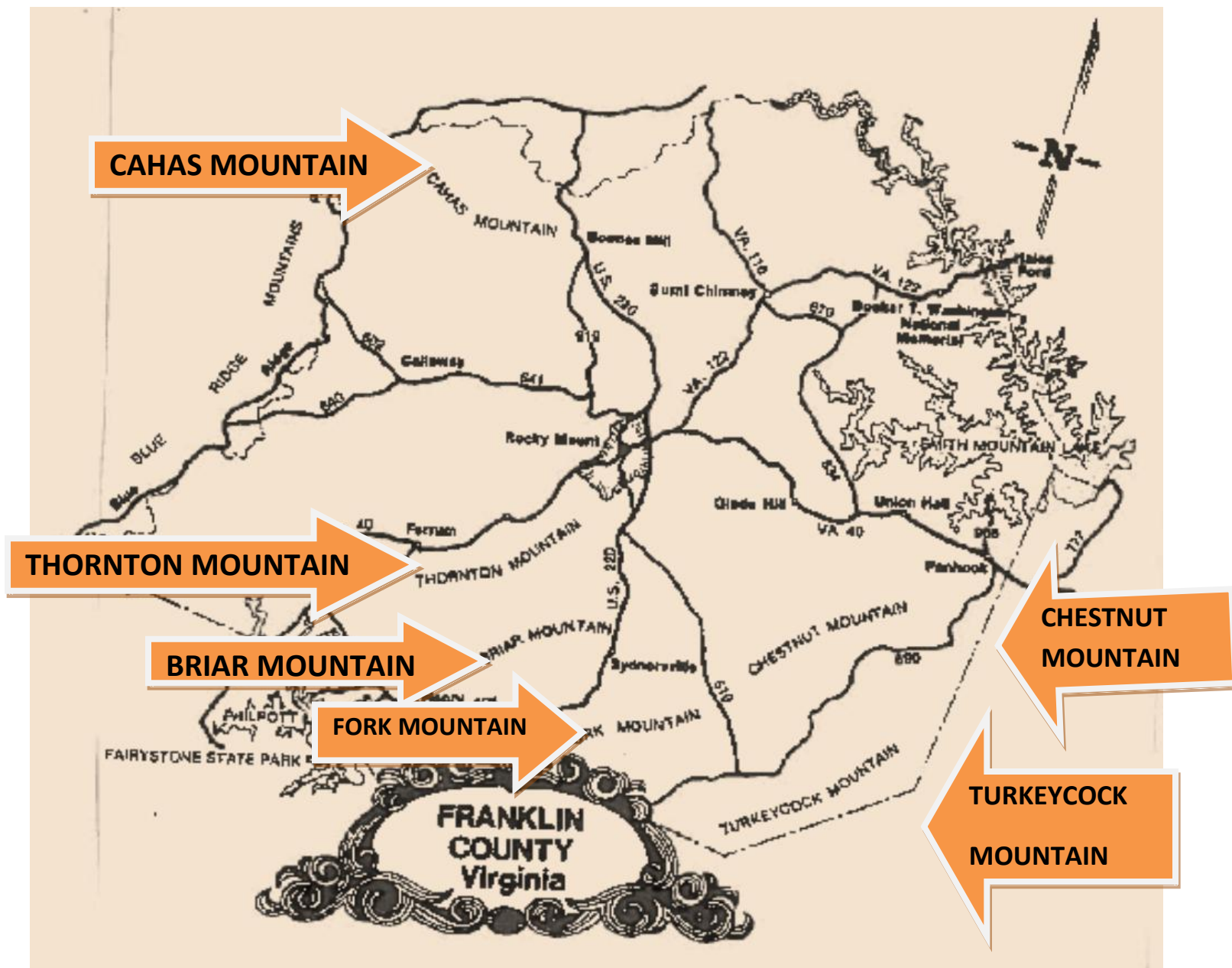


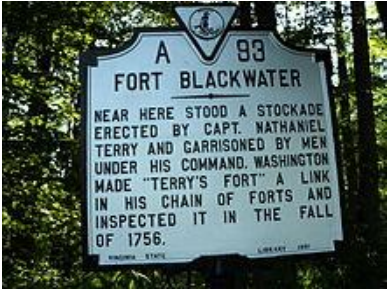
# FRANKLIN-VIRGINIA



Franklin County is a county located in the Blue Ridge foothills in the state of Virginia. Its county seat is Rocky Mount.

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Historic marker for Fort Blackwater, one of the earliest frontier forts outside of the



Tidewater area. Built in 1756 in present-day Franklin County

The county was formed in 1785 from parts of Bedford and Henry counties. It was named for Benjamin Franklin. The Piedmont and backcountry areas were largely settled by Scots-Irish, who were the last major immigrant group from the British Isles to enter the colonies before the Revolutionary War. In the 20th century during Prohibition, local wits named Franklin County the "Moonshine Capital of the World", as moonshine production and bootlegging drove the economy.

Information taken from:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Franklin\\_County,\\_Virginia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Franklin_County,_Virginia)



Franklin County historic marker, State of Virginia

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## COMMUNITIES

### Towns

[Boones Mill](#)

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[Henry County, Virginia](#) — south

[Patrick County, Virginia](#) — southwest

[Floyd County, Virginia](#) — west

[Roanoke County, Virginia](#) — northwest

### National protected areas

[Blue Ridge Parkway](#) (part)

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### Major highways

 [US 220](#)

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