

Table II
Mail Agents' Trips West to East

| Mail Agent | Steamship | Cleared San Francisco | Arrived Panama | PMGO On Isthmus | Cleared Chagres/Aspinwall | Arrived Havana | Cleared Havana | Arrived New York | Notes, Source |
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| 1849 | | | | | | | | | |
| Capt. R.W. Meade | <i>Oregon</i> | 10/1/49 | 10/24/49 | | 10/29/49 | - | - | 11/11/49 | NYH-11/12/49 |
| In a letter dated at San Francisco Oct. 1, 5 AM, is the following: "To our mutual friend, Capt. Meade, of the navy, who returns in charge of the United States Mail..." In the passenger list of the <i>Oregon</i> is "Capt. R.W. Meade and son..." There is no mention of Meade in the <i>Postmaster Generals' Order Books</i> . | | | | | | | | | |
| Mr. Faulkner | <i>Unicorn</i> | 12/1/49 | 12/28/49 | | | | | | AC-2/6/50 NYH-3/11,13/50 |
| Faulkner is not listed in the <i>Postmaster Generals' Order Books</i> , but is stated as editor of the <i>Pacific News</i> and took the California mails to Panama aboard the <i>Unicorn</i> . He is also the individual that questioned whether James B. Devoe represented the <i>Pacific News</i> . | | | | | | | | | |
| 1850 | | | | | | | | | |
| A. Clinton McLean | <i>Cherokee</i> | NA | NA | | 1/3/50 | | | 1/13/50 | NYH-1/14/50 |
| McLean had been on the Isthmus and did not return from San Francisco. He appears to have missed the <i>Falcon</i> , which cleared Chagres on 1/1/50. | | | | | | | | | |
| James B. Devoe | <i>Panama Georgia</i> | 2/1/50 | 2/23/50 | | 2/27/50 | | | 3/8/50 | NYH-3/9/50 |
| A. Clinton McLean | <i>Philadelphia</i> | NA | NA | | 3/4/50 | | | 3/13/50 | NYH-3/14/50 |
| McLean had been on the Isthmus and did not return from San Francisco. | | | | | | | | | |
| William A. Bayley | <i>Oregon Cherokee</i> | 3/1/50 | 3/20*/50 | | 3/26/50 | | | 4/5/50 | PMGO-4/9/50 NYH-4/6/50 AC-5/29/50 |
| The <i>Georgia</i> arrived at Chagres on 3/27/50 and because of this Bayley took the <i>Cherokee</i> . The NYH-4/6/50 lists "W.A. Bailey and servant, Mail Agent." | | | | | | | | | |
| John Workman | <i>Georgia</i> | NA | NA | 3/27/50 to 4/27/50 | 4/27?/50 | | | 5/7/50 | PMGO-5/11/50 |
| From PMGO-5/11/50 and Workman's eastbound trips, it appears he did not travel through from San Francisco. | | | | | | | | | |
| A. Clinton McLean | Falcon? Ohio? | NA | NA | 4/10/50 to 5/13/50 | 5/12/50 | 5/18/50 | 5/18/50 | 5/24/40 | NYH-5/25/50 PMGO-6/4/50 |
| McLean's movements here are uncertain. He was on the Isthmus 2/20/50 to 3/3/50, 4/10/50 and 5/13/50. The interval between 3/3 and 4/10 wasn't enough time for a trip to San Francisco, but he may have gone back to New York and returned to the Isthmus. | | | | | | | | | |
| W.W. Gallaer | <i>Tennessee Crescent City</i> | 4/21/50 | 5/12/50 | | 5/15/50 | | | 5/25/50 | NYH-5/26/50 |

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| Bannister Midgett | <i>Panama Georgia</i> | 5/1*/50 | 5/21/50 | | 5/26/50 | | | 6/9/50 | AC-5/1/50 PMGO-6/20/50 & 6/26/50 |
| The <i>Alta California</i> lists Midgett as mail agent and includes Seymour in the passenger list. The <i>Postmaster Generals' Order Books</i> issued Seymour fare for this trip as the second agent. | | | | | | | | | |
| R.J. Laurenson | <i>Georgia</i> | | | 4/28/50 to 6/10/50 | 5/26/50 | | | 6/9/50 | PMGO-6/19/50 & 10/1/50 NYH-6/10/50 |
| Laurenson was paid for serving as mail agent from April 28 to June 10, which covers the entire trip from San Francisco to New York. However, two other agents were aboard the <i>Panama</i> and the <i>Georgia</i> . See above. | | | | | | | | | |
| William A. Bayley | <i>Oregon Georgia</i> | 6/1/50 | 6/21/50 | 6/20/50 to 6/26/50 | 6/26/50 | | | 7/8/50 | AC-6/1/50, NYH-7/9/50 & PMGO-7/22/50 |
| The <i>Alta California</i> (6/1/50) has a notice from Bayley, as mail agent, stating that a mail bag will be kept on board the <i>Oregon</i> until the hour of sailing. | | | | | | | | | |
| John Workman | <i>Georgia?</i> | NA | NA | 6/9/50 to 6/26/50 | 6/26/50 | | | 7/8/50 | PMGO-7/26/50 |
| It appears Workman was on the Isthmus 6/9 to 6/26 and did not come from San Francisco. | | | | | | | | | |
| H.D. Beach | <i>California Georgia</i> | 7/1/50 | 7/20/50 | 7/1/50 to 8/7/50 | 7/26/50 | | | 8/7/50 | NYH-8/8/50 PMGO-10/19/52 AC-9/23/50 &12/14/50 |
| A. Clinton McLean | <i>Panama Georgia</i> | 8/1/50 | 8/21/50 | 8/22/50 to 8/25/50 | 8/26*/50 | | | 9/6/50 | PMGO-9/23/50 |
| Samuel A. Seymour? | <i>Falcon? Ohio?</i> | NA | NA | 7/12/50 to 8/12/50 | 8/12?/50 | 8/16/50 | 8/19/50 | 8/24/50 | NYH-8/24/50 PMGO-8/30/50 |
| It appears Seymour was on the Isthmus 7/12 to 8/12 and did not come from San Francisco. | | | | | | | | | |
| Daniel Norcross | <i>Carolina Falcon Ohio</i> | 8/15/50 | 9/4*/50 | 9/4/50 to 9/12/50 | 9/12*/50 | 9/17/50 | 9/18/50 | 9/22*/50 | PMGO-11/6/50 |
| Bannister Midgett | <i>Oregon Georgia</i> | 9/1/50 | 9/19/50 | 27 days 7/24/50 to 9/25/50 | 9/25*/50 | | | 10/6*/50 | PMGO-10/11/50 |
| John Workman | <i>Georgia</i> | NA | NA | 47 days 8/10/50 to 9/25/50 | 9/25*/50 | | | 10/6*/50 | PMGO-11/12/50 |
| It appears Workman was on the Isthmus 8/10 to 9/25 and did not come from San Francisco. | | | | | | | | | |

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| Joseph Slocum | <i>Panama Falcon Ohio</i> | 4/15/51 | 5/2/51 | 5/2/51 to 5/11/51 | 5/10?/51 | 5/16/51 | 5/17/51 | 5/22/51 | PMGO-6/10/51 |
| Gouverneur Ferris | <i>Oregon Empire City</i> | 5/1/51 | 5/19?/51 | 5/19/51 to 5/24/51 | 5/24*/51 | | | 6/3/51 | PMGO-6/7/51 NYH-6/4/51 |
| Bannister Midgett | <i>Northerner Falcon? Cherokee?</i> | 5/15/51 | 6/3/51 | 6/3/51 to 6/10/51 | 6/10?/51 | 6/15/51 | 6/16/51 | 6/21*/51 | PMGO-6/26/51 PS-6/3/51 |
| Augustus Griswold | <i>Tennessee Empire City</i> | 5/31/51 | 6/19/51 | 6/19/51 to 6/26/51 | 6/26/51 | | | 7/6/51 | PMGO-7/12/51 NYH-7/7/51 |
| John Hancock | <i>Tennessee Empire City</i> | 5/31/51 | 6/19/51 | 6/19/51 to 6/26/51 | 6/26/51 | | | 7/6/51 | PMGO-7/14/51 NYH-7/7/51 |
| Both Hancock and Griswold are found in the <i>New York Herald's</i> passenger list for the <i>Empire City</i> . | | | | | | | | | |
| Samuel A. Seymour | <i>California Crescent City</i> | 6/14/51 | 7/2/51 | 7/2/51 to 7/10/51 | 7/10?/51 | | | 7/20/51 | PMGO-7/23/51 BR-7/3/51 NYH-7/21/51 |
| R. Morgan French | <i>Panama Empire City</i> | 7/1*/51 | 7/19?/51 | 7/19/51 to 7/25/51 | 7/25/51 | | | 8/6/51 | PMGO-8/18/51 |
| William Whitney | <i>Northerner Falcon Cherokee</i> | 7/15/51 | 8/5/51 | 8/5/51 to 8/11/51 | 8/11/51 | 8/16/51 | 8/17?/51 | 8/21/51 | PMGO-9/9/51 NYH-8/21,22/51 |
| John Workman | <i>Northerner Falcon Cherokee</i> | 7/15/51 | 8/5/51 | 8/5/51 to 8/11/51 | 8/11/51 | 8/16/51 | 8/17?/51 | 8/21/51 | PMGO-9/16/51 NYH-8/21/51 |
| The <i>New York Herald</i> listed both Workman and Whitney as aboard the <i>Northerner</i> . | | | | | | | | | |
| A. Clinton McLean | <i>Oregon Georgia</i> | 8/2/51 | 8/20/51 | 8/19/51 to 8/26/51 | 8/26/51 | | | 9/7/51 | PS-8/22/51 NYH-9/8,14/51 PMGO-9/16/51 |
| Gouverneur Ferris | <i>Tennessee Ohio</i> | 9/1/51 | 9/19/51 | 9/19/51 to 9/24/51 | 9/24/51 | | | 10/6*/51 | PMGO-10/11/51 NYH-10/7/51 |
| John Chapin | <i>Panama Illinois</i> | 9/15/51 | 10/3/51 | 10/3/51 to 10/9/51 | 10/9/51 | | | 10/18/51 | PMGO-10/27/51 |
| Samuel A. Seymour | <i>Oregon Cherokee</i> | 10/1*/51 | 10/18/51 | 10/18/51 to 10/23/51 | 10/23/51 | | | 11/1/51 | PMGO-11/5/51 |

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| Bannister Midgett | <i>California Illinois Georgia</i> | 10/15/51 | 11/2/51 | 11/2/51 to 11/9/51 | 11/9?/51 | ? | P11/14/51 | 11/19/51 | PMGO-11/29/51 NYH-11/19/51 |
| The <i>Georgia</i> took the <i>Illinois'</i> mails at Havana since she had an accident to her machinery. | | | | | | | | | |
| William Whitney | <i>Tennessee Cherokee</i> | 11/1/51 | 11/16/51 | 11/16/51 to 11/20/51 | 11/20/51 | | | 11/29/51 | PMGO-12/4/51 NYH-11/30/51, 12/1/51 |
| A. Clinton McLean | <i>Northerner Georgia</i> | 11/15/51 | 12/2/51 | 12/2/51 to 12/10/51 | 12/10/51 | | | 12/21/51 | PMGO-12/27/51 PS-12/2/51 NYH-12/22/51 |
| Joseph F. Atwill | <i>Republic El Dorado</i> | 12/1/51 | 1/1/52 | 1/1/52 to 1/4/52 | 1/4/52 | | | 1/14/52 | PMGO-2/5/52 |
| Atwill was at Acapulco December 14-24. | | | | | | | | | |
| Gouverneur Ferris | <i>Golden Gate Cherokee</i> | 12/5/51 | 12/18/51 | 12/18/51 to 12/21/51 | 12/21/51 | | | 1/1/52 | PMGO-1/10/52 NYDT-1/3/52 |
| J.A. McLaughlin | <i>Panama Georgia</i> | 12/16/51 | 1/1/52 | 1/1/52 to 1/8/52 | 1/8/52 | | | 1/20/52 | PMGO-2/3/52 |
| 1852 | | | | | | | | | |
| Joseph Slocum | <i>Oregon Ohio</i> | 1/1/52 | 1/17/52 | 1/16/52 to 1/22/52 | 1/22/52 | | | 2/4/52 | PMGO-2/19/52 |
| John Chapin | <i>Oregon Cherokee</i> | 1/1/52 | 1/17/52 | 1/17/52 to 1/20/52 | 1/20/52 | | | 1/30/52 | PMGO-2/19/52 |
| Samuel A. Seymour | <i>California El Dorado</i> | 1/16/52 | 2/2/52 | 2/2/52 to 2/5/52 | 2/5/52 | | | 2/16/52 | PMGO-2/19/52 |
| J.F. Griffin | <i>Tennessee Crescent City</i> | 2/1/52 | 2/15/52 | 2/15/52 to 2/19/52 | 2/19/52 | | | 2/29/52 | PMGO-3/6/52 |
| William Whitney | <i>Panama El Dorado</i> | 2/18/52 | 3/3/52 | 3/3/52 to 3/6/52 | 3/6/52 | | | 3/15/52 | PMGO-3/18/52 NYDTr-3/16/52 |
| George W. Haskins | <i>Northerner Crescent City</i> | 3/2/52 | 3/18/52 | 3/18/52 to 3/20/52 | 3/21/52 | | | 3/30/52 | PMGO-1/3/53 |
| Bannister Midgett | <i>California Cherokee</i> | 3/15/52 | 4/1/52 | 4/1/52 to 4/7/52 | 4/7/52 | | | 4/23/52 | PMGO-4/26/52 |
| Gouverneur Ferris | <i>Golden Gate Crescent City</i> | 4/5/52 | 4/19/52 | 4/19/52 to 4/22/52 | 4/22/52 | | | 5/2/52 | PMGO-5/5/52 NYDT-5/3/52 |
| Samuel A. Seymour | <i>Northerner Illinois</i> | 4/18/52 | 5/5/52 | 5/5/52 to 5/8/52 | 5/8/52 | | | 5/17/52 | PMGO-5/20/52 NYDT-5/18/52 |

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| William B. Tryon | <i>Columbia?</i> <i>Crescent City</i> | 5/3/52 | 5/22/52 | 5/25/52 | 5/25/52 | | | 6/4/52 | PMGO-6/26/52 |
| Only one date was given on this trip. | | | | | | | | | |
| ? | <i>Oregon</i> | 5/16/52 | 6/1/52 | | | | | | |
| Ira Birdsall | <i>Tennessee</i> <i>Philadelphia</i> | 6/1/52 | 6/16/52 | | 6/22/52 | | | 7/18/52 | PMGO-8/3/52 |
| There were 55 deaths on the <i>Philadelphia's</i> voyage from Aspinwall. She was not allowed to stay at Havana because of the illness on board, so she put into Key West on 6/28/52. She cleared Key West on 7/13/52 and arrived in New York on 7/18/52. Ira Birdsall, the mail agent, died on this voyage on 6/28/52. ⁴ | | | | | | | | | |
| Bannister Midgett | <i>California</i> <i>Illinois</i> | 6/18/52 | 7/4/52 | 7/4/52 to 7/7/52 | 7/7/52 | | | 7/15/52 | PMGO-7/21/52 NYDT-7/17/52 |
| Gouverneur Ferris | <i>Columbia</i> <i>Ohio</i> | 7/1/52 | 7/19/52 | 7/19/52 to 7/22/52 | 7/21*/52 | | | 8/2/52 | PMGO-8/6/52 |
| D.G. Riddick | <i>Northerner</i> <i>Illinois?</i> | 7/15/52 | 8/2/52 | 8/2/52 to 8/6/52 | ? | | | 8/14/52 | PMGO-8/17/52 |
| Arthur McArthur | <i>Oregon</i> <i>Ohio</i> | 7/31/52 | 8/15/52 | 8/15/52 to 8/19/52 | 8/19/52 | | | 8/31/52 | PMGO-9/3/52 |
| J.B. Brown | <i>Panama</i> <i>Illinois</i> | 8/15/52 | 8/31/52 | 9/1/52 to 9/3/52 | 9/3/52 | | | 9/12/52 | PMGO-9/15/52 |
| J.D. Gros | <i>California</i> <i>Ohio</i> | 9/1/52 | 9/17/52 | 9/17/52 to 9/21/52 | 9/21/52 | | | 10/6*/52 | PMGO-10/12/52 |
| William B. Calhoun | <i>Golden Gate</i> <i>Illinois</i> | 9/16/52 | 9/29/52 | 9/29/52 to 10/2/52 | 10/2/52 | | | 10/13/52 | PMGO-10/15/52 |
| George Howe | <i>Tennessee</i> <i>Georgia</i> | 10/1/52 | 10/16/52 | 10/16/52 to 10/20/52 | 10/19*/52 | | | 10/29/52 | PMGO-11/1/52 |
| Gouverneur Ferris | <i>Oregon</i> <i>Illinois</i> | 10/16/52 | 10/31/52 | 10/31/52 to 11/4/52 | 11/4/52 | | | 11/12/52 | PMGO-11/18/52 PS-11/2/52 |
| Bannister Midgett | <i>California</i> <i>Georgia</i> | 11/1/52 | 11/16/52 | 11/16/52 to 11/18/52 | 11/18/52 | | | 11/28/52 | PMGO-12/6/52 |
| William H. Lord | <i>Golden Gate</i> <i>Illinois</i> | 11/16/52 | 11/28/52 | 11/28/52 to 12/2/52 | 12/2/52 | | | 12/12/52 | PMGO-12/30/52 |
| James C. Robinson | <i>Panama</i> <i>Georgia</i> | 12/1/52 | 12/17/52 | 12/17/52 to 12/20/52 | 12/19*/52 | | | 12/31/52 | PMGO-1/12/53 |
| W. Martin | <i>Tennessee</i> <i>Illinois</i> | 12/16/52 | 12/31/52 | 12/30/52 to 1/3/53 | 1/2*/53 | | | 1/13/53 | PMGO-1/15/53 |

⁴ Wierenga, *United States Incoming Steamship Mail*, op. cit., pp. 254-58.

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| 1853 | | | | | | | | | |
| George McNair | <i>Northerner Georgia</i> | 1/1/53 | 1/16/53 | 1/16/53 to 1/19/53 | 1/19/53 | | | 1/30/53 | PMGO-2/3/53 |
| William H. Raulett | <i>Golden Gate Ohio</i> | 1/15/53 | 1/28*/53 | 1/28/53 to 2/3/53 | 2/3/53 | | | 2/18/53 | PMGO-2/25/53 |
| H.L. Morison | <i>Tennessee Georgia</i> | 2/1/53 | 2/15/53 | 2/15/53 to 2/19/53 | 2/18*/53 | | | 3/1/53 | PMGO-3/5/53 |
| A.H. Chaplin | <i>Panama Ohio</i> | 2/15/53 | 3/2/53 | 3/2/53 to 3/5/53 | 3/4*/53 | | | 3/18/53 | PMGO-3/21/53 |
| R.H. Hooper | <i>Oregon Georgia</i> | 3/1/53 | 3/16/53 | 3/16/53 to 3/19/53 | 3/18*/53 | | | 3/28/53 | PMGO-3/30/53 |
| C. Millerd | <i>Golden Gate Illinois</i> | 3/16/53 | 3/28/53 | 3/29/53 to 3/31/53 | 3/31*/53 | | | 4/9/53 | PMGO-4/14/53 |
| James D. Darden | <i>California Georgia</i> | 4/1/53 | 4/15/53 | 4/15/53 to 4/17/53 | 4/17*/53 | | | 4/27/53 | PMGO-4/30/53 |
| John C. Babcock | <i>Northerner Illinois</i> | 4/17/53 | 5/3/53 | 5/3/53 to 5/5/53 | 5/4*/53 | | | 5/14*/53 | PMGO-5/18/53 |
| Samuel Adams | <i>Golden Gate Georgia</i> | 4/30/53 | 5/12/53 | 5/12/53 to 5/15/53 | 5/14*/53 | | | 5/25/53 | PMGO-5/27/53 |
| Cyrus Powers | <i>John L. Stephens Illinois</i> | 5/16/53 | 5/31/53 | 5/31/53 to 6/4/53 | 6/3/53 | | | 6/12/53 | PMGO-6/23/53 |
| Nelson Brown | <i>California Georgia</i> | 6/1/53 | 6/16/53 | 6/16/53 to 6/19/53 | 6/19/53 | | | 6/29*/53 | PMGO-6/30/53 |
| Zephaniah Pratt | <i>Golden Gate Illinois</i> | 6/16/53 | 6/29/53 | 6/29/53 to 7/2/53 | 7/2*/53 | | | 7/11/53 | PMGO-7/13/53 |
| William G. Marcy | <i>Oregon Georgia</i> | 7/1/53 | 7/17/53 | 7/17/53 to 7/20/53 | 7/19*/53 | | | 7/29/53 | PMGO-8/15/53 |
| E. Gilson | <i>John L. Stephens Illinois</i> | 7/16/53 | 7/29/53 | 7/29/53 to 8/3/53 | 8/1/53 | | | 8/10/53 | PMGO-10/25/53 & 10/27/53 NYH-8/11/53 |
| The New York Herald reported Edward Gibson as mail agent. | | | | | | | | | |
| George Lee | <i>Northerner Georgia</i> | 8/1/53 | 8/17/53 | 8/17/53 to 8/19/53 | 8/19/53 | | | 8/29/53 | PMGO-9/5/53 |
| Dennis Ryer | <i>Winfield Scott Illinois</i> | 8/16/53 | 8/30/53 | 8/30/53 to 9/2/53 | 9/2/53 | | | 9/10/53 | PMGO-9/24/53 |

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| J.G. Carr | <i>Oregon Crescent City</i> | 9/1/53 | 9/17/53 | 9/17/53 to 9/25/53 | 9/24/53 | | | 10/4/53 | PMGO-10/25/53 |
| A.C. McLane | <i>John L. Stephens Illinois</i> | 9/16/53 | 9/29/53 | September October | 10/1/53 | | | 10/10/53 | PMGO-10/20/53 |
| John M. Thornton | <i>Panama Ohio</i> | 10/1/53 | 10/17/53 | 10/16/53 to 10/18/53 | 10/18/53 | | | 10/28/53 | PMGO-11/1/53 |
| ? | <i>Golden Gate George Law</i> | 10/16/53 | 10/29/53 | ? | 10/31/53 | | | 11/10/53 | |
| James McGuire | <i>California Illinois</i> | 11/1/53 | 11/17/53 | 11/17/53 to 11/19/53 | 11/19/53 | | | 11/28/53 | PMGO-12/3/53 NYH-11/29/53 |
| In the passenger list of the <i>Illinois</i> is "Col McGuire, special agent Post Office department". | | | | | | | | | |
| John H. Scott | <i>John L. Stephens George Law</i> | 11/16/53 | 11/28/53 | 11/29/53 to 12/1/53 | 12/1/53 | | | 12/12/53 | PMGO-12/15/53 |
| Jeremiah McKibbin | <i>Winfield Scott California Illinois</i> | 12/1/53 12/6/53 | 12/24/53 | 12/24/53 to 12/26/53 | 12/26/53 | | | 1/5/54 | PMGO-1/9/54 |
| The <i>Winfield Scott</i> was wrecked 12/2/53. The <i>California</i> took some of her passengers to San Francisco. She arrived on 12/6/53 and cleared same day for Panama. | | | | | | | | | |
| Noah E. Smith | <i>Golden Gate George Law</i> | 12/16/53 | 12/28/53 | 12/28/53 to 12/30/53 | 12/30/53 | | | 1/9/54 | PMGO-1/12/54 |
| Henry McCormick | <i>Oregon Ohio</i> | 12/30/53 | 1/16/54 | 1/16/54 to 1/18/54 | 1/18/54 | | | 1/29/54 | PMGO-2/4/54 |
| 1854 | | | | | | | | | |
| ? | <i>John L. Stephens George Law</i> | 1/16/54 | 1/29/54 | | 1/31*/54 | | | 2/10/54 | |
| W.L. Sherwood | <i>Columbia Empire City</i> | 2/1/54 | 2/18/54 | 2/17/54 to 2/22/54 | 2/22/54 | | | 3/4/54 | PMGO-3/8/54 |
| Frank Key Henderson | <i>California George Law</i> | 2/16/54 | 3/3/54 | 3/3/54 to 3/5/54 | 3/5/54 | | | 3/14/54 | PMGO-3/18/54 |
| Dennis Ryer | <i>John L. Stephens Ohio</i> | 3/1/54 | 3/14/54 | 3/14/54 to 3/19/54 | 3/18*/54 | | | 3/29/54 | PMGO-4/4/54 |

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| John H. Scott | <i>Golden Gate George Law</i> | 3/16/54 | 3/28/54 | 3/28/54 to 3/31/54 | 3/31/54 | | | 4/9/54 | PMGO-4/12/54 |
| ? | <i>Oregon Illinois</i> | 4/1/54 | 4/15/54 | | 4/17/54 | | | 4/25/54 | |
| T.B.W. Stockton | <i>John L. Stephens George Law</i> | 4/15/54 | 4/28/54 | 4/28/54 to 4/30/54 | 4/30/54 | | | 5/9/54 | PMGO-5/12/54 |
| Francis Campbell | <i>Panama Illinois</i> | 5/1/54 | 5/15/54 | 5/14/54 to 5/17/54 | 5/17/54 | | | 5/25/54 | PMGO-6/29/54 |
| Henry Porter | <i>Panama Illinois</i> | 5/1/54 | 5/15/54 | 5/15/54 to 5/17/54 | 5/17/54 | | | 5/25/54 | PMGO-6/1/54 |
| From PMGO entries, it appears both Campbell and Porter were aboard the <i>Panama</i> . | | | | | | | | | |
| Rowland G. Tomlinson | <i>Golden Gate George Law</i> | 5/15/54 | 5/29/54 | 5/29/54 to 5/31/54 | 5/31/54 | | | 6/8/54 | PMGO-6/13/54 |
| John D. Petriken | <i>John L. Stephens Illinois</i> | 6/1/54 | 6/15/54 | 6/14/54 to 6/15/54 | 6/16/54 | | | 6/24/54 | PMGO-6/27/54 |
| Jos. H. Holt | <i>Sonora George Law</i> | 6/16/54 | ? | 6/28/54 to 6/30/54 | 7/1/54 | | | 7/9/54 | PMGO-7/14/54 |
| John H. Scott | <i>Golden Gate Illinois</i> | 7/1/54 | ? | 7/13/54 to 7/16/54 | 7/16/54 | | | 7/24/54 | PMGO-8/1/54 |
| J.S. Dungan | <i>California Empire City</i> | 7/15?/54 | ? | 7/30/54 to 8/1/54 | 8/1/54 | | | 8/11/54 | PMGO-8/15/54 |
| Lyman Clark | <i>Sonora George Law</i> | 8/1/54 | ? | 8/13/54 to 8/15/54 | 8/15*/54 | | | 8/24/54 | PMGO-9/6/54 |
| A. Brenner | <i>Oregon Empire City</i> | 8/16/54 | 8/31/54 | 9/1/54 to 9/2/54 | 9/2/54 | | | 9/12/54 | PMGO-9/16/54 |
| Byron Ballard | <i>John L. Stephens George Law</i> | 9/1/54 | 9/15/54 | 9/15/54 to 9/17/54 | 9/17/54 | | | 9/26/54 | PMGO-10/3/54 |
| Robert F. Christy | <i>Panama North Star</i> | 9/16/54 | 10/2/54 | 10/2/54 to 10/3/54 | 10/3/54 | | | 10/11/54 | PMGO-10/26/54 |
| Nathan F. Barnes | <i>Sonora George Law</i> | 9/30/54 | 10/14/54 | 10/14/54 to 10/17/54 | 10/17/54 | | | 10/27/54 | PMGO-11/1/54 |
| E.F. Beale | <i>Golden Gate North Star</i> | 10/16/54 | 10/28/54 | 10/28/54 to 11/1/54 | 11/1/54 | | | 11/9/54 | PMGO-11/17/54 |

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| Rowland G. Tomlinson | <i>John L. Stephens George Law</i> | 11/1/54 | 11/14/54 | 11/13/54 to 11/15/54 | 11/15*/54 | | | 11/24/54 | PMGO-12/2/54 |
| Henry McCormick | <i>Golden Age North Star</i> | 11/16/54 | 11/28/54 | 11/28/54 to 12/1/54 | 11/30/54 | | | 12/9/54 | PMGO-12/21/54 |
| Cornelius McCaullay | <i>Sonora George Law</i> | 12/1/54 | 12/15/54 | 12/15/54 to 12/17/54 | 12/16/54 | | | 12/25/54 | PMGO-12/30/54 |
| Lewis Frank | <i>John L. Stephens George Law</i> | 12/16/54 | 12/29/54 | 12/30/54 to 1/15/55 | 1/15/55 | | | 1/25/55 | PMGO-1/31/55 |
| It appears Frank did not return by the <i>North Star</i> , which departed Aspinwall on 12/29/54 for the open sea, to ride out a norther and returned on 1/1/55 for passengers, mail and treasure. | | | | | | | | | |
| 1855 | | | | | | | | | |
| Noah E. Smith | <i>Golden Age George Law</i> | 1/1/55 | 1/14/55 | 1/14/55 to 1/15/55 | 1/15/55 | | | 1/25/55 | PMGO-1/31/55 |
| Joseph H. Snyder | <i>Sonora North Star</i> | 1/16/55 | 1/29/55 | 1/29/55 to 1/31/55 | 1/31/55 | | | 2/8/55 | PMGO-2/16/55 |
| Duff Green Reed | <i>John L. Stephens George Law</i> | 2/1/55 | 2/15/55 | 2/15/55 to 2/19/55 | 2/16/55 | | | 2/25/55 | PMGO-3/5/55 |
| This return trip was the first in which the passengers and mails of the <i>John L. Stephens</i> were transported completely across the Isthmus by the Panama Railroad. Why Reed was given pay for five days over the Isthmus is a mystery. Perhaps a few extra days were padded into expenses, since this appears to be the case on other trips as well. | | | | | | | | | |
| M.H.W. Kendig | <i>Golden Age Illinois</i> | 2/16/55 | 3/2/55 | 2/28/55 to 3/2/55 | 3/2/55 | | | 3/12/55 | PMGO-3/23/55 |
| ? | <i>Golden Gate George Law</i> | 3/1/55 | 3/16/55 | | 3/15*/55 | | | 3/24/55 | |
| John F. March | <i>Sonora Illinois</i> | 3/16/55 | 3/29/55 | 3/29/55 to 3/31/55 | 3/30*55 | | | 4/7/55 | PMGO-4/16/55 |
| ? | <i>John L. Stephens George Law</i> | 3/31/55 | 4/13/55 | | 4/15/55 | | | 4/24/55 | |
| David S. Morris | <i>Golden Age John L. Stephens Illinois</i> | 4/17/55 - | - 5/2/55 | 5/2/55 to 5/4/55 | 5/3,5/55 | | | 5/13/55 | PMGO-5/18/55 |

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| The <i>Golden Age</i> struck a reef on 4/29/55 at 2 AM, off Jicaron Island. The <i>John L. Stephens</i> was sent to her aid from Panama on 4/30/55 arriving back at Panama with passengers, mail and treasure of the <i>Golden Age</i> on 5/2/55 | | | | | | | | | |
| John O. Knox | <i>Golden Gate</i> <i>George Law</i> | 5/1/55 | 5/13/55 | 5/13/55 to 5/15/55 | 5/15*/55 | | | 5/24/55 | PMGO-6/2/55 |
| James Maguire | <i>Sonora</i> <i>Illinois</i> | 5/16/55 | 5/29/55 | 5/29/55 to 5/31/55 | 5/31/55 | | | 6/8/55 | PMGO-6/22/55 |
| John S. Austin | <i>John L. Stephens</i> <i>George Law</i> | 6/1/55 | 6/15*/55 | 6/15/55 to 6/16/55 | 6/16/55 | | | 6/25/55 | PMGO-7/6/55 |
| James L. Gillis | <i>Golden Gate</i> <i>Illinois</i> | 6/16/55 | 6/29/55 | 6/29/55 to 6/30/55 | 6/30*/55 | | | 7/10/55 | PMGO-7/19/55 |
| J.C. Tucker | <i>Sonora</i> <i>George Law</i> | 6/30/55 | 7/15/55 | 7/15/55 | 7/16/55 | | | 7/25/55 | PMGO-8/11/55 |
| Benjamin F. Sweet | <i>John L. Stephens</i> <i>Empire City</i> | 7/16/55 | 7/31/55 | 7/31/55 to 8/2/55 | 8/1*/55 | | | 8/11/55 | PMGO-8/25/55 NYH-8/12/55 |
| "Mr. Sweet, mail agent" is in the passenger list of the <i>Empire City</i> . | | | | | | | | | |
| C. Edward Butler | <i>Golden Age</i> <i>Empire City</i> | 8/1/55 | 8/13/55 | 8/13/55 to 9/1/55 | 8/31*/55 | | | 9/10/55 | PMGO-9/20/55 |
| Pliny Miles | <i>Golden Gate</i> <i>El Dorado?</i> | 8/17/55 | 8/31/55 | 8/31/55 to 9/1/55 | 8/31*/55 | 9/6/55 | | | PMGO-9/15/55 |
| From a receipt given C. Edward Butler by Pliny Miles on 9/1/55, Miles may have taken the <i>El Dorado</i> to Havana with 6 bags of mail for New Orleans and 2 bags for Havana. The <i>El Dorado</i> connected with the <i>Granada</i> , which cleared Havana on 9/3/55 and arrived in New Orleans on 9/13/55. | | | | | | | | | |
| ? | <i>Oregon</i> <i>George Law</i> | 9/5/55 | 9/21/55 | | 9/23/55 | | | 10/2/55 | |
| ? | <i>Sonora</i> <i>Empire City</i> | 9/20/55 | 10/5/55 | | 10/6/55 | | | 10/16/55 | |
| A.W. Griswold | <i>John L. Stephens</i> <i>George Law</i> | 10/5/55 | 10/20/55 | 10/20/55 to 10/21/55 | 10/20*/55 | | | 10/30/55 | PMGO-11/7/55 |
| Nathan F. Barnes | <i>Golden Age</i> <i>El Dorado</i> <i>Crescent City</i> | 10/20/55 | 11/2/55 | 11/3/55 to 11/8/55 | 11/8/55 | 11/14/55 | 11/24/55 | 11/29/55 | PMGO-12/1/55 |
| Barnes was at San Francisco from 10/2/55 to 10/20/55 and Havana from 11/14/55 to 11/24/55. | | | | | | | | | |
| Cornelius Stagers | <i>Sonora</i> <i>Empire City</i> | 11/3/55 | 11/18*/55 | 11/19/55 to 12/5/55 | 12/5/55 | | | 12/17/55 | PMGO-1/8/56 |

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| Stagers was at San Francisco from 10/16/55 to 11/5/55. | | | | | | | | | |
| Cornelius McCauley | <i>John L. Stephens Empire City</i> | 11/19/55 | 12/5/55 | 12/5/55 to 12/6/55 | 12/5/55 | | | 12/17/55 | PMGO-12/28/55 |
| George J. Piper | <i>Golden Age George Law</i> | 12/4/55 | 12/18/55 | 12/17/55 to 12/19/55 | 12/19/55 | | | 12/28/55 | PMGO-1/5/56 |
| Ray Tompkins | <i>Sonora Philadelphia?</i> | 12/20/55 | 1/3/56 | 1/3/56 | 1/2*/56 | 1/9/56 | ? | ? | PMGO-2/1/56 |
| Tompkins was at San Francisco from 11/28/55 to 12/20/55 and 5 days at Havana. | | | | | | | | | |
| 1856 | | | | | | | | | |
| William M. Irvin | <i>Golden Gate George Law</i> | 1/5/56 | 1/19/56 | 1/19/56 | 1/19/56 | | | 1/29/56 | PMGO-2/18/56 |
| James M. Cohen | <i>John L. Stephens Philadelphia?</i> | 1/21/56 | 2/5/56 | 2/5/56 | 2/5/56 | 2/11/56 | ? | ? | PMGO-2/28/56 |
| Cohen was at San Francisco from 1/1/56 to 1/21/56 and 3 days at Havana. | | | | | | | | | |
| John F. Marsh | <i>Golden Age Illinois</i> | 2/5/56 | 2/19/56 | 2/18/56 to 2/19/56 | 2/19/56 | | | 2/27/56 | PMGO-3/7/56 |
| March was at San Francisco from 1/15/56 to 2/5/56. | | | | | | | | | |
| E.H. Thorp | <i>Sonora George Law</i> | 2/19/56 | 3/4/56 | 3/4/56 to 3/5/56 | 3/5/56 | | | 3/15/56 | PMGO-3/21/56 |
| Thorp was at San Francisco from 1/30/56 to 2/20/56. | | | | | | | | | |
| H.D. Longaker | <i>Golden Gate Philadelphia</i> | 3/5/56 | 3/19/56 | 3/19/56 | 3/19/56 | 3/25/56 | ? | ? | PMGO-4/8/56 |
| Longaker was at San Francisco from 2/14/56 to 3/5/56 and Havana from 3/25/56 to 3/31/56. | | | | | | | | | |
| R.D. Foster | <i>John L. Stephens George Law</i> | 3/20/56 | 4/4/56 | 4/3/56 to 4/4/56 | 4/4/56 | | | 4/16/56 | PMGO-4/18/56 |
| Foster was at San Francisco from 3/1/56 to 3/20/56. | | | | | | | | | |
| John C. Reiley | <i>Golden Age Illinois</i> | 4/4/56 | ? | 4/19/56 to 4/21/56 | 4/21/56 | ? | 4/26/56 | 4/30/56 | PMGO-5/3/56 |
| Reiley was at San Francisco from 3/14/56 to 4/5/56 and 3 days at Havana. | | | | | | | | | |
| ? | <i>Sonora Philadelphia?</i> | 4/21/56 | 5/5/56 | | 5/6/56 | 5/11/56 | 5/12/56 | 5/17/56 | |
| George Ould | <i>Golden Gate Illinois</i> | 5/5/56 | 5/19/56 | 5/19/56 to 5/20/56 | 5/20/56 | | | 5/29/56 | PMGO-6/3/56 |

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| Ould was at San Francisco from 4/13/56 to 5/5/56. | | | | | | | | | |
| Noah E. Smith | <i>John L. Stephens George Law</i> | 5/21/56 | 6/4/56 | 6/4/56 | 6/4/56 | | | 6/13/56 | PMGO-6/18/56 |
| Smith was at San Francisco from 5/1/56 to 5/21/56. | | | | | | | | | |
| Henry Habermbeble | <i>Golden Age Illinois</i> | 6/5/56 | 6/18/56 | 6/18/56 to 6/19/56 | 6/19/56 | | | 6/28/56 | PMGO-7/1/56 |
| Habermbeble was at San Francisco from 5/21/56 to 6/5/56. | | | | | | | | | |
| James R. Belville | <i>Sonora George Law</i> | 6/20/56 | 7/4/56 | 7/4/56 to 7/5/56 | 7/5/56 | | | 7/14/56 | PMGO-7/18/56 |
| Belville was at San Francisco from 6/1/56 to 6/20/56. | | | | | | | | | |
| James Owner | <i>John L. Stephens Illinois</i> | 7/5/56 | ? | 7/19/56 | 7/19/56 | | | 7/27/56 | PMGO-8/2/56 |
| Owner was at San Francisco from 6/15/56 to 7/5/56. | | | | | | | | | |
| N.G. Sawyer | <i>Golden Age Illinois</i> | 7/21/56 | 8/8/56 | 8/3/56 to 8/20/56 | 8/20/56 | | | 8/29/56 | PMGO-9/15/56 |
| Sawyer was at San Francisco from 7/1/56 to 7/20/56. | | | | | | | | | |
| ? | <i>Sonora Illinois?</i> | 8/5/56 | 8/19/56 | | 8/20/56 | | | 8/29/56 | |
| Capt. A.D. Horrell | <i>John L. Stephens George Law</i> | 8/20/56 | 9/2/56 | 9/2/56 to 9/3/56 | 9/3/56 | | | 9/14/56 | PMGO-9/19/56 MYH-9/15/56 |
| Capt. Horrell was at San Francisco from 7/29/56 to 8/20/56. The <i>George Law</i> arrived at New York with "Mr Harrold, mail agent" in the passenger list. | | | | | | | | | |
| Samuel Nichols | <i>Golden Age Illinois</i> | 9/5/56 | 9/18/56 | 9/19/56 | 9/19/56 | | | 9/27/56 | PMGO-10/2/56 |
| Nichols was at San Francisco from 8/14/56 to 9/5/56. | | | | | | | | | |
| Joseph Stettinius | <i>Sonora George Law</i> | 9/20/56 | 10/3/56 | 10/4/56 | 10/4/56 | | | 10/12/56 | PMGO-10/16/56 NYH-10/13/56 |
| Stettinius was at San Francisco from 8/28/56 to 9/20/56. The <i>George Law</i> arrived at New York with "Mr. Stettimers, Mail Agent" in the passenger list. | | | | | | | | | |
| William P. Pepper | <i>Golden Gate Illinois</i> | 10/6/56 | 10/20/56 | 10/21/56 to 10/22/56 | 10/20*/56 | | | 10/28/56 | PMGO-11/3/56 |
| Pepper was at San Francisco from 9/16/56 to 10/6/56. | | | | | | | | | |
| David W. Thompson | <i>Golden Age George Law</i> | 10/20/56 | 11/2/56 | 11/3/56 to 11/4/56 | 11/3/56 | | | 11/13/56 | PMGO-11/24/56 NYH-11/14/56 |
| The <i>George Law</i> arrived with "W D Thompson (mail agent)" in the passenger list. | | | | | | | | | |

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