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The Evolution of Mail Delivery from the Renaissance to the Present Day”

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United States Packet Ship Pleiades

British packet ship from Falmouth

Early American Packet Boat from Charleston, South Carolina
Early American Postal Service

Benjamin Franklin, the first U.S. Postmaster General

Illustration of the Fairbanks’ Tavern in Boston, MA
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