



POST ROADS

Benjamin Franklin had many jobs. One of them was postmaster for the British Colonies. He shortened the routes for mail delivery between cities. These routes were called “post roads.” Franklin placed stone markers on the post roads in order to keep track of the miles between towns. These markers became known as mile markers or mileposts.

A lot of post offices and post roads were made after the colonies became the United States. Very soon all roads became post roads.

Mile markers are still used today to help travelers know how far they have gone or how much further they need to go. See if you can find mile markers along the highways you travel.