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| CHRONOLOGY OF MAIL SERVICE |
| 1639 1775 1823 1825 1838 18451847 1852 1855 1855 1858 1860 1862 1863 1863 1864 1864 1872 1885 1893 1896 1898 1902 1911 1913 1918 1942 1953 1955 1963 1967 1969 1970 19771979 1983  | Fairbanks' tavern named as repository for overseas mailBenjamin Franklin, first Postmaster General under Continental CongressNavigable waters designated Post Road by CongressDead Letter officesRailroad designated "Post Routes" by Congress Star RoutePostage stamps authorizedStamped envelopes, ere this receiver paid the postageRegistered mailCompulsory prepayment of postageStreet letter boxes.Pony ExpressRailway Mail Service experimentalFree City deliveryUniform letter rate regardless of distanceRailroad Post OfficesDomestic Money OrdersPostal Cards authorizedSpecial DeliveryFirst commemorative stampRural Free DeliveryPicture Post cardsRural Free Delivery, permanentFirst sanctioned mail by airplanePostal PostAirmailV-MailPiggy-back mail service by trailers or railroad flat carsCertified mailZip-code programMandatory presorting by ZIP CodeFirst Postage Stamp cancelled on moon by Apollo II MissionMailgram combination letter-telegramRailroad Post offices final run (June30) New envelope standards: letters and postcards smaller than 3½" high and 5" unacceptable for mailingZip + 4 |

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