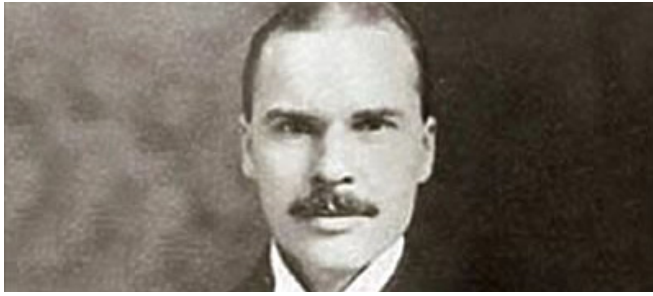


NAMED AFTER "THE FIRST AMERICAN,"  
BOOK ALL CAPS  
WHO DABBLED IN ALL POCKETS EXCEPT MY OWN  
DEMI ITALIC  
(I didn't see "Benjamins" for years).  
HEAVY ITALIC  
*Fee-fi-fo-fum!*  
I am a limerick with a menacing glare,  
HEAVY ITALIC  
SQUARE JAWED AND TALL STATURE.  
*I am familiar with bifocal eyeglasses,*  
BOOK COMPRESSED ALL CAPS  
BUT I ONLY USE MY SPECTACLES FOR  
DEMI COMPRESSED ITALIC ALL CAPS  
*DISTANCE READING.*  
BOOK ITALIC  
*Even though hair grows out of my bent ears,*  
DEMI COMPRESSED ALL CAPS  
I STAND BY MY VITALITY AND TACT.

# Franklin Gothic



**Franklin Gothic was created in 1902 by Morris Fuller Benton for American Type Founders Company. The five original forms were created by Benton himself.**

Developed in 1902 for American Type Founders Company by Morris Fuller Benton, Franklin Gothic became one of the most highly used typefaces due to its bold, easily read design. Just as it sounds, this type family is named after the one and only Benjamin Franklin who played a major role in the printing world. He pushed forward not only printing, but the importance of free speech and publication became a very important issue Benjamin wanted to rectify. He owned a newspaper at a young age and was a talented reporter.

# Unique Features

**a** Two story A

**g** Rare double G with an ear

**R** Where the tail begins

**Q** Unique tail

Considered “patriarch of all modern American gothic typefaces” by many.

There are twenty different forms of Franklin Gothic. Morris Fuller Benton designed five and John L “Bud” Renshaw and Whedon Davis designed one each.



Originally designed for headlines and body copy of newspapers where space is limited.

Book

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Book  
Italic

*A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z*

Medium

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Medium  
Italic

*A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z*

Demi

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Demi  
Italic

*A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z*

Heavy

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Heavy  
Italic

*A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z*

a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z

*a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z*

**a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z**

***a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z***

**a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z**

***a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z***

**a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z**

***a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z***



1965



1971



1984



1967



1975



1977

1902

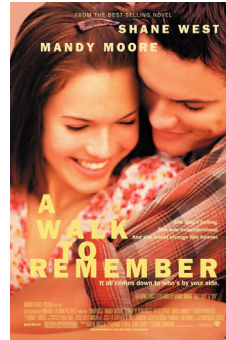
## Timeline

Since 1902, Franklin Gothic has been a very popular font in popular culture. From banks to TV shows to universities to movies this font has proven its readability. Here are some well known examples of it in use. Recognize any?

**Bank of America**



**1998**



**2002**



**2001**



**1976**



**2009**

**NOW**



–Steve Watts (ATF type foundry manager)



**FRANKLIN,  
MY DEAR,  
I DON'T  
GIVE A  
GOTHIC**

franklin gothic

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**Gothic**