

## 1: Personalized Signs from The Sign Post

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Etymology[ edit ] The word mail comes from the Medieval English word male, referring to a travelling bag or pack. In the 17th century, the word mail began to appear as a reference for a bag that contained letters: Over the next hundred years the word mail began to be applied strictly to the letters themselves, and the sack as the mailbag. In the 19th century the British usually referred to mail as being letters that were being sent abroad i. Postal Service delivers the mail. The term email short for "electronic mail" first appeared in the s. Various dates have been given for its first use. Post is derived from Medieval French poste, which ultimately stems from the past participle of the Latin verb ponere "to lay down or place". Here, a post house on a postal route in the 19th century Finland The practice of communication by written documents carried by an intermediary from one person or place to another almost certainly dates back nearly to the invention of writing. However, development of formal postal systems occurred much later. The first documented use of an organized courier service for the diffusion of written documents is in Egypt , where Pharaohs used couriers for the diffusion of their decrees in the territory of the State BC. The earliest surviving piece of mail is also Egyptian, dating to BC. Royal Road , Chapar-Khaneh , and Angarium The first credible claim for the development of a real postal system comes from Ancient Persia , but the point of invention remains in question. The best documented claim Xenophon attributes the invention to the Persian King Cyrus the Great BC , who mandated that every province in his kingdom would organize reception and delivery of post to each of its citizens. He also negotiated with neighbouring countries to do the same and had roads built from the city of Post in Western Iran all the way up to the city of Hakha in the East. Mail may not have been the primary mission of this postal service, however. The role of the system as an intelligence gathering apparatus is well documented, and the service was later called angariae, a term that in time came to indicate a tax system. Ahasuerus , king of Medes , used couriers for communicating his decisions. The Persian system worked on stations called Chapar-Khaneh , where the message carrier called Chapar would ride to the next post, whereupon he would swap his horse with a fresh one, for maximum performance and delivery speed. Herodotus described the system in this way: Postal history of India The economic growth and political stability under the Mauryan empire 323–185 BC saw the development of impressive civil infrastructure in ancient India. The Mauryans developed early Indian mail service as well as public wells, rest houses, and other facilities for the common public. The postmaster, the head of the intelligence service, was responsible for ensuring the maintenance of the courier system. Couriers were also used to deliver personal letters. The mails were available to certain officials without charge, which became a controversial privilege as the years passed. On this basis the Indian Post Office was established on October 1, This service was reserved for government correspondence. Yet another service for citizens was later added. Postal history of China China 4-cent on dollar silver overprint of Some Chinese sources claim mail or postal systems dating back to the Xia or Shang dynasties , which would be the oldest mailing service in the world. The earliest credible system of couriers was initiated by the Han Dynasty 206 BC–220 AD , who had relay stations every 30 li along major routes. The Tang dynasty recorded 1, posthouses, including maritime offices, employing around 20, people. The system was administered by the Ministry of War and private correspondence was forbidden from the network. The Ming network had 1, posthouses every 60 li along major routes, with fresh horses available every 10 li between them. The Qing , prior to the foreign occupation and reorganization of the Imperial Mail, operated 1, posthouses throughout their lands. Postal stations were used not only for the transmission and delivery of official mail but were also available for traveling officials, military men, and foreign dignitaries. These stations aided and facilitated the transport of foreign and domestic tribute specifically and the conduct of trade in general. Foreign observers, such as Marco Polo , have attested to the efficiency of this early postal system. Please help improve this section by adding citations to reliable sources. Unsourced material may be challenged and removed. Well before the Middle Ages and during them,

homing pigeons were used for pigeon post, taking advantage of a singular quality of this bird, which when taken far from its nest is able to find its way home due to a particularly developed sense of orientation. Messages were then tied around the legs of the pigeon, which was freed and could reach its original nest. Mail has been transported by quite a few other methods throughout history, including dogsled, ski, balloon, rocket, mule, pneumatic tubes, and even submarine. Charlemagne extended to the whole territory of his empire the system used by Franks in northern Gaul and connected this service with that of *missi dominici*. Many religious orders had a private mail service. Notably, the Cistercians had one which connected more than 6, abbeys, monasteries, and churches. The best organization, however, was created by the Knights Templar. The newly instituted universities also had their private services, starting from Bologna. Widespread illiteracy was accommodated through the service of scribes. Illiterates who needed to communicate dictated their messages to a scribe, another profession now quite generally disappeared. The Thurn und Taxis family, then known as Tassis, had operated postal services between Italian city states from onward. Following the abolition of the Empire in 1806, the Thurn-und-Taxis Post system continued as a private organisation into the postage stamp era before being absorbed into the postal system of the new German Empire after 1871. Delivery postmen were first employed in 1811 and post boxes were installed firstly in 1812. Sir Rowland Hill reformed the postal system based on the concepts of penny postage and prepayment. Modern transport and technology[ edit ] The first airmail flight in Germany, The postal system was important in the development of modern transportation. Railways carried railway post offices. During the 20th century, air mail became the transport of choice for inter-continental mail. Postmen started to utilize mail trucks. The handling of mail became increasingly automated. The Internet came to change the conditions for physical mail. Email and in recent years social networking sites became a fierce competitor to physical mail systems, but online auctions and Internet shopping opened new business opportunities as people often get items bought online through the mail. Modern mail[ edit ] Modern mail is organized by national and privatized services, which are reciprocally interconnected by international regulations, organizations and international agreements. Paper letters and parcels can be sent to almost any country in the world relatively easily and cheaply. The Internet has made the process of sending letter-like messages nearly instantaneous, and in many cases and situations correspondents use electronic mail where previously they would have used letters. The volume of paper mail sent through the U. In most countries a system of codes has been created referred to as ZIP codes in the United States, postcodes in the United Kingdom and Australia, and postal codes in most other countries, in order to facilitate the automation of operations. This also includes placing additional marks on the address portion of the letter or mailed object, called "bar coding. The "block of dots" method allows for the encoding of proof of payment of postage, exact routing for delivery, and other features. An automated postal machine The ordinary mail service was improved in the 20th century with the use of planes for a quicker delivery. Receipt services were made available in order to grant the sender a confirmation of effective delivery. Payment[ edit ] Worldwide, the most common method of prepaying postage is by buying an adhesive postage stamp to be applied to the envelope before mailing; a much less common method is to use a postage-prepaid envelope. Franking is a method of creating postage-prepaid envelopes under licence using a special machine. They are used by companies with large mail programs, such as banks and direct mail companies. In 1998, the U. Postal Service authorised the first tests of a secure system of sending digital franks via the Internet to be printed out on a PC printer, obviating the necessity to license a dedicated franking machine and allowing companies with smaller mail programs to make use of the option; this was later expanded to test the use of personalised postage. The service provided by the U. Postal Service in 2001 allows the franks to be printed out on special adhesive-backed labels. In the Royal Mail in the United Kingdom introduced its SmartStamp Internet-based system, allowing printing on ordinary adhesive labels or envelopes. Similar systems are being considered by postal administrations around the world. When the pre-paid envelope or package is accepted into the mail by an agent of the postal service, the agent usually indicates by means of a cancellation that it is no longer valid for pre-payment of postage. The exceptions are when the agent forgets or neglects to cancel the mailpiece, for stamps that are pre-cancelled and thus do not require cancellation and for, in most cases, metered mail. The "personalised stamps" authorized by the USPS and manufactured by Zazzle and other companies are in fact a form of meter label and thus do not

need to be cancelled. Privacy and censorship[ edit ] "The Steamboat" - mobile steaming equipment used by Czech StB for unsticking of envelopes during correspondence surveillance Documents should generally not be read by anyone other than the addressee; for example, in the United States of America it is a violation of federal law for anyone other than the addressee and the government to open mail. For mail contained within an envelope, there are legal provisions in some jurisdictions allowing the recording of identities of sender and recipient. International mail and packages are subject to customs control, with the mail and packages are often surveyed and their contents sometimes are edited out or even in. The mail service may be allowed to open the mail if neither addressee nor sender can be located, in order to attempt to locate either. Mail service may also open the mail to inspect if it contains materials that are hazardous to transport or violates local laws. While in most cases mail censorship is exceptional, military mail to and from soldiers on active deployment is often subject to surveillance. In active fighting, censorship may be especially strict to hide tactical secrets, prevent low morale from bad news, etc. These modern alternatives have some advantages: Mail carriers due to perceived hazards or inconveniences, may refuse, officially or otherwise, to deliver mail to a particular address for instance, if there is no clear path to the door or mailbox. On the other hand, traditional mail avoids the possibility of computer malfunctions and malware , and the recipient does not need to print it out if they wish to have a paper copy, though scanning is required to make a digital copy. Physical mail is still widely used in business and personal communications for such reasons as legal requirements for signatures , requirements of etiquette, and the requirement to enclose small physical objects. Since the advent of email , which is almost always much faster, the postal system has come to be referred to in Internet slang by the retronym " snail mail ". Occasionally, the term "white mail" or "the PaperNet" has also been used as a neutral term for postal mail. Mainly during the 20th century, experimentation with hybrid mail has combined electronic and paper delivery. Electronic mechanisms include telegram , telex , facsimile fax , email , and short message service SMS. However, the increased use of typewritten or computer-printed letters for personal communication and the advent of email have sparked renewed interest in calligraphy, as a letter has become more of a "special event". Long before e-mail and computer-printed letters, however, decorated envelopes, rubber stamps and artistamps formed part of the medium of mail art.

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Europe[ edit ] The first road signs established in Czechoslovakia on 1 November. They were later supplanted with red-white-black signs. Since the signing of the Geneva Convention concerning the Unification of Road Signals by a number of countries that the standardization of the traffic signs started in Europe. In , the European countries signed the Vienna Convention on Road Traffic treaty, with the aim of standardizing traffic regulations in participating countries in order to facilitate international road traffic and to increase road safety. Part of the treaty was the Vienna Convention on Road Signs and Signals , which defined the traffic signs and signals. As a result, in Western Europe the traffic signs are well standardized, although there are still some country-specific exceptions, mostly dating from the pre era. The principle of the European traffic sign standard is that certain shapes and colours are to be used with consistent meanings: Triangular signs black symbols on a white or yellow background warn of dangers. The Vienna Convention additionally allows an alternative shape for such signs, namely a right-angled diamond “ although in Europe this shape is regularly used only in the Republic of Ireland. Regulatory signs are round: Informational and various other secondary signs are of rectangular shape. The animals which may be depicted on warning signs include cattle, deer, ducks, elk, frogs, horses, sheep, monkeys in Gibraltar , and polar bears on Svalbard. The Convention allows any animal image to be used. Directional signs "guide signs" in American parlance have not been harmonized under the Convention, at least not on ordinary roads. As a result, there are substantial differences in directional signage throughout Europe. Differences apply to the choice of typeface, arrows and, most notably, colours. The convention does, however, specify that the type of directional signage used should, for each country, distinguish limited-access roads "motorways" from ordinary, all-purpose roads. Directional signage on motorways uses: Differences are greater for non-motorways: Red-on-white in Denmark though white-on-blue on motorway exits and all overhead gantries Black-on-white in Spain. In Germany, Hungary, Italy, Romania, and Sweden black-on-white indicates urban-only roads or urban destinations. The signposting of road numbers also differs greatly, except that European route numbers , if displayed, are always indicated using white characters on a green rectangle. European route numbers are, however, not signed at all in the United Kingdom. If a language uses non-Latin characters, a Latin-script transliteration of the names of cities and other important places should also be given. Road signs in the Republic of Ireland are bilingual, using Irish and English. Wales similarly uses bilingual Welsh “English signs, while some parts of Scotland have bilingual Scottish Gaelic “English signs. Finland also uses bilingual signs, in Finnish and Swedish. Signs in Belgium are in French, Dutch, or German depending on the region. European countries “ with the notable exception of the United Kingdom, where distances and lengths are indicated in miles, yards, feet, and inches, and speed limits are expressed in miles per hour “ use the metric system on road signs. For countries driving on the left, the convention stipulates that the traffic signs should be mirror images of those used in countries driving on the right. This practice, however, is not systematically followed in the four European countries driving on the left, Cyprus, Malta , the Republic of Ireland , and the United Kingdom. The convention permits the use of two background colours for danger and prohibition signs: Most countries use white, with a few “ such as Finland, Iceland , Poland, and Sweden “ opting for yellow as this tends to improve the winter-time visibility of signs in areas where snow is prevalent. In some countries, such as France, white is the normal background colour for such signs, but yellow is used for temporary signage as, for example, at road works. European traffic signs have been designed with the principles of heraldry in mind;[ citation needed ] i. Most traffic signs conform to heraldic tincture rules, and use symbols rather than written texts for better semiotic clarity. Croatia[ edit ] Croatian road signs follow the Vienna convention SFR Yugoslavia was the original signatory for Croatia, which is now a contracting party itself. The most common signs are: Yellow and black signs for direction. Blue and white signs for information. White-on-green signs are used on the highways. In the early s, replacement of the yellow background of warning signs began, and new signs now use a white

background. The signage typeface is SNV , as with the other countries of the former Yugoslavia.

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