

**CORRESPONDENCE****Franklin and the weather**

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In a recent article<sup>1</sup> in the JOURNAL, Dr. Leon Sherman begins as follows: "The discovery that storms were moving entities, made by Benjamin Franklin at the start of the nineteenth century, . . . ."

I wish to point out that Franklin is known to have died on 17 April 1790. The famous observations on storms in the northeastern United States was made, as far as I can ascertain, in the year 1743.

<sup>1</sup>L. Sherman, "On the wind asymmetry of hurricanes," *J. Meteor.*, 13, 500-503, 1956.