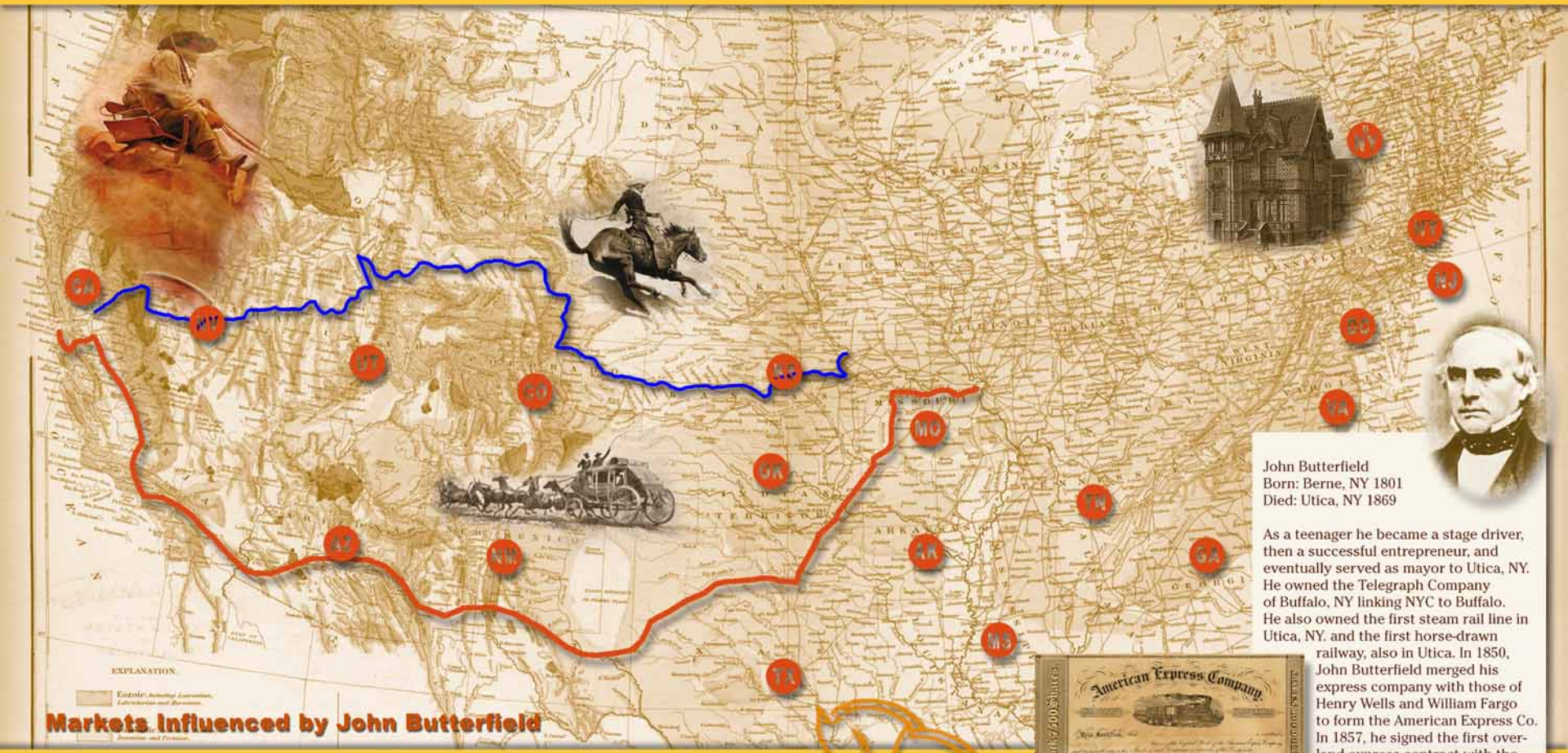
BUTTERFIELD STATION



John Butterfield
Born: Berne, NY 1801
Died: Utica, NY 1869

As a teenager he became a stage driver, then a successful entrepreneur, and eventually served as mayor to Utica, NY. He owned the Telegraph Company of Buffalo, NY linking NYC to Buffalo. He also owned the first steam rail line in Utica, NY. and the first horse-drawn railway, also in Utica. In 1850, John Butterfield merged his express company with those of Henry Wells and William Fargo to form the American Express Co. In 1857, he signed the first overland express contract with the U.S. government.

September 16, 1858: First Butterfield Overland Express run from St. Louis to San Francisco.

Markets Influenced by John Butterfield

California
Nevada
Utah
Arizona
New Mexico

Texas
Colorado
Oklahoma
Kansas
Missouri

Tennessee
Arkansas
Mississippi
Georgia
Virginia

Upper State New York
New York City
New Jersey
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