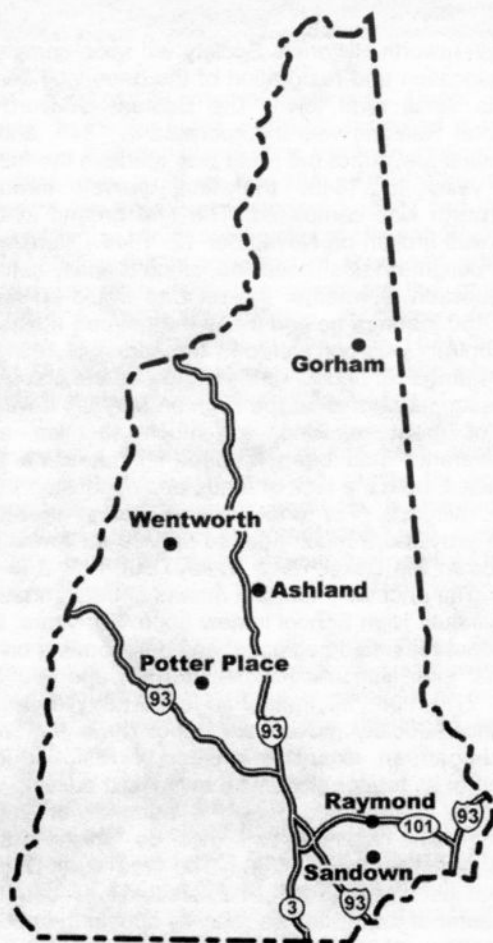


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ASHLAND RAILROAD STATION MUSEUM ASHLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY



The museum was originally built *circa* 1869 as a passenger station by the Boston, Concord & Montreal Railroad. That railroad merged with the Concord Railroad in 1890 to form the Concord & Montreal Railroad. In 1891 the new railroad moved the station onto a new foundation and remodeled it to its present appearance.

The Concord & Montreal Railroad came under the control of the Boston & Maine Railroad in 1895. Regular passenger service to Ashland continued until October of 1959. In 1960 the B&M RR sold the station to Joseph Curley. His widow, Vera Curley, donated the property to the Ashland Historical Society in 1980.

In 1997- 1998, the building was restored and renovated for use as a railroad museum and a meeting place for the Society under ISTEAA, a federal aid transportation program administered by the N.H. Department of Transportation. It was dedicated as a museum on June 26, 1999. The museum is one of the best preserved late 19th century railroad stations in New Hampshire, and houses a growing collection of railroad artifacts, pictures, and documents.

The museum is located on Route 132 (Depot St.) in Ashland village, about a half mile south of the junction of Routes 3 and 132. The museum is open free to the public from 1-4 p.m. on Saturdays in July and August.

THE POTTER PLACE RAILROAD STATION AND MUSEUM



The Potter Place Railroad Station in Andover, NH was built in 1874 by the Northern Railroad on the line running from Boston to Montreal. In 1890 the line was taken over by the Boston & Maine Railroad. Today this Victorian building is listed on the National Registry of Historic Places

Passenger trains served Potter Place into 1962. Freight shipments continued into the late 60s. The station was subsequently sold by the B&M and in 1983 Mr. & Mrs. Charles Taylor of Wilmot donated the property to the Andover Historical Society. The station now serves as its museum. Today the museum contains a large collection of railroad artifacts, including an authentically furnished station master's office.

A 1904 Rutland caboose and 1912 general store located across the street are also owned by the society and open for visitors. The general store is furnished with many period artifacts. The home site and grave of famous 19th century black magician Richard Potter (for whom the village is named) are located nearby on society property.

The station is located on Depot St. at the west end of Andover, just off the intersection of Routes 4 & 11. The Museum is open Saturdays 10-3 pm and Sundays 1-3 pm. from late May to early October. Donations are appreciated.

THE SANDOWN HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND MUSEUM



Time was when steam locomotives, pulling 75-car freight trains, huffed and puffed in and out of Sandown. Built in 1873, the Sandown Station on the W.N.& P. (Worcester, Nashua and Portland) line served the busiest single-track line in the country. As many as 18 regular freights and six passenger car trains passed through town every day.

The Sandown Historical Society was established in 1978 to restore the depot to its former glory.

In the "Men's Waiting Room" are an old pot-bellied stove and a waiting bench. You can try "Morse Code" on the telegraph key or ring the old crank telephone.

Display cases contain many railroad artifacts, as well as tools and other items that were once part of Sandown's everyday life.

The Society's proudest possessions are two flanger cars, a velocipede, and a motorcar (putt-putt) on the tracks.

Located in Sandown center on Rte 121-A, the museum is open Saturdays and Sundays 1-5 pm from May-October. A gift shop offers souvenir maps, cookbooks, postcards, train whistles and T-shirts.

THE GORHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND MUSEUM



In 1973, the existing railroad station, built in 1907, was saved from destruction by the Gorham Historical Society and now serves as the headquarters of that organization. The building, which is architecturally unique, contains displays on area history and is open to the public. Another addition to the museum is a 1911 Baldwin 0-6-0 Steam Locomotive, which was rescued from the scrap pile in 1986.

Other equipment on display includes: a 1949 F-7 B&M Diesel Locomotive, two 1929 Boxcars, a 1951 Russell Snow Plow, a 1924 Boxcar, a 1942 Caboose and the former North Stratford Boxcar.

Come visit our model Railroad Boxcar and also the Boxcar with the Quinn-Crocket railroadiana collection by Grand Trunk-Canadian National Historian John Davis.

The Grand Trunk Railroad opened the area to tourist trade. The line later became known as the Canadian National and still later the St. Lawrence & Atlantic Railroad. Most recently it has been acquired by the Genesee and Wyoming Railroad. At first, Gorham, midway between Montreal and the Atlantic, was a major yarding and repair center, but, gradually, the significance of Gorham to the railroad diminished as did the significance of the railroads to the country.

The station is at 25 Railroad Street in Gorham across the street from the Town Hall. Railroad Street runs parallel to Main Street (U.S. Routes 2 & 16 W & N).

We try to be open daily for admission by donation.

RAYMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND RAILROAD DEPOT



The current Raymond Railroad Depot was constructed after a fire in 1892 destroyed most of downtown Raymond, including the train station; it is the third to be built on this site. The Depot is the home of the Raymond Historical Society and it was entered in the National Register of Historic Places in 1979. It houses a collection of Raymond artifacts and memorabilia. Rolling stock on the grounds includes a 1929 little engine, a boxcar, and a caboose built in Concord in 1932. In 1974, an old B&M Sectionhouse was moved to the site where it currently houses a collection of early tools.

The railroad was important to the local economy where it served as a shipping center for apples, vegetables, leather goods, and hats. It also brought guests to a number of area hotels and boarding houses, especially those around the nearby Onway Lake, which had its own flag stop.

The Gile School, one of Raymond's original one-room school houses, was moved alongside the Depot in 1980. It has been restored to its original condition, complete with vintage desks, oil lamps, wood burning stove, and piano.

The Raymond Railroad Depot is just a short distance from Rte. 101. Take Exit 4, Old Manchester Road, north into the center of Raymond. Turn right onto Main Street and the Depot is about a half mile down on the left. The Depot is open on Sundays from 2 to 4 PM, from late May thru mid-October.

WENTWORTH DEPOT AND MUSEUM



The Wentworth Historical Society will soon complete the relocation and restoration of the once vital depot in this small rural town. The Boston, Concord & Montreal Railroad was incorporated in 1845, and a preliminary layout of the route was made in the fall of that year. In 1849, the final survey through Wentworth was completed. The first ground in the town was broken on November 12, 1849. There was great delight on this occasion, since it finally settled the question of whether the railroad would be built. Over 150 laborers helped make the railroad a reality; the contract was completed in the spring of 1851. A large number of people gathered to see the first train of passenger cars enter the town on May 27. It was a day of great rejoicing, for much sacrifice and perseverance had been required to overcome the obstacles, both the lack of funds and opposition from other railroads. For one hundred years, the iron horse provided a much-needed service for towns up and down the Baker River Valley. But, now it is no more. The once all-important means of transportation to Plymouth High School is now gone. For years, the old depot remained neglected and deteriorating on its original site, little used except for storage. But on June 27, 1996, all that changed. The Wentworth Historical Society moved the depot down the road and began an extensive project of restoring the station to its former glory. The revitalized building will be open to the public in the summer of 2004, although the museum will not be finished and dedicated until October, 2004. The Wentworth Depot, located just off Route 25 at 7 Eastside Road, south of the center of town, may be seen by appointment. Call 764-9379 or 764-5894.