



## Fun Facts About Coach No. 84

- ✓ Concord Coach No. 84 is a western style coach built for Butterfield's Overland Dispatch by the Abbot-Downing Company of Concord, New Hampshire.
- ✓ Coach No. 84 was designed to carry nine passengers inside the carriage, with room for three others on the roof seat and one next to the driver and that style coach could carry three more if it had a Chinaman's seat. "
- ✓ When it rolled off the assembly line on November 27, 1865, Coach No. 84 sold for \$1,100.
- ✓ Coach No. 84 has glass windows in the doors that can be raised or lowered to protect the passengers from the dust, rain and cold.
- ✓ The other windows on the coach are covered with canvas or leather curtains that protect passengers from the weather.
- ✓ The purchase order from Butterfield's Overland Dispatch specified that the body of the coach was to be painted red with straw colored (pale yellow) running gear and iron ornamenting on the door panels. (The upper door panels were usually decorated with landscape paintings and the lower panels featured scroll work.)
- ✓ Luggage was carried at the rear of the coach in an area called the boot which is similar to the trunk on today's automobiles. Additional luggage was carried on the roof of the coach.
- ✓ The U. S. Mail and other valuables were carried in the area under the driver's seat called the box. "
- ✓ A team of six horses would have pulled Coach No. 84 and depending on the terrain, would have been changed every 10-15 miles. The driver controlled each horse with a separate rein, and would hold 3 reins in each hand.
- ✓ One of the best stagecoach drivers was a woman (Charley Parkhurst).
- ✓ A stagecoach trip that began in St. Louis, Missouri and ended in San Francisco, California would take about 25 days, traveling both day and night. The distance traveled would be about 2,812 miles.
- ✓ A one-way passenger ticket from St. Louis to San Francisco cost \$200.