"No Fries 'Til Mail"

How tourism brought mail service to the Grand Canyon

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Cultures of the Grand Canyon

- Hohokam
- Basketmakers
- Pueblos
- Moneymakers
Captain John Hance
*Canyon’s Early Promoter*

- Provided accommodations
- Enhanced Hance Trail
- Lead excursions
- Told tall tales
Hance’s Camp  1895
## Signers of Hance’s Guest Book

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Tolfree
1894 - 1897

To Miss Estelle Williamson
University P. O.
In Angeles Co., Cal.
Tourist
1897 - 1899

• John Hance first and only postmaster
• No covers known
First Grand Canyon Post Office

Bright Angel Hotel
Bright Angel Camp

BRIGHT ANGEL CAMP, GRAND CANYON, ARIZ.
FRED HARVEY

March 6, 1909
Grand Canyon
March 14, 1902 - Present
My darling:

We reached here last night and had a

nice J[ackson] Island is grand. The hotel accommodations are nothing
to brag about. Tomorrow I expect to go down the trail—most
was such a crowd

big extension is expected tonight. The hotel—

which is a board affair, inside and out—

part of it log—so crowded, and a number

of tents are occupied. I put curly's mother

of it, bottom ring
Mr and Mrs Leo Merritt
Helix
San Diego County
California
Second Grand Canyon Post Office
Cameron Hotel 1907
Cameron’s Operations

Cameron’s Hotel and Camps
MANAGED BY OWNERS OF THE BRIGHT ANGEL TRAIL
GRAND CANYON, ARIZONA

Cameron’s Indian Garden Camp
C. C. SPAULDING, MANAGER
GRAND CANYON, ARIZONA

Eastern Agency
Bridgeport, Conn.

57
Santa Fe Railroad and Fred Harvey

El Tovar 1905
Sunday afternoon

Dear folks,

We are at this hotel on the Rim of the Canyon. Received Emma's

Best regards,
Santa Fe Railroad Station
1909
California and Southern Arizona

Rates Reduced

You and your family can live very inexpensively this winter in CALIFORNIA and Southern ARIZONA. HOTEL and APARTMENT rates have been materially cut.

Santa Fe Winter Xcursions — DAILY

The SANTA FE offers you the fastest time over the shortest line: CHICAGO to CALIFORNIA and on Santa Fe rails "all the way" Grand Canyon on your way without change of cars.

Grand Canyon

First Day of Statehood

This Mojave ceremonial is for the purpose of assisting the soul of the departed through the Indian Maze and safely into the Great Beyond. Upon the death of a member of the tribe, the body, together with all of its earthly belongings, is placed on the pyre and burned, while relatives and friends for miles around are gathered to weep and to chant prayers for the departed soul.

Feb. 14, 1912

Dwight Keeler
Bolsterham

Joseph N. Kuenig, Sr.
G. S. Kuenig, Jr.
Laughing Road

10 Princeton
New Jersey
Grandview
1903 - 1908

RETURN IN FIVE DAYS TO
GRAND VIEW HOTEL
AT THE GRAND CANYON
GRANDVIEW, ARIZONA
Grand View Hotel & Post Office
This letter made a journey of 1057 miles by stage and rail to get to its destination on the opposite rim of the Grand Canyon.

The Grand Canyon at this point averages 12 miles in width and is over a mile in depth. Mountains, the peaks of which are on a level with the eye, rise from the floor in all their flaming colors that defy description. The North Rim of Grand Canyon National Park, Arizona, is reached by Union

C999—Window in Zion Tunnel
Zion National Park, Utah
Some of the most scenic views in Zion National Park are found at the windows of the spectacular Zion Tunnel. 5,007 feet in length, the tunnel was started in 1927 and completed in 1930, and it now carries the road through a solid rock mountainside for a distance of more than a mile.

We are started on our vacation trip, were in Las Vegas Wednesday at famous Flamingo Club last night. Spent a week in Las Vegas for a few days. Scenery is wonderful.

Addres,

To: John Klmach
7402 S. Main St.
North Canton

Mrs. O. C. Cole

Zoda
Kaibab Forest
Lodge and Post Office Burn Sept. 1, 1932

DEER IN KAIBAB NATIONAL FOREST. Many thousands of black tail deer range through this forest, which occupies the top of a lofty plateau in Northern Arizona along the North Rim of the Grand Canyon of the Colorado River, embracing an area forty to fifty miles wide by seventy to seventy-five miles long. This forest is on the route from Cedar City, Utah to the Grand Canyon Lodge at Bright Angel Point on North Rim of the Grand Canyon, and numerous deer can readily be seen from the highway. Cedar City, Utah, 275 miles south of Salt Lake City, on the Union Pacific System, is the gateway to these and Southern Utah attractions—Zion National Park, Cedar Breaks and Bryce Canyon National Park.
Tuweep
1929 - 1950

THE FLYING DIAMOND RANCH
Tuweep, Arizona

Mrs. B. Y. Peterson
St. John's
Arizona
Supai
1896 - Present
Supai

Rufus C. Bauer
First Postmaster & Teacher Havasupai Indian School
Supai
Mule Mail

Burlah Hardin
Postmaster
Supai, Arizona

Le Roi Russell
1148 Iron Springs Road
Prescott, Arizona

Via
mule train
Supai
Mule Mail Trivia

• Havasupai eat more mail than they read
• Peach Springs only U.S. post office with a walk-in freezer
• Supia and Phantom Ranch are only U.S. sites with mule mail service
"No Fries 'Til Mail"