"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

United States
Postal Card
One Cent

Nothing but the address to be on this side.

Miss Estella Williamson
University P. O.
Los 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  

[Handwritten note: March 6, 1909]
Grand Canyon
March 14, 1902 - Present
Grand Canyon
Apr. 16, 1902

My darling:

I arrived here last night and had a

mile off certainty is grand. But the hotel accommodations are not

to brag about. Tomorrow I expect to go down the trail. Most

was such a crowd.

The hotel—big extension is expected tonight. The hotel—

which is a broad affair, inside and out—

part of it log is crowded, and a number

of tents are occupied. I put Osry's mother

of letters is on top of it. Bottom ring
Mr and Mrs Leo Merritt

Helix
San Diego County
California

THIS SIDE IS EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE ADDRESS.
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.
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 letter.

El Tovar Grand Canyon Arizona
Fred Harvey
Santa Fe Railroad Station
1909
California and Southern Arizona

hotel

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

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

Joe H. Hasty Jr.
804 S. Hasty St.
LaGrange, Brook
Princeton, N. J.
GRAND VIEW HOTEL
AT THE GRAND CANYON
GRANDVIEW, ARIZONA

RETURN IN FIVE DAYS TO

SEP 18 1906
9:00 AM

GRANDVIEW

WILLIAMS
ARIZ. 1906

GRAND CANYON
"1904 6PM SEP 17 1904"

RECEIVED AT THE GRAND CANYON 11:30 AM SEP 18 1904

Mr.

Lawford
Grand View Hotel & Post Office
Kaibab, Kaibab Forest, North Rim
1926 - Present (summer post office)

This letter made a journey of 1057 miles by stage and rail to get to its destination on the opposite rim. 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 Pacific Railway. Some of the most scenic views in Zion National Park are found at the windows of the spectacular Zion Tunnel, 5,607 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 Monday at famous Flamingo Club last night. Played 3 tricks. Found them in a fine day. Scenery is wonderful.

Ida
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.

Mrs. Mary Burtnick
1515 A Street
Sacramento, Calif
Tuweep
1929 - 1950

THE FLYING DIAMOND RANCH
Tuweep, Arizona

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

Buelah 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"