From England to Utah in 1890 By Tom Reyman

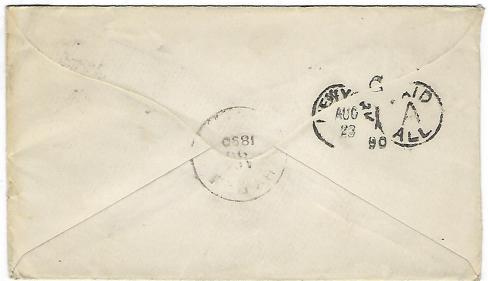
This cover was mailed from Stockport, England (near Liverpool) on August 15, 1890 to a recipient in Hyrum City, Utah Territory in the United States. Utah did not become a state until January 4, 1896.

To reach the United States from England in 1890, mail needed to be transported by ship. A ship from Liverpool would likely have docked at New York City.

The backstamp indicates that it did arrive at New York City on August 23, 1890. From there it would have travelled by train to St. Louis (likely on the New York Central Railroad) to St. Louis, Missouri. A connection would have been made with the Missouri Pacific Railroad to carry it to Kansas City, Missouri. The Union Pacific Railroad reached Westward to Denver, Colorado then to Cheyenne, Wyoming and on to Ogden, Utah.

To reach Hyrum City, Utah, about 35 miles North of Ogden, the





cover probably was carried by stage and was received at the Hyrum Post Office on August 30. (backstamp).

References:

- 2020 Road Atlas, Rand McNally, Large Scale; Pages 206-207.
- The Historical Guide to North America Railroads, Third Edition; Kalmbach Books 2014; Pages 192-194, 204-209, 292-295.

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