

Samuel Finley Breese Morse (1791-1872) sent the first message, "What hath God Wrought," over the first telegraph line from Baltimore, MD to Washington, D. C. on May 24, 1844. Morse invented the technology of electric-magnetic communications (but not the first telegraph), as well as a new language, a series of dots and dashes that has gained world-wide acceptance. During his early life, he supported himself financially as a painter. Some of his paintings and sculptures are on display at his estate in Poughkeepsie, NY. It is for his renowned work in telegraphy that he is remembered.

"Camelback" keys date from the mid 19th century. Named for their characteristic "hump," camelback keys were among the first telegraph keys placed into commercial use.

The enclosed key is my version of the "camelback" key. It retains the unique design of the lever with the more robust base, mostly eliminating the need to mount it on a larger base or having to bolt it to the operating desk. See adjustment instructions below:

**The contact points are a silver-clad copper rivet. If you ever feel the need to clean them, please only use paper similar to a calling card, as the silver is comparatively soft and easily damaged by abrasives.**

