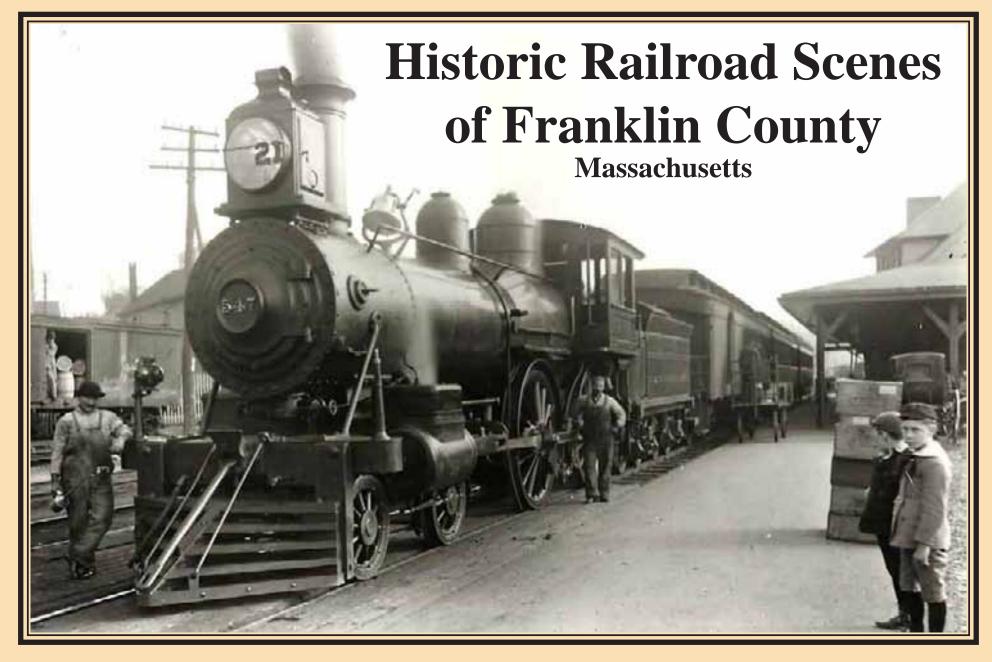
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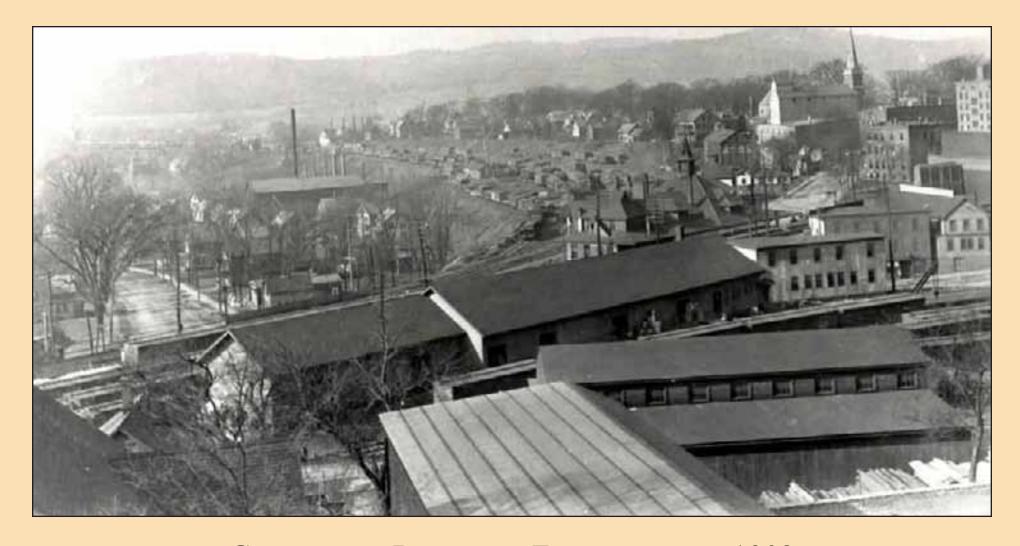
Eastbound Freight at Conway Street Xing, Buckland - ca 1942

An eastbound B&M freight train approaches the Conway Street crossing in Buckland on a winter day in 1942. What is of interest here is the wigwag type crossing protection signal. Reportedly invented in 1909, these signals were found everywhere in the USA until the turn of the century, when almost all had been replaced, as had been semaphore signals. The one defect with both was moving parts, which required some maintenance. The signal shown here was top of the line with a closet to protect the resting flag (which would not be for long in 1942), six bright red lights that operated sequentially, and a loud, clanging bell. Impossible to ignore even in fog and blizzards. Elm Street had one also, as did Bardwell's crossing in Shelburne, and likely Ashfield Street in Shelburne Falls, but that busy crossing also had a flagman for many years. Photo by Robert Lawrence.

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Greenfield Railroad Facilities - ca 1902

We are looking northwest from the roof of a building on Olive Street in Greenfield. In the immediate foreground is the Greenfield Lumber Company. The long building in the center is the Boston & Maine RR freight house built in 1900. That year the B&M leased the Fitchburg RR and purchased it the following year. Until the FRR lease, the B&M routed its freight business over the Central Massachusetts Branch through Rutland and Amherst to Northampton. That was an expensive route to operate, so immediately freight began moving instead through Fitchburg to Greenfield. Which plugged up Greenfield's only freight yard as shown here in the upper center in this fascinating photograph from the Peter Miller files. The yard was built on the town's former fairgrounds. The East Deerfield Branch was built in 1905, which connected the B&M's north/south route with the east/west line and that ended the need to interchange freight in Greenfield. The Greenfield yard, known since Fitchburg RR days as the "West Yard", was slowly abandoned over the next 60 years.

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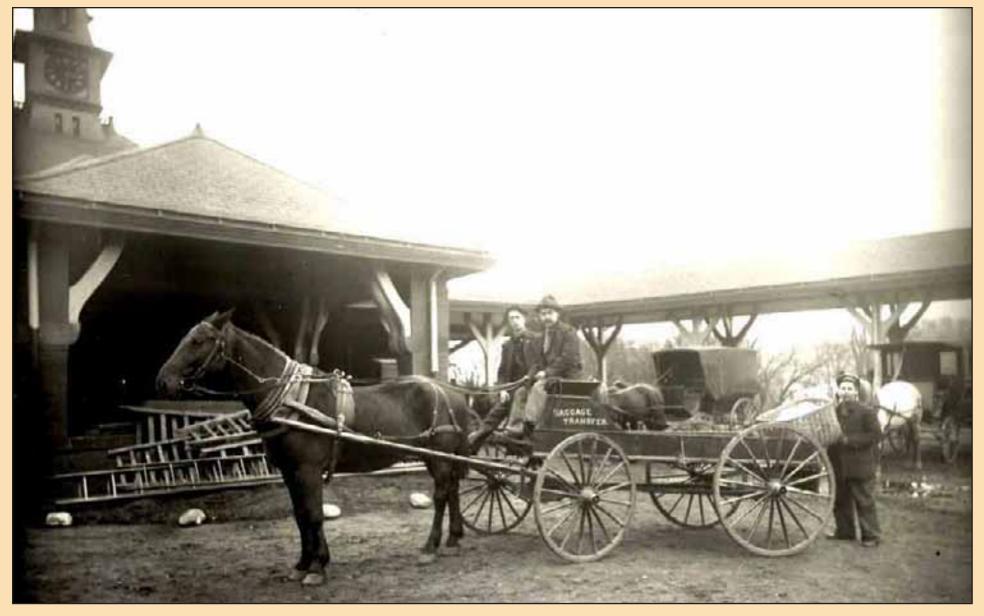
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Greenfield Station Baggage Transfer Wagon - ca 1900

You only had to see what women wore for clothing in the Victorian era to understand why baggage was a big business. Going to visit a sister in Buffalo for a week? Better pack a trunk. Going to the White Mountains for a month? Two trunks? So there was a service to bring this to the railroad station, and then the railroad would handle it. And when you got to your destination, if it was a hotel, there would be a wagon at the depot for you and your baggage. Some depots got so plugged up with trunks and other baggage from time to time, that there was little room left for passengers. Photo from the Peter Miller files.

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MARSHALL JOHNSON AT HOME WITH HIS TROLLEY CHARLEMONT, APRIL 30, 1982

Marshall Johnson stands in his backyard with his trolley car body posing for Chuck Blake of the Greenfield Recorder. Once upon a time, the trolleys served the people of Colrain and Shelburne Falls with frequent service from 1896 until 1927. That's when the state wanted to build a highway on much of the trolley route and the company was sold and scrapped. Except for this wooden contraption. Marshall's father, Frank Johnson, wanted it as a memorial to his first wife, Maud, who died giving birth to Marshall. So Frank was able to have it placed on his farm for a hundred 1928 dollars. Frank passed away, but Marshall did his best to preserve the wood body (all but the smallest metal parts had been removed by the scrapping folks). A group was organized in 1992 to preserve the car and Marshall agreed to donate it as long as it stayed in the area. You can ride No.10 now, in all its 19th century glory, at the Shelburne Falls Trolley Museum from Memorial Day weekend until the end of October each year. Marshall died in March 2004, but did have a few years to ride again in the same car he rode in as a child.

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East Side of Hoosac Tunnel in Rowe - ca 1940

A Hoosac Tunnel & Wilmington steam locomotive switches freight cars on the east bank of the Deerfield River as a pair of Boston & Maine RR motors wait their next assignment behind a dwarf signal. The motors will either pull a train through the Tunnel, or possibly run light to North Adams to attach to an eastbound. Since trains tend to run in bunches, the motors gained a lot of light miles at times. The diesels came in 1943 and the hydropower that ran these 1911 electric locomotives was turned off in August 1945, and the motors were scrapped. The Hoosac Tunnel electrification, part of the world's first use of high-voltage AC for railways, was a grand success, but expensive to operate. Steam locomotives were still found on the Fitchburg Division in Franklin County into 1952 on locals, helpers and work trains, and a Central Vermont passenger train.

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B&M 0-6-0 No.405 in Shelburne Falls Yard - ca 1942

B&M No.405 is switching in the Shelburne Falls Yard in what was likely the summer of 1942. The fact that it is attached to both passenger equipment and a caboose tells me it is most likely a work train as a lot of track work was going on in the area at the time. No.405 was a class G-11 0-6-0 built in Manchester, N.H., in 1911, with 19 x 26 inch cylinders. It was scrapped on March 20, 1953. A sister machine, No.410 sits on Dutton Street in downtown Lowell under the care of the B&M RR Historical Society. The photo was taken by 18 year-old Robert Lawrence, who was attending pilot training school. I mentioned to his daughter that WW2 era photos were rare because railroad photography was considered highly suspicious if not outright banned. Megg replied that would have not bothered her father any.

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Union Pacific No.4012 Big Boy gets Attention in Greenfield - Nov 1984

Our 2010 calendar shows No.4012 on display in Greenfield on its way to the Steamtown museum in Bellows Falls, Vermont. In 1984 Steamtown was relocated to Scranton PA after Nelson Blount, the founder of Steamtown, died in a plane crash when he ran out of gas, and Steamtown floundered until a decision was made to reestablish it in Scranton, Pa., as a national historic site. Most of the equipment was then relocated. The Bellows Falls tunnel had been enlarged for auto carriers, so No.4012 was able to squeeze through in November 1984. Here we find a man adding something liquid to the machine in Greenfield in a photo by Stern for the Greenfield Recorder. No.4012 was removed from display in 2019 for a complete restoration and returned to its resting place on May 5, 2021. Sister No.4014, was donated back to the Union Pacific RR by the Pacific Coast Chapter of the Railway & Locomotive Historical Society, and restored to operational status in May 2019. It has been on tour of the USA, as the pandemic has allowed, viewed by enormous crowds wherever it goes.

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B&M Westbound Freight Passing Shelburne Falls Yard - ca 1942

This appears to be an R-1 4-8-2 Lima locomotive hard at work on the 5.5 mile 1% grade up from Bardwell's' bridge (245' EL) to the Route 112 bridge (512' EL), The building next to the truck is part of the Hood milk plant that served the area from around 1922 until 1953. The building next to it with the vents is the milk plant. The small building to the east is the still-in-use circa 1866 Troy & Greenfield RR freight house. The large building in the back is the Ware Fuel Company coal shed and whatever else it may have contained. The yard itself is about the only small B&M freight yard that has not been completely torn up. It is now home to the Shelburne Falls Trolley Museum.

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A RARE PHOTO OF THE GM DEMONSTRATORS ON THE B&M - SEPT. 1940

The first successful USA diesel-electric locomotive was a 300 HP switcher built in 1923. Railroads began buying them and the technology was also moderately successful with light passenger trains. But moving overland freight by rail was beyond the limits of diesel technology until November 1939 when General Motors released its four-unit "FT" demonstrator No.103. F for Freight, T for 2,700 HP in the 2 unit drawbar-connected A & B units. No.103 arrived on the B&M in September 1940 for 10 days of operation. Here we see the set westbound in Shelburne Falls in a photo taken by a 16 year-old Conway lad, Robert Lawrence. The caboose on the headpin allowed GM and railroad personnel and visitors a place to relax, network, sleep and eat in what could be marathon round trips as the units required little servicing at terminals before going right back to work. The two poles support the telltales that protected trainmen from the Wellington Street overhead footbridge. Although diesels revolutionized railroading, it was radio communications that did even more and eliminated the need for such safety devices.

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TRAIN WRECK OFF COUNTRY CLUB ROAD IN GREENFIELD - MARCH 29, 1985

This nightmarish event occurred at 11:45 AM on a Friday about 75 yards from the Route 91 overpass. Three tank cars, each containing 10,000 gallons of alcohol, ruptured and burned with flames shooting 250 feet into the air. 3,000 residents needed to be evacuated although the wreck was not near any houses. Fortunately the black smoke went straight up and was not a serious problem. Burning alcohol flowed under the I-91 overpass, but it was determined that no structural damage had occurred. Most residents were allowed back home late on the same day, but about 50 had to wait until about 8:00 AM on Saturday. I can not recall if any cause was found. The photo was taken by staff photographer Stern for the Greenfield Recorder.

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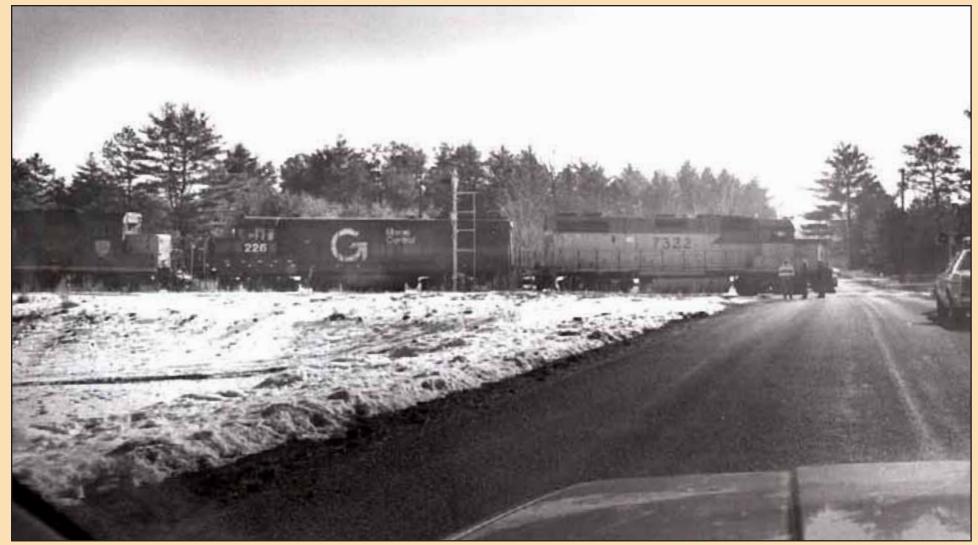
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A Runaway Train at Lake Pleasant Crossing - Nov 17, 1987

A road foreman of engines, Donald Silk, left his three coupled locomotives parked on a downgrade in Gardner after setting at least one of three possible brakes. Then he went into a store to buy a candy bar. When he came out, his locomotives were gone. He found a police officer and they gave chase that failed. Early on, it was determined that no one was on board as the locomotives rolled 41 miles from Gardner, (1040' EL) to Deerfield (191' EL). Despite published reports, it was not quite downhill all the way, but the short upgrades only reduced speed a bit, which was estimated as high as 55 MPH at times. The Engs had two chances to roll over from excessive speed, but did not do so. Here we have Greenfield Recorder photographer Chuck Blake shooting the runaways through the windshield of his vehicle at the Lake Pleasant Xing in Montague. They were routed at East Deerfield on to the curving East Deerfield Branch and deliberately smashed on to standing freight cars at Deerfield Jct. Damage was minimal considering the potential. The railroad was on strike at the time and some believe that the brakes had been released by a disgruntled striker. A similar incident had occurred in Montana just a few weeks earlier during a strike situation.

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RAREST OF THE RARE: A DL&W 2-8-2 IN SHELBURNE FALLS - WINTER 1942-3

When Harry Frye looked for a photo of a DL&W "Mike" in service on the B&M for his definitive book, MINUTEMAN STEAM, he failed. To this date, I do not think the B&MRRHS has found one. In late 1942, the B&M was desperate for power and leased six 2-8-2's from the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western on December 2nd. You can see here one good reason why they were returned in May 1943. You simply do not stop a freight train on a steep upgrade to take on water! Unlike most other Class 1 railroads, the B&M never owned a 2-8-2. The B&M went from their beloved 2-8-0's, to the clumsy, but powerful, 2-10-2's and then on to superpower 2-8-4's. Robert R. Lawrence (1924-2016) of Conway took this photo at age 18 while attending pilot training school. He loved railroads, but obviously loved flying even more, as he flew over 45 different aircraft before retiring from the military in 1964. Best remembered now for flying his P-47 underneath the Eiffel Tower in September 1944. For which he was fined \$75, which may have been a month's pay back then. We are most thankful for his teenage interest in photography and railroads and for the generosity of his daughter, Megg Churchill.

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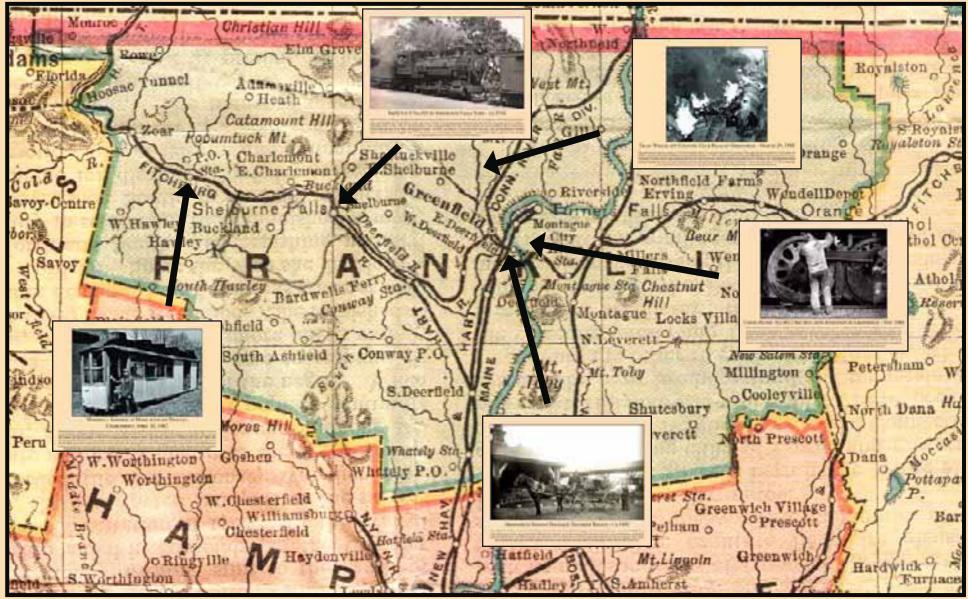
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Map of Franklin County - 1899



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.

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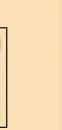
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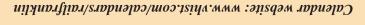




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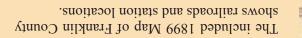
It left Springfield at 12:50 PM and made better time than stopping only in Holyoke and Northampton on the B&M. 9:04 AM daily, and arriving Greenfield at 1:48 PM, after shows No.21 leaving New York's Grand Central Station at RR machine. The March 1900 Official Railway Guide 547. But it was undoubtedly a former Connecticut River Harry Frye failed me for the first time with no record of Eng who was likely O.C. Leonard. MINUTEMAN STEAM by while a relaxed engine crew poses for the photographer, Two nattily dressed boys check out B&M express train No.21 COVER: Express Train Mo.21 in Greenfield - CA 1900

Johnsbury at 7:35 PM. Photo from the Peter Miller files. today's Valley Flyer service. The train terminated at St.



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