Boise Basin line.
In January 1872, sold out to Theodore V. Mathews.

Thomas & Company

See Walla Walla and Boise Stage Company.

Ward & Company's Idaho and Boise City Stage Line

July 1864 - Idaho City to Boise. Triweekly.
December 1865 - sold line to Greathouse & Company.

Ward and McCommons Stage Line

Idaho City to Boise City and Fort Boise.
(Reference: May 14, 1864)

Magee's Stage Line

Idaho City to Banner
(Reference: December 3, 1881)