



EXPRESS AND STAGE LINES—The Leavenworth and Pike's Peak Express road was established in 1859 and operated between Fort Leavenworth and Denver to serve the newly discovered gold fields around Denver. This is the route with the numbered stations at the north. Nineteen of the 27 stations lay within the bounds of the state of Kansas. In the northeast section of the state the Pony Express cut across six counties from St. Joseph to Hollenberg (or Cottonwood) Station before entering Nebraska. This route was used by the Pony Express in 1860 and 1861. The Smoky Hill Trail became the Denver Express Road in 1865. The Parallel Road, running from Atchison to Station 11 in Jewell County, cut 65 miles off the Leavenworth and Pike's Peak Express route. These were important routes until the railroad arrived in Kansas.