

Wells Fargo Plush Ponies

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Wells Fargo employed many horses used by our cross country stagecoaches, local delivery wagons, and for the Pony Express. The plush ponies recognize the contributions made by each faithful steed. Meet our ponies:



Bridget (2017)

Bridget started pulling the Wells Fargo wagon in 1894 in Phoenix, the new capital of the Arizona Territory. With a word of "stop" or "go" from her driver, Bridget carried out her daily routine of dropping off and picking up packages. Her intelligence and willingness to work made her a favorite at the Wells Fargo stables, and earned her extra treats.



Mollie (2008)

Mollie was a stagecoach pony who helped bring President Hayes to Roseburg, Oregon. On this trip, the President narrowly missed running into the notorious bandit Black Bart, who had just robbed the same stage three days earlier.



Mike (2016)

Mike dutifully pulled his Wells Fargo wagon to the train depot and out into the growing city of Des Moines each day, overcoming a strong dislike for the loud, puffing train engines at the railroad. With his driver, Mr. Miller, Mike delivered packages and food in his express wagon to Iowa customers more than 100 years ago.



Maggie (2007)

In 1909, a mare named Maggie represented Wells Fargo in the first annual San Francisco Work Horse Parade. At age 25, Maggie was entered into the "old horse" class, but she was as beautiful and strong as any youngster.



Nellie (2015)

Nellie and her driver Rush Blodget worked in Bakersfield, California. In 1898, Nellie made an unexpected stop when a sick soldier got off the morning train. It was Rush's brother, Sgt. Claude Blodget. Once Claude was safely in the wagon, Nellie took off at a lively trot to get him home. Claude recovered, and Rush never forgot the "quiet dignity" of his "working pal" Nellie.



Prince (2006)

Prince arrived at Wells Fargo's stable in Ardmore, Oklahoma Territory, in 1901. He got his name because he was the most handsome horse of them all.



El Toro (2014)

In Spanish, El Toro means "the bull;" but this legendary Wells Fargo pony was a favorite horse of Wells Fargo agents in Mexico. In 1913, El Toro was over 27 years of age and the oldest express horse working in Mexico City, one of 750 locations served by Wells Fargo south of the border. El Toro kept limber by delivering customer packages just a few hours a week.



Trixie (2005)

Trixie was born and raised in Ardmore, Oklahoma Territory, where she started working for Wells Fargo in 1918.



Shamrock (2013)

Shamrock was a prize Stallion who pulled a Wells Fargo wagon in 1913. Every morning, Shamrock and the other horses would wait with their wagons outside the Union Depot in St. Louis, Missouri for express packages arriving by train from all over the country.



Buck (2004)

Buck went to work for Wells Fargo in 1900, and bravely served the town of Ardmore in the Oklahoma Territory.



Mack (2012)

Mack helped pull a stagecoach on the Pioneer Stage Line from Placerville, California, to Carson City, Nevada. He was one of the best and most beloved horses who ever worked for Wells Fargo.



Grace (2004)

Grace and her workmate, Ben, were two of the last ponies ever to work for Wells Fargo in Los Angeles. They pulled a wagon during the transition from horse-drawn wagons to motor trucks.



Snowflake (2011)

Snowflake lived in New Jersey and rode a ferry every morning to work in New York City. When she got to work, she pulled a wagon carrying money, merchandise, packages, and important business papers to customers.



Dandy (2004)

Dandy joined the Wells Fargo office in Auburn, California, in October 1895, and he was one of the most valuable and expensive horses in town. Wells Fargo paid \$18 — top dollar in those days! — to get him.



Lightning (2010)

Daring Pony Express riders covered the 1,966 miles between Missouri and California in just ten days. But Lightning got her name when she carried the mail and her rider, 18-year-old Richard Erastus "Ras" Egan, 22 miles in only one hour and five minutes — a record!



Billy (2003)

Wells Fargo wagons, pulled by steadfast steeds like Billy, were a familiar sight on Main Streets all across America. But Billy was also one of the first media stars — his faithful service in St. Paul, Minnesota was featured in the February 1914 issue of *Wells Fargo Messenger*.



Al (2009)

Al and his driver worked in Denver, Colorado. Al's driver loved him so much that he brought Al home to live with him on his ranch.



King (2003)

King was acquired in November 1896, and served Wells Fargo faithfully in Las Vegas, New Mexico, and Los Angeles, California.