

To the honorable Cave Johnson Postmaster General
of the United States

The subscribers citizens of Washington County Ohio would respectfully suggest the necessity of a new mail route from Waterford to Barlow both in Washington County passing through Watertown ^{& stopping at the P.O. in Watertown} to the post office in said Barlow and back once in each week. This arrangement would furnish the citizens of the townships of Watertown and Barlow with two or three days earlier intelligence and also it is believed would increase the quantity of mail matter for these two offices and promote the general intelligence of the community. Under the present arrangement a large portion of the mail matter for these two offices remain at McConnellsville or Marietta until the weekly mail from those points bring it forward. The distance of the proposed route is twelve miles which could be carried for fifty Dollars or less. We think the income of the two offices will pay the expenses of the proposed route. We would propose that the mail start from Waterford Wednesday morning & return in the afternoon (if they have a daily mail from Zanesville to Marietta) if not then to have it carried on Tuesday ~~or Thursday~~. All of which is Respectfully Submitted
Watertown Dec 10th 1847

Names

Mr Riley jr

George W. Richards

George Biggins

Samuel Hudson

Andrew S. Richards

William Davies

J. J. Coak

Harley L. Deming

Names

Thomas Holmes

Wm. Ferguson

Wm. G. Woodford

J. J. Riley

Wm. Woodford

Benj. Burchett

Abel Burchett

Joseph N. Ford

David Shields

Names continued on next page

Charles B. Hale	Benjamin Rufus Beech
John Gossett	Wm. Dule
Ira Wells	Lyman Gafflin
John H. Pool	Elihu Davis
Julius Deming	R. G. Lawton
Simeon Deming	J. D. Ball
Thomas Fisher	Wm. Onistor
C. D. Ford	Levin Vincent
Bernard Beach	Wm. Austin Jr.
Biddad Cuthbert	Walter Ridwell
Hiram Martin	Daniel N. Dunsmore
Mark Green	Richard Cronknight
Lewis Thornberry	Benjamin Cresson
Seth Woodford	John B. Henry
James Ferguson	Alburt Lucas
Thorton Bishop	A. C. Osidd.
Allen C. Richards	Elisha Shields
Lummon Richards Jr.	Joseph Palmer
John H. Burdett	Burnes Cresson
Ansel B. Ford	John M. Leung
Andrew Farley	John W. Goeur
Josiah Burdett	Abner J. Campbell
Lair Shields	James M. Antin
Giles H. Foul	Peter Bowman
Henry Minor	David Bowman
Wm. L. Woodford	Thomas Stockdale
Wm. Gigg	Henry S. Vanzickle
Wm. Jenkins Jr.	Wm. S. Vanzickle
Wm. Wood	John Haugland
William Breakensidge	Daniel Matheson
Vancey Adams	John Clark
John Henry	Jepe Lawton
Henry S. Arnold	Thomas Powell
Robert Pugh	

H. L. Lawrence
H. W. Ford
John Malster

Watertown Jan 1 1847
Mr I B B Heale
Sir

You will perceive
by the inclosed that we are petitioning for
a new mail route through our town if
you recollect we were speaking to you
about it when you was here last summer
If you will present this to the proper
Officers you will much oblige many
petitioners I hope we may get it for
we are in need of quicker news

Yours Truly
Thomas Holmes

P.S. Please write the prospects

Ohio
The petition of Wm
Riley & 85 other
citizens of Washington
County, Ohio praying
the establishment of
a mail route from
Waterford through
Barlow to Watertown
in said county.

February 11th 1848
referred to the com
mittee on the post offices
and post roads

Thomas Fitzhugh

Fitzhugh

Watertown
Jan 1st

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Mr J. B. Hale
Washington
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