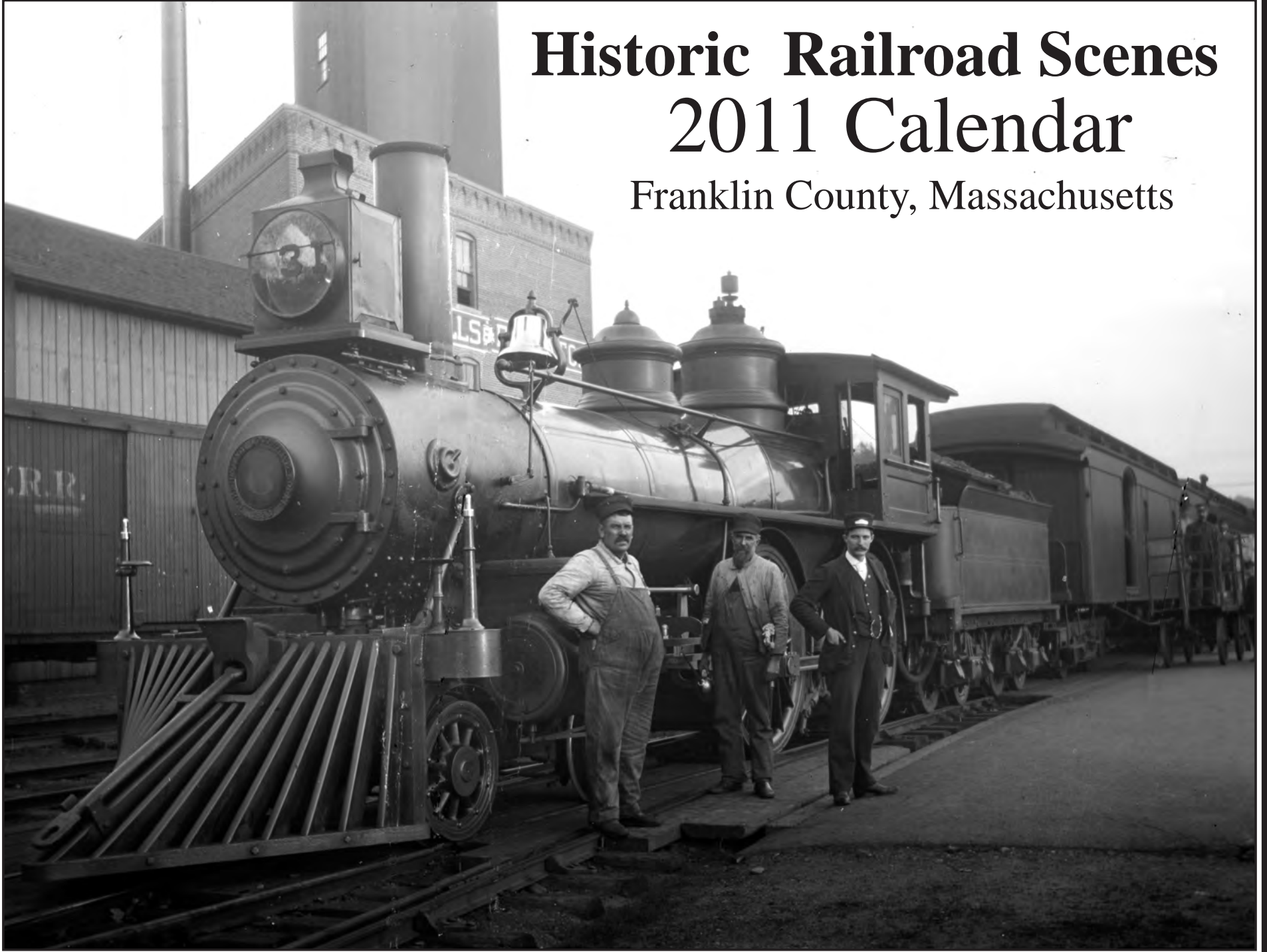


Historic Railroad Scenes 2011 Calendar

Franklin County, Massachusetts



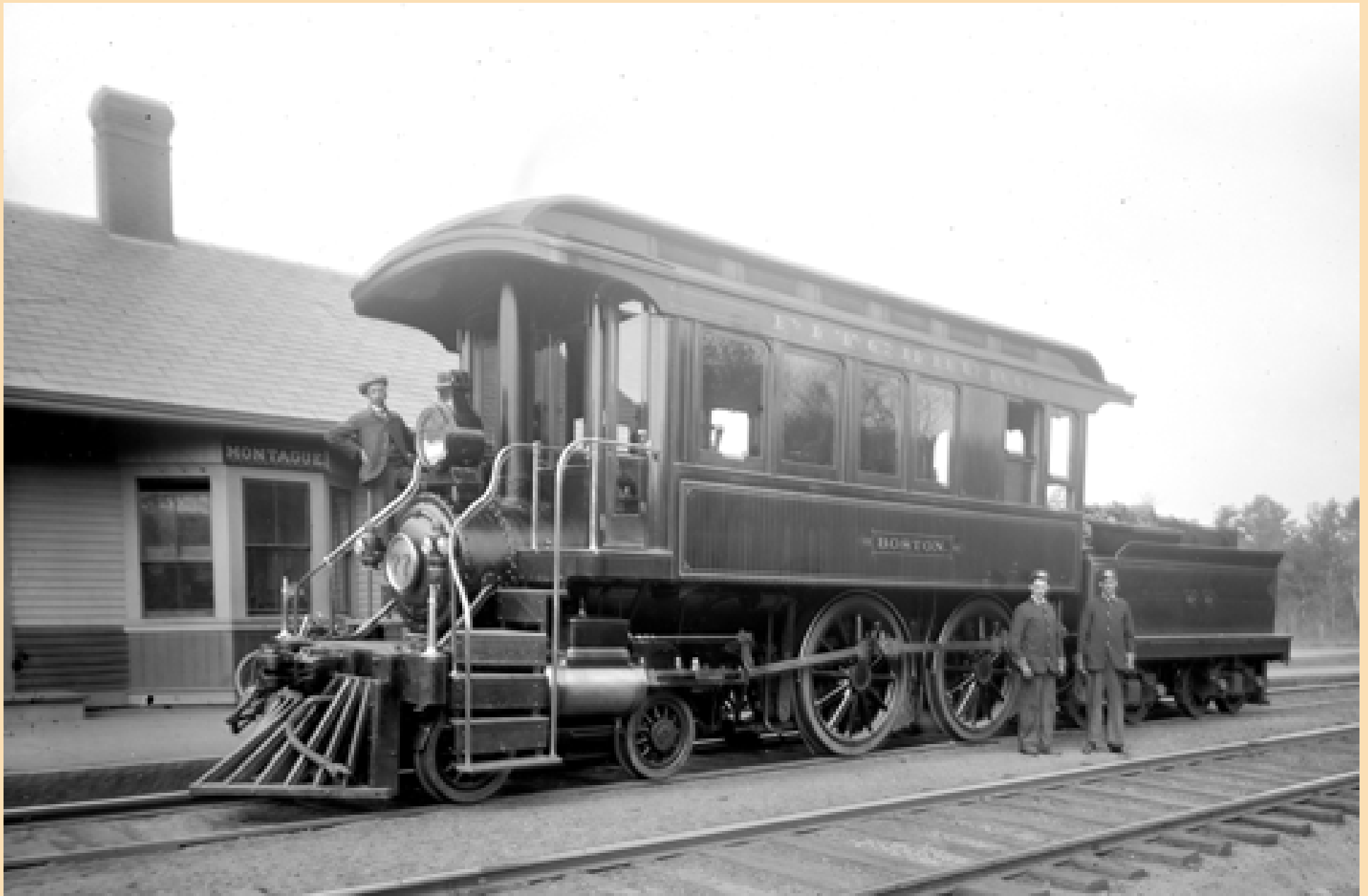


ERVING PASSENGER DEPOT CA 1910

The Fitchburg Railroad was leased to the Boston and Maine Railroad in July 1900 and train order signals were installed circa 1908. This building was built by the Fitchburg Railroad in 1898. Passenger service ended here in 1959 but the building remains and is the sole surviving railway passenger depot in Franklin County. The former depot had functioned for a number of years as the Box Car Restaurant until seriously damaged by an arson fire in 2010. The building on the right is the Erving Freight house, which is now an antique business.

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FITCHBURG RAILROAD MONTAGUE DEPOT CA. 1898

The classy locomotive shown here is the former Watatic, built by Mason in Taunton MA in October 1873 for the Ashburnham RR. It was an “Inspection locomotive” used to take VIP’s for a tour of the line. Montague had six railway passenger depots. In 1898 they would have been Central Vermont and Fitchburg RR depots serving Montague village; an elegant FRR depot at Lake Pleasant; a combined CV & FRR station in Millers Falls; and FRR & New York, New Haven & Hartford RR depots in Turners Falls.

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VIEW OF MAIN STREET TUNNEL, GREENFIELD CA. 1911

The tunnel supporting Greenfield's Main Street was constructed by the Connecticut River Railroad in 1848 and was considered of adequate size for two tracks at that time. The railway called the tunnel "The Arch" and was double tracked between there and Silver Street in 1912. The man with the long coat is the conductor as evidenced by the coat and the watch chain. Papers in his pocket suggest the man on the left is the baggageman of this passenger train crew, and the man on the right would be the flagman and assistant conductor.

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BUCKLAND STATION ALONG THE DEERFIELD RIVER CA. 1911

This building probably dates to the construction era of the Troy & Greenfield Railroad in the mid 1860's. It may well still exist! Rumor has it that it was taken across the river, after its railroad days had ended, and is now the centerpiece of the building that houses Crab Apple Whitewater on the Mohawk Trail. The bridge nearby the station led to the "Old Ford," a well used river crossing before the first road bridge over the Deerfield was built in Shelburne Falls.

Howes Brothers photograph courtesy of the Ashfield Historical Society

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TURNERS FALLS JUNCTION, EAST GREENFIELD CA. 1900

Turners Fall Junction was located just east of the Montague City Road overpass in Greenfield and marked the beginning of the 2.82 mile branch to Turners Falls. All the tracks shown here still exist. The man on the far left has a gauge measurement tool; the wrench is used to handle nuts on the bolts holding joint bars together; the lining bars are used for tamping ties and moving the track; the adze is used to trim ties to get a good surface.

The man with the watch chain is the crew foreman. The man wearing the hat badge in the background would be the station agent, or operator.

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HIGH BRIDGE OVER SOUTH RIVER, CONWAY CA. 1900

Not just a high bridge, but at about 175 feet above the riverbed, reportedly the highest rail bridge in New England. The New Haven & Northampton RR followed the canal of the same name and is referred to as the "Canal Line." Rails reached Northampton in 1857 and the canal was abandoned. The bridge was dismantled in 1922. The land you see is now public, and the high bridge has been replaced with a wonderful pedestrian bridge down among the 1881 stonework.

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LAKE PLEASANT STATION, MONTAGUE 1877

About 1875, Spiritualists began meeting here in the summer and 75 lots were created for tents. Cottages were built, then homes, and so by 1900 there were almost 200 houses. Soon there would be literally thousands of visitors each summer. The FRR ran a passenger shuttle train each summer back and forth to Greenfield to meet the need for the transportation of vacationers and their entertainers. A fire in 1907 destroyed 130 homes. After the fire the original station was moved and converted into a hotel.

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ORANGE RAILROAD STATION CA. 1930

This would be train No.50, leaving Troy, NY daily at 3:50 AM, North Adams at 5:27, Orange at 7:27 and arriving in Boston at 10:20 AM. This famous locomotive, P-2-c No.3688, underwent a yellow and blue paint job in the Billerica Shops during 1927, complete with chromed cylinder heads. Only 4 locomotives were given such fancy treatment as the Great Depression cut B&M passenger loadings by 50% in just a few years.

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TURNERS FALLS RAILROAD STATION CA. 1880

In the late 1860's paper manufacturing magnate Alvah Crocker focused on developing the vast water power potential of Turners Falls. Mr. Crocker built a Vermont & Massachussets branch line from Cheapside to Turners Falls a few years later. This is probably the V&M Turners Falls passenger depot shown above. However, it could be the FRR depot, because on January 1st, 1874, the V&M was leased to the FRR for 999 years, a lease just recently dissolved so that the Pan Am Southern Railway could be born. The old roadbed is now an excellent hiking/bike trail that includes a bridge over the Connecticut River.

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NEW HAVEN & NORTHAMPTON RR SOUTH DEERFIELD STATION CA.1885

This station was built by the NH&N in 1881, along with nearly identical structures in Deerfield, Turners Falls and Conway. The octagonal building in the rear is the enclosed water tank. A similar iconic brick freight house is out of view. Still in 1887, the NH&N was building these identical structures in Farmington CT. This station was reportedly damaged by wind in 1944 and torn down.

Photograph Courtesy of the Pocumtuck Memorial Association, Memorial Hall Museum, Deerfield, Massachusetts

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SHELburne FALLS & COLRAIN STREET RAILWAY COMPANY CA. 1910

The railway freight car bridge in Shelburne Falls was placed into service in February 1909 and still serves by carrying a water main between Shelburne and Buckland, and as a tourist attraction known far and wide as the Bridge of Flowers. It was built to connect the SF&CStRy with the North American freight car grid. No.25 arrived in late May 1909 and on May 31st handled a 40 ton capacity coal car to Colrain.

Here we have No.25 and crew posing at Griswoldville with career SF&CStRy employee Conrad Sauter in the vestibule.

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SOUTH RIVER B&M STATION, DEERFIELD CA. 1911

The Boston and Maine, at a rough guess, had about 500 passenger depots. According to expert knowledge, this was the only B&M station accessible only by rail, or on horseback, or by foot. Even the B&M's Summit Station on Mt. Washington had its carriage road. The station was built by the FRR circa 1895 to service the Conway Electric Street Railway. South River was located 6.57 rail miles west of Greenfield and 1.51 miles east of Bardwell. The trolley line died in 1921, the station disappeared, and now it is just a level area on the river bank, in deep woods, beside a single PAS main track.

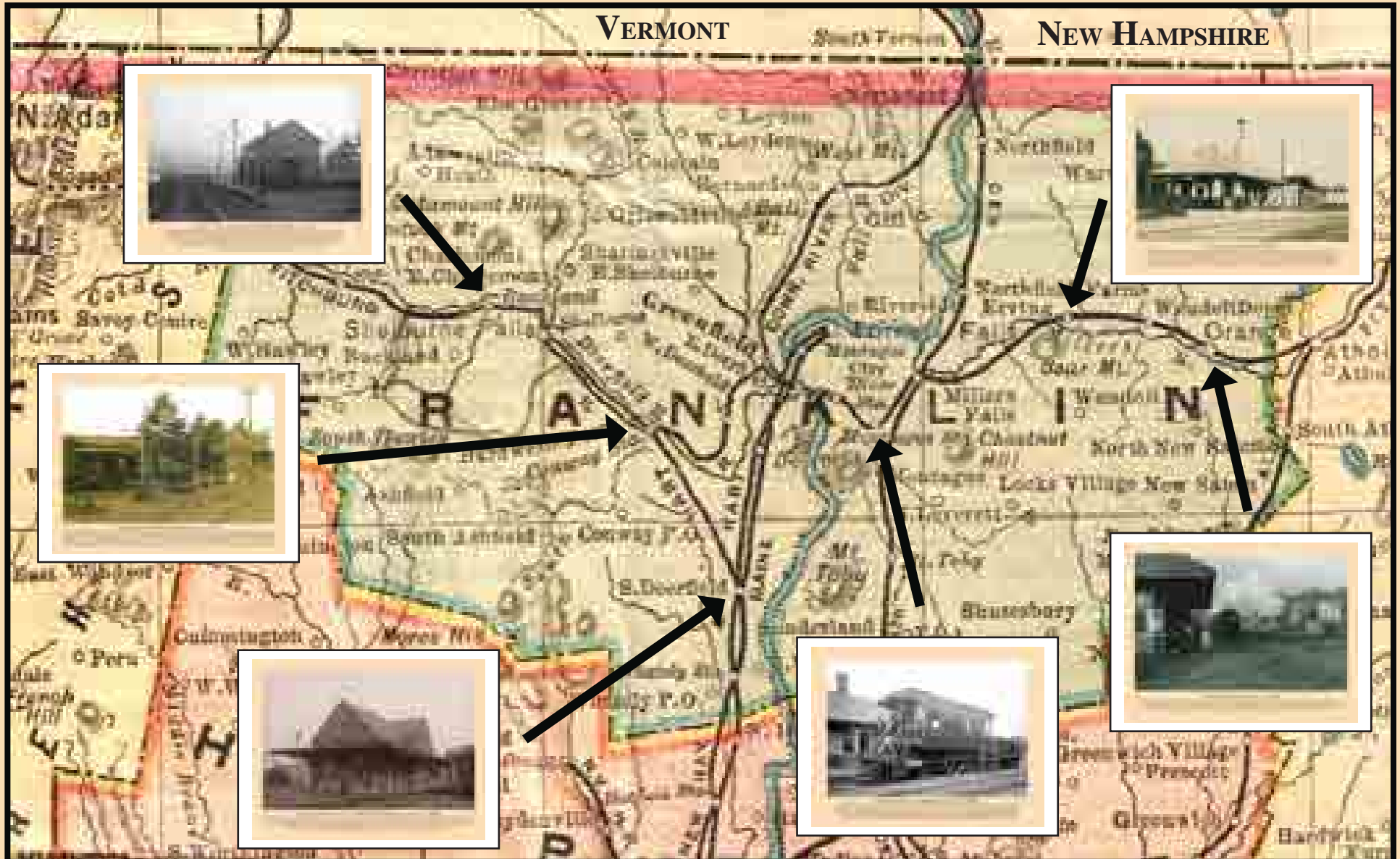
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First Day of Winter

MAP OF FRANKLIN COUNTY - 1899



The 1899 map shows the rail stations (small circles) illustrated on this calendar along with a sampling of photos. You can see why Franklin County's railroads are important - three major lines passed through here. Most of these railroads still exist. The Central Vermont came north from Amherst through Millers Falls to Vernon, Vermont and then on to Canada. The New York, New Haven and Hartford came from Northampton to Conway, with a branch line from South Deerfield to Turners Falls. The Fitchburg Railroad (B&M) passed east-west from Boston through Greenfield to the Hoosac Tunnel and points beyond.

There is an error on this charming old map: it shows two rail lines along the Deerfield River going westerly to Shelburne Falls. But there was only one, the B & M. The NY, NH & HRR never had a rail line north of Conway.

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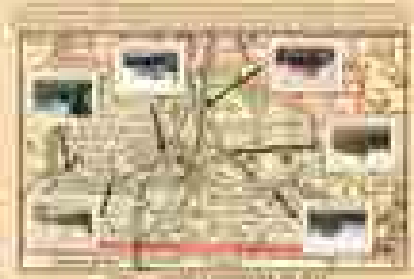
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Historic Railroad Scenes 2011 Calendar Franklin County, Massachusetts



Cover: Here we are on the Connecticut River line in Greenfield. Their run from Springfield complete, the crew will soon back down to Russell Street, where the switch tender would line the iron in to the West Yard (which was once the Greenfield Fairgrounds.) Next Engine. No.6 would be cut off and run into the roundhouse area for servicing. The roundhouse was located, until about 1919, where the Ford/Toyota dealership is today.



The included 1899 Map of Franklin County shows all the railroads and station locations.



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