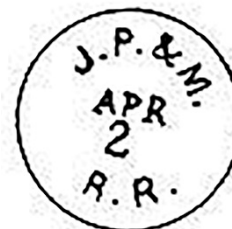


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Jacksonville, Pensacola & Mobile, R369, RRA, Jacksonville-Quincy, FL, 192 miles (1/1/66 - 3/1/66; 1/1/67 – 1/21/67; 1/1/67 – 1/21/67)

381-B-1; J. P. & M. R. R., 26, blue-1874 with target killer, black, Banknote and Eighties, IV

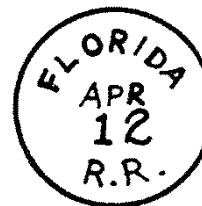


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381-B-1 Courtesy of Hugh Feldman and Richard Frajola

Florida R.R., R202, RRA, Fernandina-Starke, FL, 74 miles

380-B-2; FLORIDA R.R., 26, black, Banknote, 1873, V; with OK Killer



380-B-2

380-B-2 Courtesy of EBay, covercrazy2 EBay store

St. Johns River Steamboat, W(ater Route) 21, WRA (Waterway Route Agent), Jacksonville-Enterprise, FL, 207 miles (12/18/1874 – 8/1/1882)

I-9-b2; JACK. & ENTERPRISE AGT., 27, black, 1882, no killer, III. On I-9-b -the “N Killer” (listed in Kay) designated “Northbound Route.”



I-9-b2 Courtesy of Deane R. Briggs, M. D.

Pensacola & Georgia

381-A-2; PENSA. & GA. R.R., 25 black-1870, blue-1874, 75, ‘Sherman’ killer, IV (Route agent’s name)
(John H. Sherman was a Mail-Route Agent, 1879-1881, between Live Oak to Chattahoochee, Fla.
In 1881 he was listed as a Route Agent employed between Jacksonville to Chattahoochee, Fla.)



SHERMAN

Jacksonville, Pensacola & Mobile, R369, RRA, Live Oak-Chattahoochee, FL, 127 miles (1879 – 5/14/1881)

381-E-1; LIVE OAK & CHAT. AGT., 27.5, black, 1880, III (cover not shown in 2/20/2017 listing)



381-E-1



381-E-1 Courtesy of Deane R. Briggs, M. D., Jun 5th date

Who were the Route Agents and Mail Contractors and how much were they paid?

To answer this question, one must review post office documents found on the web. The best listing can be found on the Texas Postal History Society website under articles. It lists the various postal reports by year.

The *Official Register of the United States, containing a list of Officers and Employees in the Civil, Military, and Naval Service, Vol. II, The Post Office and The Postal Service*, a biennial publication, lists with compensation the route agents, railway service and employees, mail messenger service, mail contractors, and steamboat service by state among the many categories. Over the decades, the listing has changed in format. Steamboat Service first appears in 1879, railroad companies merge, route numbers expand from four to five digits, and later six digits. There are 1000s of pages to review. This is only an introduction to the data that is available in the *Official Register of the United States*.

I have reviewed Route Agents and Mail Contractors between 1871 – 1881 and selected only the Florida listings.

1871, pages 374-386

Route Agent		Annual
<u>Name</u>	<u>Where Employed</u>	<u>Compensation</u>
R. H. Black	Jacksonville to Quincy, Fl.	900.00
B. F. Cox	Jacksonville to Quincy, Fl.	900.00
J. B. Hall	Jacksonville to Quincy, Fl.	900.00
W. E. Dale	Savannah, Ga to Jacksonville, Fl.	1,080.00
J. Foster	Fernandina to Cedar Keys, Fl.	900.00
G.A. Kimball	Fernandina to Cedar Keys, Fl.	900.00

Pages 406-407		Annual
<u>Route No.</u>	<u>Mail Contractor</u>	<u>Compensation</u>
6462	Baltimore & Havana Steamship Company	31,200.00
6402	Florida Railroad Company	7,740.00
6477	Pensacola & Louisville Railroad Company	2,200.00
6403	Tallahassee RR Company	6,100.00
6404	Tallahassee RR Company	14,550.00

Plus 40 individuals, some are steamboat and steamship operators.

1873, pages 422-435

Route Agent		Annual
<u>Name</u>	<u>Where Employed</u>	<u>Compensation</u>
R. F. Cox	Jacksonville to Quincy, Fl.	960.00
B. F. Cox	Jacksonville to Quincy, Fl.	960.00
A. B. Osgood	Jacksonville to Quincy, Fl.	960.00
J. Foster	Fernandina to Cedar Keys, Fl.	900.00
J. Griner	Fernandina to Cedar Keys, Fl.	900.00
J. F. Murrell	Fernandina to Cedar Keys, Fl.	900.00
W. E. Dale	Savannah, Ga to Live Oak, Fl.	1,080.00
C. C. Wellman	Savannah, Ga to Live Oak, Fl.	1,080.00
R. W. White	Savannah, Ga to Live Oak, Fl.	1,080.00

Pages 462-463		Annual
<u>Route No.</u>	<u>Mail Contractor</u>	<u>Compensation</u>
6411	Baltimore & Havana Steamship Company	31,200.00
6401	Florida R. R. Company	7,740.00
6402	Jacksonville, Pensacola and Mobile Railroad Company	15,408.72
6404	Pensacola & Louisville Railroad Company	2,200.00
6405	Saint John's Railway Company	784.50

Plus 57 individuals, some are steamboat and steamship operators. For example, I. K. Roberts received \$76,000.00. Roberts was the treasurer for the New Orleans, Florida, and Havana Steamship Company, contracted to carry the United States Mail.

1875, pages 522-539

<u>Route Agent</u>		Annual
<u>Name</u>	<u>Where Employed</u>	<u>Compensation</u>
R. F. Cox	Savannah Ga. to Live Oak, Fl.	900.00
C. P. Craft	Savannah Ga. to Live Oak, Fl.	900.00
M. F. Gallagher	Savannah Ga. to Live Oak, Fl.	900.00
R. W. White	Savannah Ga. to Live Oak, Fl.	900.00
J. A. Ellerman	Fernandina to Cedar Keys, Fl.	900.00
J. Griner	Fernandina to Cedar Keys, Fl.	900.00
J. F. Murrell	Fernandina to Cedar Keys, Fl.	900.00
W. E. Dale	Jacksonville to Enterprise, Fl.	900.00 (see cover under Jacksonville – Enterprise for his postmark)
G. L. Fox	Jacksonville to Enterprise, Fl.	1,000.00
A. C. Lightburn	Jacksonville to Chattahoochee, Fl.	960.00
A. B. Osgood	Jacksonville to Chattahoochee, Fl.	960.00
J. Rain	Jacksonville to Chattahoochee, Fl.	960.00

Page 570		Annual
<u>Route No.</u>	<u>Mail Contractor</u>	<u>Compensation</u>
6401	Atlantic, Gulf and West India Transit Company	7,740.00
6402	Jacksonville, Pensacola and Mobile Railroad Company	15,408.75
6404	Pensacola & Louisville Railroad Company	2,200.00
6405	Saint John's Railway Company	784.50
6406	Pensacola and Perdido Railroad Company	318.75
6411	Baltimore & Havana Steamship Company	31,200.00

Plus 57 individuals, some are steamboat and steamship operators. For example, I. K. Roberts annual contract for \$49,000.00 was the treasurer for the New Orleans, Florida, and Havana Steamship Company.

1877, pages 419 - 431

Route Agent		Annual
<u>Name</u>	<u>Where Employed</u>	<u>Compensation</u>
Charles P. Craft	Savannah Ga. to Live Oak, Fl.	1,000.00
William I. Craft	Savannah Ga. to Live Oak, Fl.	1,000.00
M. M. Davis	Savannah Ga. to Live Oak, Fl.	1,000.00
S. N. Dykeman	Savannah Ga. to Live Oak, Fl.	1,000.00
Jules Griner	Fernandina to Cedar Keys, Fl.	920.00
J. F. Murrell	Fernandina to Cedar Keys, Fl.	920.00
John L. Taylor	Fernandina to Cedar Keys, Fl.	920.00
William. E. Dale	Jacksonville to Enterprise, Fl.	900.00 (see cover under Jacksonville – Enterprise for his postmark)
G. L. Fox	Jacksonville to Enterprise, Fl.	1,000.00

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		Annual
<u>Route No.</u>	<u>Mail Contractor</u>	<u>Compensation</u>
16001	Atlantic, Gulf and West India Transit Company	5,572.80
16002	Jacksonville, Pensacola and Mobile Railroad Company	12,692.77
16003	Pensacola and Mobile Railroad Company	1902.96
16004	Saint John's Railroad Company	706.55
16005	Pensacola and Perdido Railroad Company	286.88

Plus 31 individuals, some are steamboat and steamship operators.

1879, pages 30 - 44

Route Agent		Annual
<u>Name</u>	<u>Where Employed</u>	<u>Compensation</u>
Charles P. Craft	Savannah Ga. to Live Oak, Fl.	900.00
William I. Craft	Savannah Ga. to Live Oak, Fl.	900.00
D. H. Clark	Savannah Ga. to Live Oak, Fl.	900.00
M. M. Davis	Savannah Ga. to Jacksonville, Fl.	900.00
T. J. Hardaway	Savannah Ga. to Jacksonville, Fl.	900.00
W. H. Le Cain	Savannah Ga. to Jacksonville, Fl.	900.00
E. A. Mills	Savannah Ga. to Jacksonville, Fl.	900.00
C. E. Porter	Savannah Ga. to Jacksonville, Fl.	900.00
Watson Porter	Savannah Ga. to Jacksonville, Fl.	900.00
D. S. Tingley	Savannah Ga. to Jacksonville, Fl.	900.00
Jules Griner	Fernandina to Cedar Keys, Fl.	900.00
J. F. Murrell	Fernandina to Cedar Keys, Fl.	920.00
John L. Taylor	Fernandina to Cedar Keys, Fl.	900.00

Mail Route Agent		Annual
<u>Name</u>	<u>Where Employed</u>	<u>Compensation</u>
William. E. Dale	Jacksonville to Enterprise, Fl.	800.00 (see cover under Jacksonville – Enterprise for his postmark)
George L. Fox	Jacksonville to Enterprise, Fl.	800.00
William D. Palmer	Jacksonville to Enterprise, Fl.	800.00
Thomas H. Gourley	Live Oak to Chattahoochee, Fl.	850.00
John H. Sherman	Live Oak to Chattahoochee, Fl.	850.00 (see cover under Pensacola & Georgia R.R. for his postmark)

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Local Agent		Annual
<u>Name</u>	<u>Where Employed</u>	<u>Compensation</u>
G. W. Ford	Baldwin	600.00

Page 58		Annual
<u>Route No.</u>	<u>Mail Contractor</u>	<u>Compensation</u>
16001	Atlantic, Gulf and West India Transit Company	5,294.16
16002	Jacksonville, Pensacola and Mobile Railroad Company	8,813.78
16003	Pensacola and Mobile Railroad Company	1,807.81
16004	Saint John's Railroad Company	670.75
16005	Pensacola and Perdido Railroad Company	272.54
16006	Florida Central Railroad Company	3,299.62

Plus 77 individuals, some are steamboat and steamship operators. An example is shown below.

Page 58		Annual
<u>Route No.</u>	<u>Steamboat Service Contractor</u>	<u>Compensation</u>
16096	S. J. Banknight (from 2/1/1879)	2,400.00
16087	J. W. Fitzgerald	600.00
16092	H. L. Hart	2,768.00
16093	J. R. McKinnon	1,939.00
16100	James McKay	13,570.00
16091	New Orleans, Florida and Havana Steamship Co.	52,500.00
16088	Samuel Rushing	3,200.00
16090	J. F. Rhoads	1,000.00
16097	Sherley & Hite	13,740.00
16098	S. J. Whitesides	5,401.40

Route Agent		Annual
<u>Name</u>	<u>Where Employed</u>	<u>Compensation</u>
W. H. Burbridge	Charleston, S.C. to Jacksonville, Fl.	900.00
B. H. Craft	Charleston, S.C. to Jacksonville, Fl.	1,150.00
Charles P. Craft	Charleston, S.C. to Jacksonville, Fl.	1,300.00
M. M. Davis	Charleston, S.C. to Jacksonville, Fl.	1,300.00
Henry A. Fox	Charleston, S.C. to Jacksonville, Fl.	1,300.00
Thomas J. Hardaway	Charleston, S.C. to Jacksonville, Fl.	1,300.00
William B. King	Charleston, S.C. to Jacksonville, Fl.	1,150.00
Ernest A. Mills	Charleston, S.C. to Jacksonville, Fl.	1,300.00
D. S. Tingley	Charleston, S.C. to Jacksonville, Fl.	1,150.00
Charles H. Waltz	Charleston, S.C. to Jacksonville, Fl.	900.00
W. E. Dale	Jacksonville to Enterprise, Fl.	800.00 (see cover under Jacksonville – Enterprise for his postmark)
George L. Fox	Jacksonville to Enterprise, Fl.	800.00
A. R. Meek, Jr.	Jacksonville to Enterprise, Fl.	800.00
H. B. Potter	Jacksonville to Enterprise, Fl.	800.00
W. H. Le Cain	Fernandina to Cedar Keys, Fl.	900.00
John L. Taylor	Fernandina to Cedar Keys, Fl.	900.00
Jules Griner	DuPont Ga. to Live Oak, Fl.	900.00
Elbert Griffin	Jacksonville to Chattahoochee, Fl.	850.00
A. C. Lighbourne	Jacksonville to Chattahoochee, Fl.	850.00
A. B. Osgood	Jacksonville to Chattahoochee, Fl.	850.00
John H. Sherman	Jacksonville to Chattahoochee, Fl.	850.00 (see cover under Pensacola & Georgia R.R. for his postmark)

After 1881 the Florida mail contractors and steamboat services found in the *1881 Official Register* are listed on pages 83-86, are combined into one table, and listed in order by route number. Many route numbers have multiple listing and may be different steamboat boats on the same route. There are over 500 listed.

From the *1878 Report of the Postmaster-General of the United States*, Thomas J. Brady, Second Assistant Postmaster General, on November 1, 1878, reported on pages 263-264, “The increased appropriation for **railway post-office clerks** for 1880 is required because of the increase in the amount of mail-matter conveyed by railroad...It is not expected that in increased appropriation asked will cover the cost of additional work, as it is proposed to employ **route agents** to perform the local work on railway post-office lines. This however, will only be assigning railway post-office clerks and route agents to their respective duties, though the distinction between the two is a useless technically which should be dismissed... the appropriation for route agents for 1880 is \$1,125,000, an increase of \$95,000. This increase is required in consequence of the assignment of route agents to perform local work on RPO line, as before explained...The appropriation for **mail-route messengers** is \$150,000, and increase of \$4,000. The attention of the proprietors of railroad is at this time especially directed to the expediting of trains and the maintaining of the closest possible connections. This requires that the mails be promptly transferred at junctions instead of passing through post-offices, as is customary where there is sufficient time to do so. Local agents [**like G. W. Ford at Baldwin Fla.**] are necessary at all junctions where there are mails of any importance to separate and dispatch in different directions.”