

Franklin Milestones

Two and a half centuries ago, using a homemade odometer, Benjamin Franklin established the locations of milestones between Boston and New York. In charge of the colonial postal system, his task was to clarify charges for the delivery of mail.

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Bifocal composite of
Boston Post Road Milestone No. 57
Spencer, Massachusetts
September 2004



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More than a dozen of Franklin's red sandstone markers can still be found along a stretch of roads just west of Worcester, Massachusetts. Finding them makes a great scavenger hunt.

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Bifocal composite of
Boston Post Road Milestone No. 69
West Brookfield, Massachusetts
September 2004



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This year, I started wearing bifocals, presenting a new viewscape. Use of a twin-lens reflex camera mirrored this doubling of viewpoint and suggested the accompanying near-field/far-field approach. The challenge remains accepting the dual view and looking past "the line."

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Boston Post Road Milestone No. 59
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I tend to root out temporal differences in the views:
the near focus allows the illusion of experiencing
the stones in Ben's time while far focus almost
always exposes an aspect of the present.

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Boston Post Road Milestone No. 56
Leicester, Massachusetts
September 2004

