

To the Honorable, The Senate and House of
Representatives of The United States:

The undersigned,
Citizens of Round Prairie and adjacent Townships,
in the County of Jefferson and State of Iowa, beg leave⁴⁵⁵¹
respectfully to represent: That Mail Route No. 41¹⁸⁸¹
established by act of Congress, and being within the limits
of said State, has for its terminating points Burlington
on the Mississippi River, and Fairfield, the Seat of
Justice of Jefferson County; that the western portion of said
Route, to wit: that portion of it between Fairfield and
Skunk River, runs through an exceedingly hilly and rough
Section of Country, the most so, it is believed, of any in all
Iowa; and that, in consequence of the extreme hilliness
and roughness of said road, it is at all times^a matter
of difficulty, and sometimes of almost impossibility, to
pass over it with a four horse Coach, as is required to be
done in order to meet the convenience and interests of
the travelling Community, besides carrying the Mails
tri-weekly each way, on said route; that this hilly
and rough road may be easily avoided, and a nearly
level route obtained - (without, too, materially increasing
the distance) - between Fairfield and the Skunk river -
by running it from two to three miles south of the present
route, and nearly parallel with it, over which a four
horse Coach could run, and carry the Mail, at all
Seasons of the year, without the slightest difficulty;
and that such a route is already opened, and made
an established road, by a law of this State. And
your petitioners would further represent, that while the
route at present taken by the Mail runs mostly through
a timbered Country, that which is herein proposed by
us to be substituted in its place passes mainly through

the prairie, or near its edge, and that the latter has a much denser population along it than the former. And further, your petitioners would state that there is a Post Office now established at a place called Glasgow, in Round Prairie Township, which place is some two-and-a-half miles south of the route herein proposed, which Office receives its Mail matter once a week from Fairfield, and the inhabitants of which place, and its vicinity, would be much benefited by receiving their mails three times instead of but once a week.

For the reasons above set forth your petitioners pray your honorable body to pass a law authorizing Mail Route No. 1581 to be so changed as to run through Round Prairie by the places of Stewart, Ball, and Moffitt, and that an Office, to be called the "Round Prairie Post Office" may be established on said Route at the present residence of George Moffitt Senr.: And that the Office now existing at Glasgow and Lockridge, both of which are in said Township, may, if it is deemed necessary in order to accomplish the object above mentioned, be abandoned; as by merging the two into this proposed Office, the Citizens at these two points would be better accommodated than they now are. And further your petitioners ask that the present Office at Rome, near Shunk river on said route, may be changed to the residence of Thomas Smith Senr. on the route proposed in its stead: And your petitioners will ever pray, &c.

December 17th 1847.

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W/ Iowa Of
The Petition of C. Brown
and 172 Other Citizens
of the State of Iowa
Praying for a change
in Mail route 4581
from Burlington to
Fairfield, so as to
pass through Round
Prairie in Jefferson Co.
and to change and
vacate certain Post
Offices.

January 4 1848 Referred to the
Committee on Post Offices & Post Roads
Com. P.O. & P.R.s

35 Wm Thompson