## **Finding Prototype Information**

Scale Rails of Southwest Florida, Inc/ March 10, 2012

## Outline

• Why do we want prototype information?

What kind of information do we want?

• Where do we get this information?

• Must I use a computer?

# Do We Need Prototype Info?

## • NO, if your layout:

- Models 1940's to 2010
- Includes ATSF, Conrail, Amtrak, L&N and B&M locomotives, among others
- Plan green felt on a 4x8 plywood base as your scenery
- Spaghetti bowl track work plan

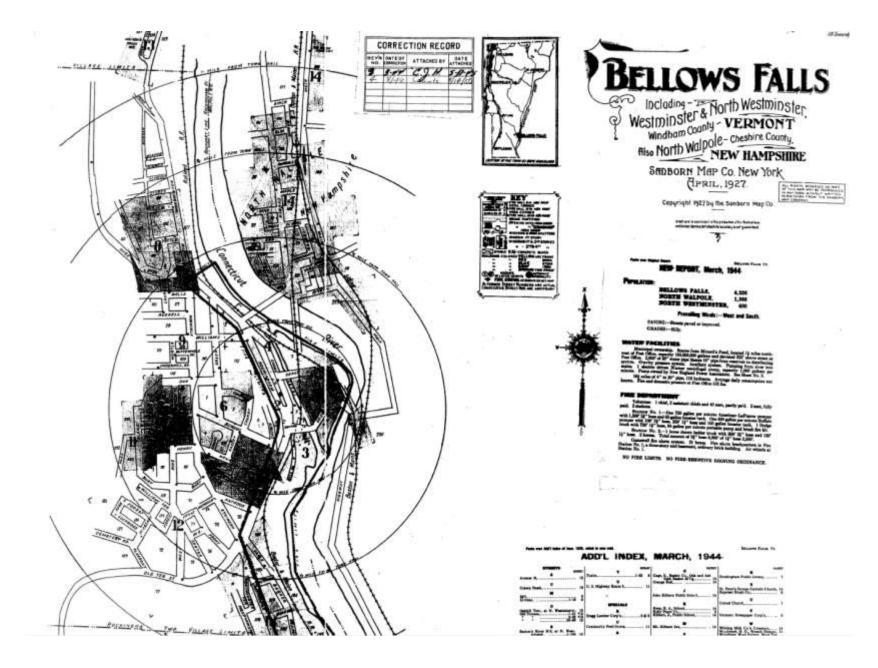
## Do We Need to do Research?

- YES, if you want your RR to tell a story:
  - Set in late summer, 1954
  - In New England
  - B&M, CN, CP and Rutland RR's
  - Be realistic and believable
  - Operations representative of traffic then
  - Industries consistent with what existed then

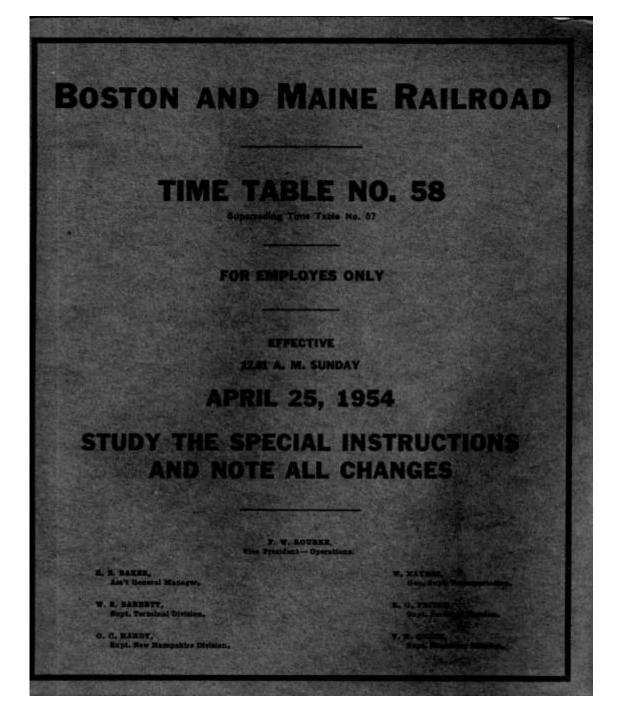
# What are we looking for?

### • For a Specific Railroad:

- Track Charts/maps
- Yard layouts/maps
- Timetables
- Rules books
- Consists for certain times/places
- Drawings/specs, photos for locos, rolling stock, buildings, signals, phone cabinets, relay cabinets, signage, etc.
- Any peculiarities that can be modeled







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### Boston and Maine Railroad STANDARD PLANS

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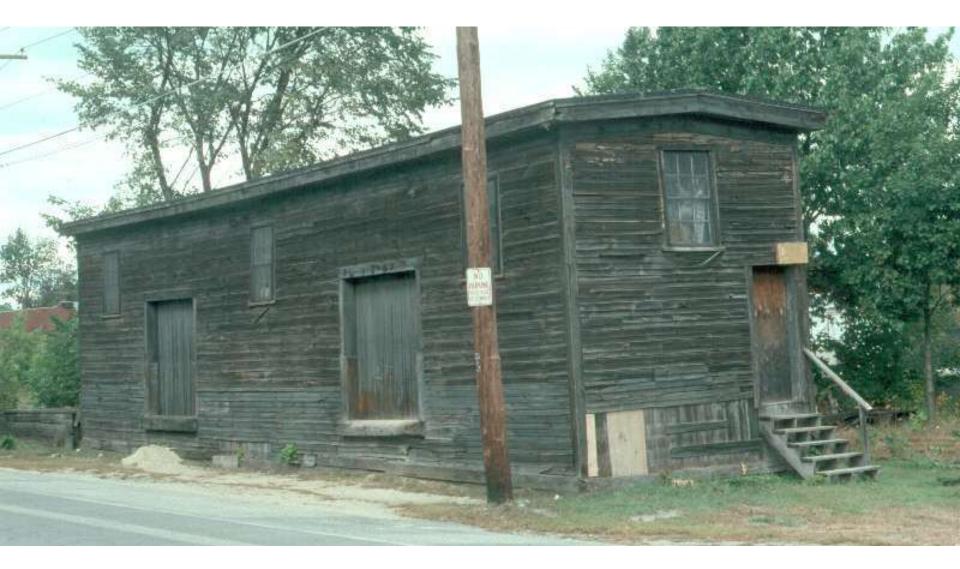
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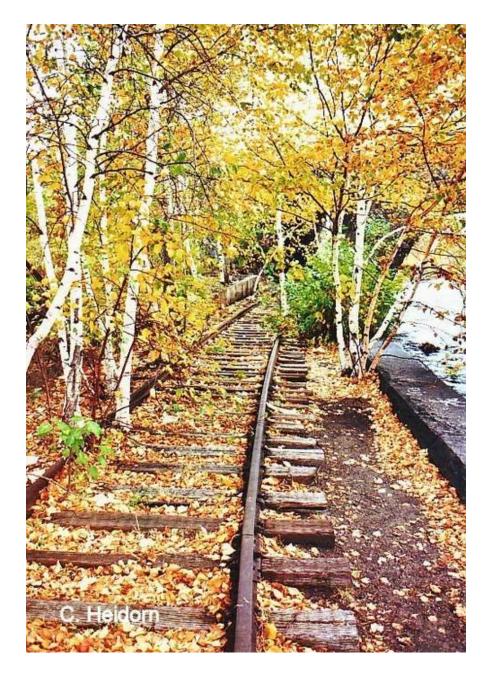
## What are we looking for?, cont.

- Specific Region and Specific Time Period:
  - Photos of terrain
  - Photos and drawings of houses, buildings, cities, industries, farms, and anything else you can think of that you might want to model
  - Industries that were serviced by the RR in the modeled areas in the time period of interest

# Collection of Jim Dufour









### A WORLD FAMOUS INDUSTRY - THE NORTON COMPANY OF WORCESTER

**Norton's chief output is grinding wheels** and it makes about 200,000 different types and shapes of them..... Other important products include non-slip tiles for floors and stairs, ceramic mosaic tile, refractories for all purposes, ceramic surface plates, grinding and lapping machines, and encapsulating and bottle labeling machines.

To guard against chipping or cracking in transit, Norton packages large wheels in wooden boxes or barrels packed with sawdust. Smaller wheels are shipped in corrugated boxes packed with sawdust or shredded paper. Pulpstones are so large and heavy that four of them may fill a flat car. On the other hand, dozens of small mounted points or burrs can be shipped in a single small package.

The **Boston & Maine serves only of Norton's buildings directly**; switching cars to that Plant from the track of our Worcester-Gardner (ex Worcester & Concord Main Line). All other deliveries and shipments are exchanged with the Norton Railroad at the Company's main yard which connects with our main line tracks. From this yard, the Norton Railroad moves incoming and outgoing cars to and from its many buildings. It uses its own cars to move materials between plants during the manufacturing process.

The major inbound traffic brought by the B&M to the Norton Company consists of the raw **abrasives** from Canada and **coal** (from probably Mystic Wharf where colliers from Hampton Roads were off-loaded). Also inbound were many miscellaneous raw materials including clay, brick, sand, sulphur and lumber. Outbound, the B&M handles grinding machines, all types of grinding wheels, abrasive grains and refractory material. (Much of the smaller, lighter items were probably LCL *shipments in 1951.)* 3/10/2012 20

<b>STATION</b>	ROAD	<u>1948</u>	<u>1949</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1951</u>	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>
Berlin - Berlin Mills Ry	BM Ry		4,787	6,447	7,193	6,136	6,521	6,196	6,957	6,834
Other New Hampshire	var.		5,856	4,908	4,836	5,902	3,847	3,374	3,896	3 <i>,</i> 853
Wells River	СР		38,581	44,530	45,272	38,313	41,462	39 <i>,</i> 854	41,403	40,838
Wells River	M&WR		1,262	1,577	1,450	1,335	1,459	782	689	712
White River Junction	CV		21,272	24,050	24,409	20,119	22,147	20,695	22,473	19,638
Bellows Falls	Rutland		9,756	9,890	9,715	8,514	9,252	9,104	10,379	10,340
Other Stations	<u>CV</u>		<u>7,167</u>	<u>8,216</u>	<u>8,348</u>	<u>6,886</u>	<u>8,130</u>	<u>9,195</u>	<u>8,831</u>	<u>9,874</u>
	TOTAL CONNECTICUT RIVER		88,681	99,618	101,223	87,205	92,818	89,200	94,628	92,089
Worcester	B&A		2,603	2,161	2,691	2,011	1,977	2,130	2,319	2 <i>,</i> 458
Worcester	NH		49,369	52,019	52 <i>,</i> 898	50,553	51,024	45,628	46,081	46,017
Lowell	NH		7,078	7,321	7,959	7,293	7,329	5,515	7,521	5 <i>,</i> 865
Fitchburg	NH		1,072	1,412	1,464	1,351	1,904	1,394	1,863	2,159
Other Stations	<u>NH</u>		<u>1,449</u>	<u>1,858</u>	<u>1,735</u>	<u>1,442</u>	<u>1,313</u>	<u>1,428</u>	<u>1,488</u>	<u>1,337</u>
	TOTAL WORCESTER AREA		61,571	64,771	66,747	62,650	63,547	56,095	59,272	57,836

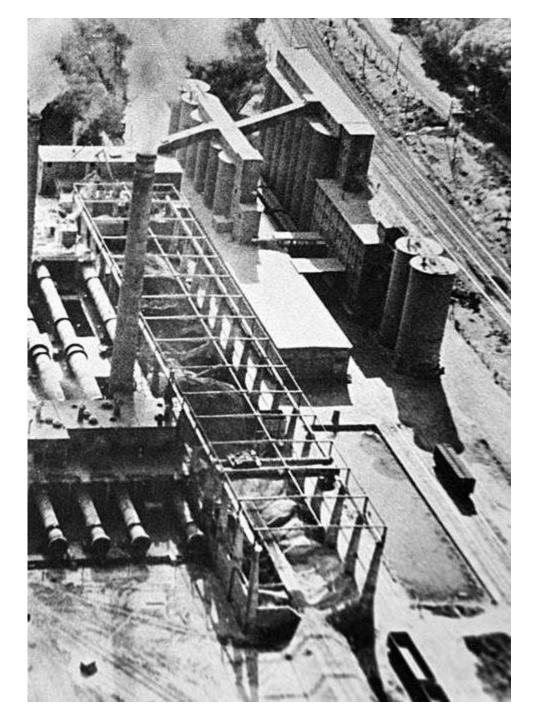
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Berlin - Berlin Mills Ry	BM Ry		4,406	4,993	7,832	7,059	6,505	5,116	6,319	6,873
Other New Hampshire	var.		1,364	1,883	1,516	1,269	1,167	1,317	1,095	1,518
Wells River	СР		25,967	27,391	25,969	22,499	22,474	19,876	21,556	21,011
Wells River	M&WR		2,471	2,237	1,892	1,717	1,903	1,700	1,926	1,537
White River Junction	CV		12,526	12,647	12,028	10,888	10,349	9,095	10,600	9,025
Bellows Falls	Rutland		8,674	9,199	7,899	8,406	7,170	6,568	7,927	7,469
Other Stations	<u>CV</u>		<u>5,555</u>	<u>6,331</u>	<u>5,739</u>	<u>5,573</u>	<u>6,161</u>	<u>6,724</u>	<u>7,054</u>	<u>7,170</u>

TOTAL								
CONNECTICUT								
RIVER	60,963	64,681	62,875	57,411	55,729	50 <i>,</i> 396	56 <i>,</i> 477	54,603

# What are we looking for?, cont.

### • For specific industries:

- Photos, drawings, descriptions, anecdotes, logos, histories, bills of lading, production data
- Process flow information
- Data (car loads/week, type of material, type of car) on raw materials received, from whom and where
- Data (car loads/week, products, type of car) on products shipped and to whom and where





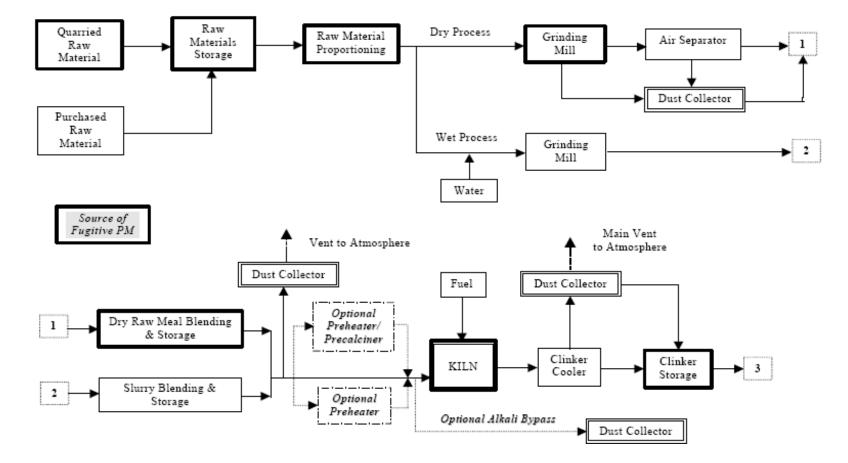
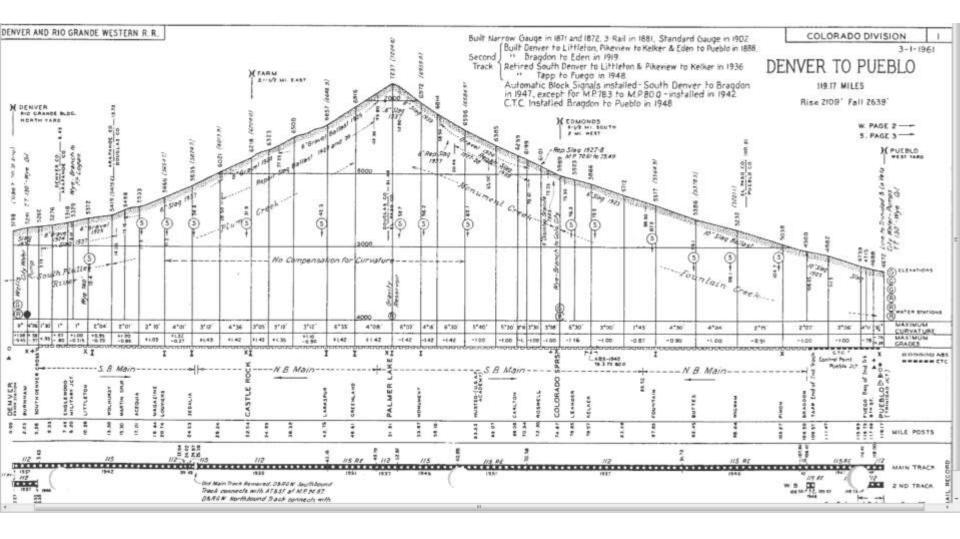


Figure 2-2. Cement Manufacturing Process Flow Diagram

Division	<u>Station</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Industry</u>	Specific Location			
Conn River	Bellows Falls	VT	Bellows Falls Coop Creamery				
Conn River	Bellows Falls	VT	Bragg Lumber	Co.			
Conn River	Bellows Falls	VT	Checkerboard	Feed Store			
Conn River	Bellows Falls	VT	Green Mounta	ain Paper Co.			
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Fitchburg	Fitchburg	MA	Commonweal	th Plastic			
Fitchburg	Fitchburg	MA	DH Dillon				
Fitchburg	Fitchburg	MA	Eastern States	Farmers Exchange			
Fitchburg	Fitchburg	MA	Falulah Paper	Co.			
Fitchburg	Fitchburg	MA	Fitchburg Eng	r. Corp.			
Fitchburg	Fitchburg	MA	Fitchburg Hard	dware Co.			
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Fitchburg	Keene	NH	Ashuelot Valle	ey Lumber Co.			
Fitchburg	Keene	NH	Cheshire Cour	nty Farmers Exchange			
Fitchburg	Keene	NH	Clark Distribut	tors			
Fitchburg	Keene	NH	Economy Coal	Co.			
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Fitchburg	Keene	NH	Kapiloff Poultr	ry Co.			



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D&RGW Track Profile, ghostdepot.com

# Sources of this information

- Many places and many ways:
  - Magazines
  - RR Historical Societies
  - NMRA library and SIGs
  - Libraries, including the Library of Congress
  - Specialized book publishers/sellers
  - Companies (rr and industrial)

## Sources of this information, cont.

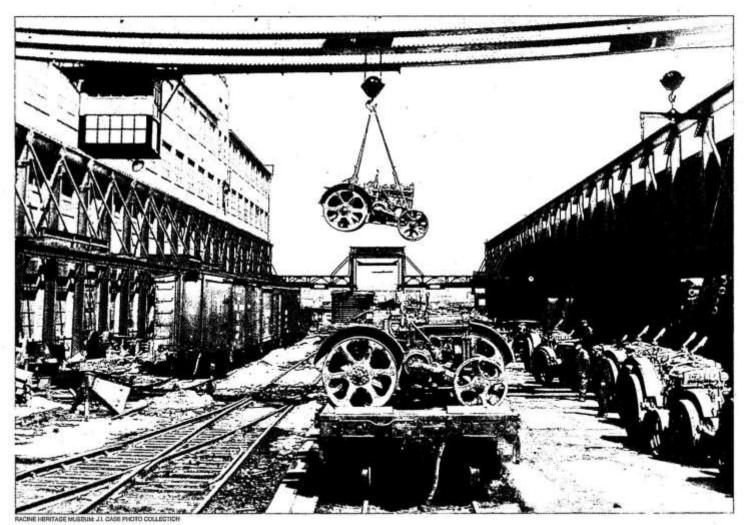
- Many places and many ways (cont.):
  - Uncle Sam
  - Model Railroad Clubs
  - Model railroad conventions and train shows
  - Personal Visits
  - The Internet
- Let's look at some of these sources

## Sources: Magazines

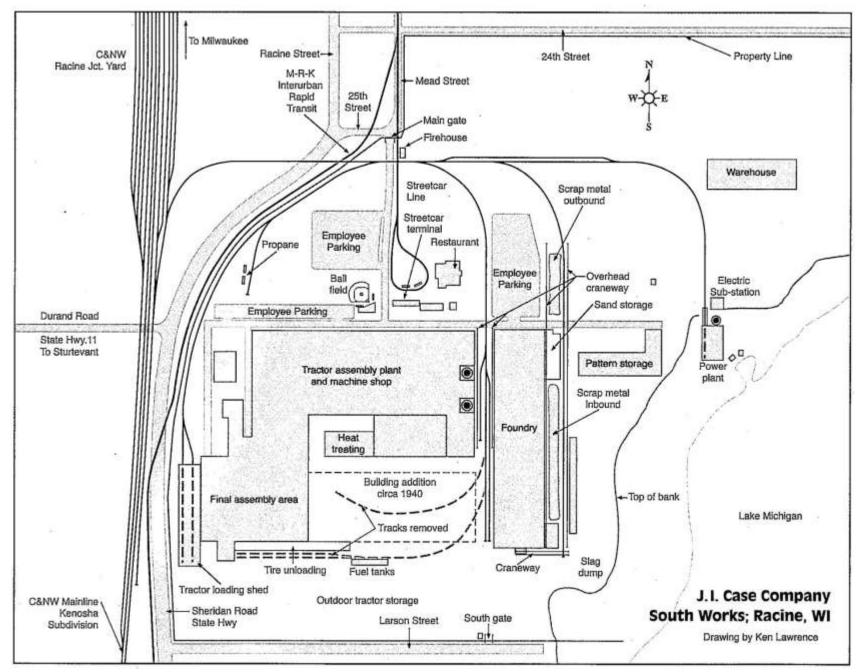
- Many modeling magazines have helpful articles
- Classic Model RR magazines include: Model
  Railroader, Railroad Model Craftsman, Narrow
  Gauge and Short line Gazette, Mainline Modeler
- Trains and Classic Trains are all about the Prototype
- NMRA monthly magazine
- NMRA Special Interest Groups (SIG) and RR Historical Societies issue periodic magazines specific to the railroad of interest

## **Trains and tractors:** The J.I. Case plant in Racine, Wisconsin

A look at how railroads served a large tractor manufacturing plant/Keith M. Kohlmann



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#### WHITE RIVER JUNCTION

#### One ball/red light

Trains from the Central Vermont (Northern Div.) or movements from the west may cross.

#### Two balls/red lights

Trains from B&M New Hampshire Div. (Concord-White River Jct.) main line or movements from the east may cross. Switching over the diamond east and west also permitted.

Three balls/red lights Trains from B&M New Hampshire Div. (Berlin-White River Jct.) or movements from the north may cross. Switching over diamond north or south also permitted.

#### Four balls/red lights

Trains from the CV (Southern Div.) or movements from the south may cross.

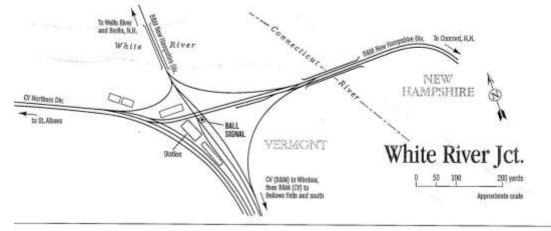
#### No balls/red lights

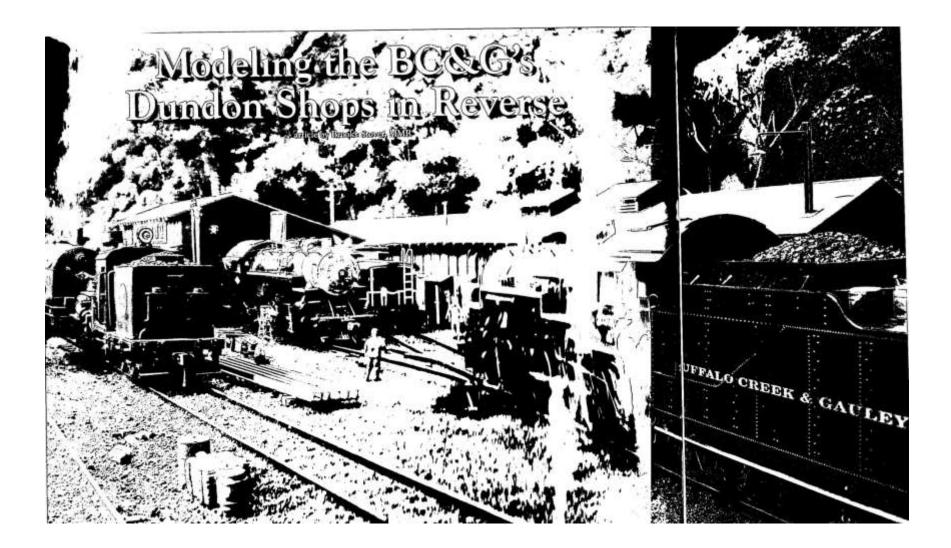
All trains or movements approach-ing the diamond must stop. Any movement over the diamond when no signal is displayed will be made only on authority of the signalman.

Source: B&M Employees Timetable, June 21, 1946

> The B&M train for Berlin, N.H., awaits departure at White River Junction. The switch tender is about to reset the signal to show four balls so the train may cross from south to north.







## THE BELLOWS FALLS MILK

Rodney P. Cowen

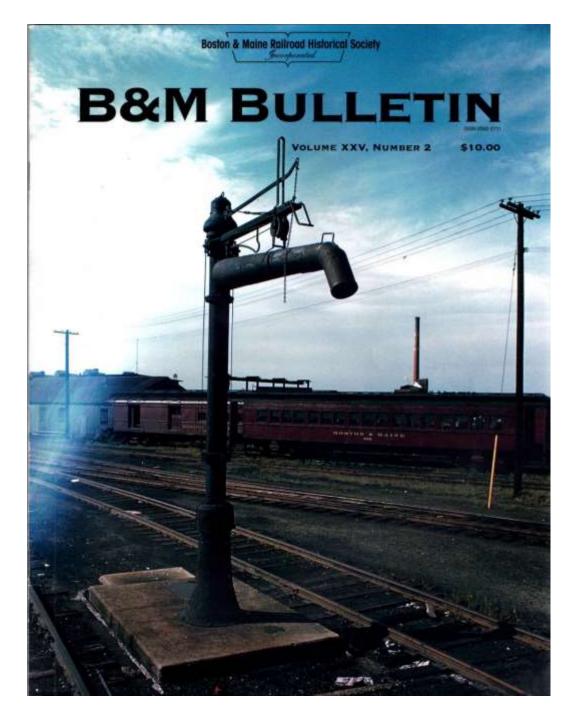


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A FIRST NATIONAL STORES MILK CAR IN 1951, Stanley Y. Whitney photo, B&MRRHS Archives

# Sources: Historical Societies

- Some have extensive, accessible holdings of original railroad info, including drawings, photos, timetables, and industries serviced
- Publish periodic magazines or newsletters with information of interest
- Publish specialized materials of interest to modelers
- Hold conventions that attract people with special info, manufactures and modelers
- Have people with great knowledge of the RR, who live to answer your questions and get you the information you want



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#### **B&MRRHS CALENDAR**

Meetings commence at 3:30 pm on the second Saturday at Rogers Hall unless otherwise indicated.

#### 2012

Jan. 14th Mal Sokol will take us on a journey through New England.

Feb. 11th Gary Gurski will present "A Tale of two cabooses."

Mar. 10th A visit to the Pepperell Model RR Club is scheduled.

April 14th Our joint meeting in Lowell with MassBayRRE cancelled Instead a presentation will be on the Manchester & Lawrence Branch by Erich Whitney, head of the Rail-trail in Derry, NH.

### Membership Notice

Members, please notify the Society when you move and let the Post Office know that you want all mail forwarded. First Class will be forwarded up to one year and all other MAIL up to six months. Without your notification your Society mailings will be returned to the B&MRRHS as "UNDELIVERABLE".

All change of addresses should be sent to the Derry PO Box in care of Membership or if possible emailed via CPC835-DD@juno.com.

Buddy Winiarz, Membership Secretary, B&MRRHS

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From Rt. 495 take exit 38 which is Rt. 38, go right, this is Rogers St. Depending if you come from the north or south there are six and seven sets of lights respectively. Approximately 1.3 miles from Rt. 495 is the last set of lights (working) bears to the left here. Rogers Hall is about 3 teaths of a miles on your right. Directly across the street is Rogers Furt Hill Park, parking is available there.

If you come from Rt. 133 (Andover St.) fullow that until you intersect Rt. 38 in Lowell. Go through this intersection and take your third left which is High St. Go to the end and take a left and this will take you to

Rogers Hall on your left and Rogers Fort Hill Park on the right.

If you come from Rt. 38 or Rt. 113 you need to get off at the overhead traffic circle as if going to St. Johns Hospital. Follow this to the intersection of Rts. 38 and 133 and follow the above directions to High St.



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#### Current News

Intermountain Railway Co. is releasing the B&M FT A-B sets in the original scheme with the winged side heralds, four numbers each in HO and N scale, HO Models will be DC and DCC equipped at \$219.95 List and with optional Soundtraxx Tsunami sound \$359.95 List. The N scale models are DCC equipped and list for \$199.95. Intermountain like other manufactures is making very little if any extra for stock. If you want it be sure to reserve it. Models are due in the July-August timeframe.

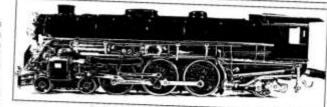
See www.intermountain-railway.com



In N scale Atlas Model Railroad Co. has announced the June release of a new batch of GP-7/9 diesel locomotives featuring new paint schemes and three road numbers each for the B&M and MEC plus an undecorated version. The models are being offered in both a standard DC and a DCC decoder-equipped version. The MEC GP-7 Phase II models are painted gold and green, the B&M GP-9's in blue and white. MSRP is \$109.95 in Standard DC and for \$144,95 in DCC.

According to Atlas, both types of models feature a powered, low-friction drive; blackened metal wheels; dual brass flywheels; directional lighting; goldenwhite LEDs; and Accumate couplers. The DCC-equipped version features a NCE Decoder.

Also in N for June Atlas plans a USRA Double Sheath Box Car in two B&M numbers (#70159 and #70187), MSRP \$20.95.



Rebuilding the Athearn P-4, Part VI By Dave McMullian

The last phase of our work on the P-4 project involved adding details below the running hoard on the right side. Now we are going to work on the lower left side, as well as the front end. Before we get started, let me say that it has been difficult to determine the best sequence for assembly throughout this project. The model involves a lot of delicate parts and fragile assemblies. As a rule, I've tried to build subassemblies whenever possible and leave them unattached while I work on other areas. This minimizes breakage, although I've had a couple of boo-boos. This sequence issue is one of the perils of trying to write a series while the work is still in progress. I suggest that you read all my articles thoroughly before embarking on the project and study how the various parts interact. You may prefer to marrange some of the procedures. One other comment before we start: I've learned that as parts are added, I need to keep filing, trimming, tweaking, and bending work already done. This project involves a large number of hand-fabricated parts, and inevitably, there will be conflicts. So be patient, do lots of trial fits, and work through it one step at a time, Before we start on parts that are unique to the left side, there are several that are the

same as the right side. Refer to Part V in MN #130 for instructions on the following:

Driver Brakes - Kemtron X-222 or similar

Ashpan - Cal-Scale 190-249

Okadee Blow-off Cock - Cary BOC-160 or Precision Scale 3109 Brake Lever on the side of the trailing truck - scratch build Exhaust steam line to the feedwater heater - stratch build

Valve Guide (PSC 31958) behind the cylinders and linkage 2 Bolt Heads (Tichy 8016) and plate on the cylinders

Before attaching the left ashpan, trim .100 from the forward end, and then cut the back end so the overall length is 1.25". Mount it so the forward end is .062 back from the front edge of the firebox. Note that the valve guide is mounted upside-down compared to the one on the right side (see Fig. 1 and compare to the last installment). The combination lever and crosshead link are identical to those on the right; see Fig. 11 in Part V. The exhaust steam line to the feedwater heater is also shown in Fig. 1.

Before we start building the various air, steam, and water lines, you should try to collect as many photos and reference materials as possible to see how these lines are routed. I have copies of the Lima factory drawings for all the plumbing but I still needed to refer to my photos frequently. There are a number of lines that run from the pilot area all the way back to the ashpan area. To simplify fabrication, I divided these lines into sections, with the breaks hidden behind the two air reservoirs. The forward sections

# Sources: NMRA

### **NMRA Library:**

- NMRA library in Chattanooga, TN
- They do research for you
- You can visit and do your own research
- NMRA members can search and find information in the library on-line
- Publish specialized books

### THE POSTWAR FREIGHT CAR FLEET

North American Freight Car Designs from 1898 to 1947





# Sources: NMRA, cont,

- NMRA Special Interest Groups ,about 50, including:
- Layout Design SIG
- Railroad Operations Industries SIG
- Railway Signaling Technical and Historical Society SIG
- Railroad Prototype Modelers SIG

# Sources: Libraries

### **Libraries**

- Local Libraries in area of interest:
- Historical information on RR, industries, and structures
- Historical preservation information including photos

# Sources: Libraries, cont.

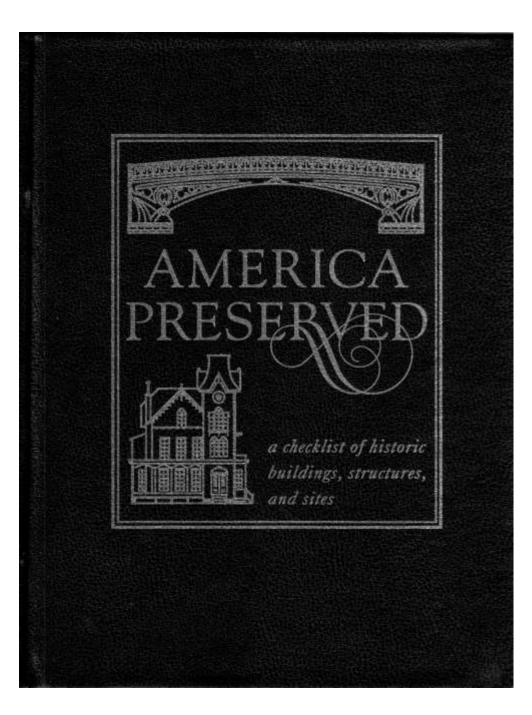
**Railroad Historical Societies in areas of interest:** 

- Special collections relating to railroad or notable industries
- Knowledgeable People
- Photo archives

# Sources: Libraries, cont.

Library of Congress:

- Extensive holdings
- Books on industries
- Interlibrary loan
- Historic American Building Survey/Historic American Engineering Record
- Internet access for much of the information



# Library of Congress Digital Memory Site

- Advertising
- <u>African American History</u>
- Architecture, Landscape
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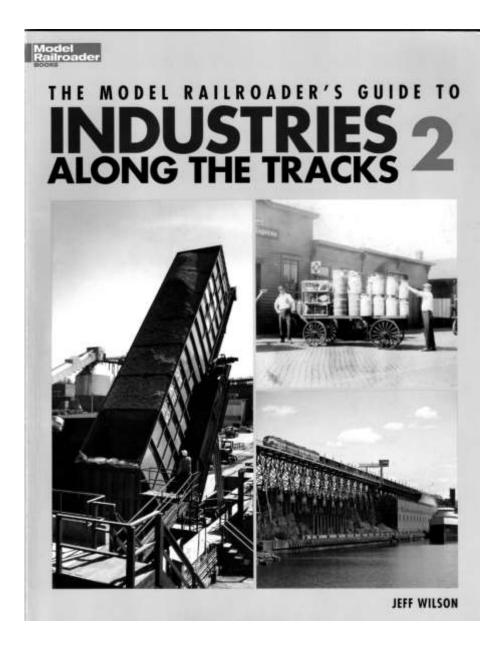
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- <u>Maps</u>
- <u>Native American History</u>
- Performing Arts, Music
- Presidents
- <u>Religion</u>
- Sports, Recreation
- <u>Technology, Industry</u>
- <u>War, Military</u>
- Women's History

http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/index.html

## Sources: Books

### **Books**

- Model RR magazine publishers
- Many companies that sell books of RR interest. Most advertise in the model RR mags.
- Used Book Sellers
- EBAY



## **Equipment of the**

## **BOSTON AND MAINE**

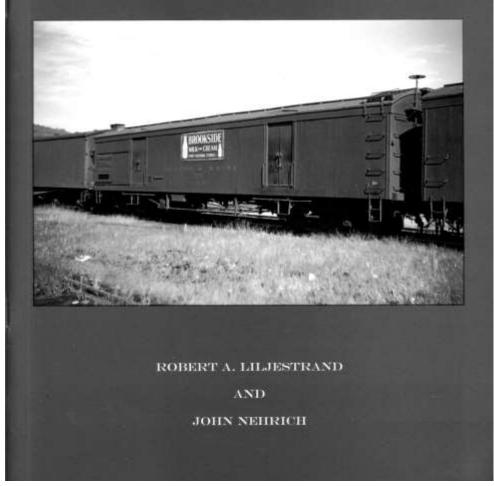
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by Robert A. Liljestrand & David R. Sweetland

### RAILWAY MILK CARS

### VOLUME 2



# Sources: Companies

### **Companies**

- Write a letter to the company what do you have to loose? Gain?
- Some companies helpful, some not
- Most companies have more information than they realize, and donate it to some historical society or library when they need to get rid of it - find out where it is.

# Sources: Uncle Sam

### Uncle Sam

- Everything Uncle has is available to the public
- Uncle REGULATES almost every industry in the nation (OSHA, EPA, FTA, FDA, etc.)
- Therefore Uncle collects everything on industries, including drawings, process analyses, transportation patterns, etc.

# Sources: Uncle Sam, cont.

- Not quite so helpful pre- mid 60's and earlier
- Many docs located in libraries local to the regulated facility
- National Archives -- for nominal copying fee

# Sources: Model RR Clubs

### **Model Railroad Clubs**

- Club Libraries
- Club members

# Sources: Conventions/Train Shows

### **Conventions -- Train Shows**

- Historical Societies, Book sellers, photo sellers all there to sell "stuff"
- Dealers in ephemeral, such as track charts, time tables, rule books, etc
- Manufactures of models have developed expertise in certain areas, and share willingly, \$\$

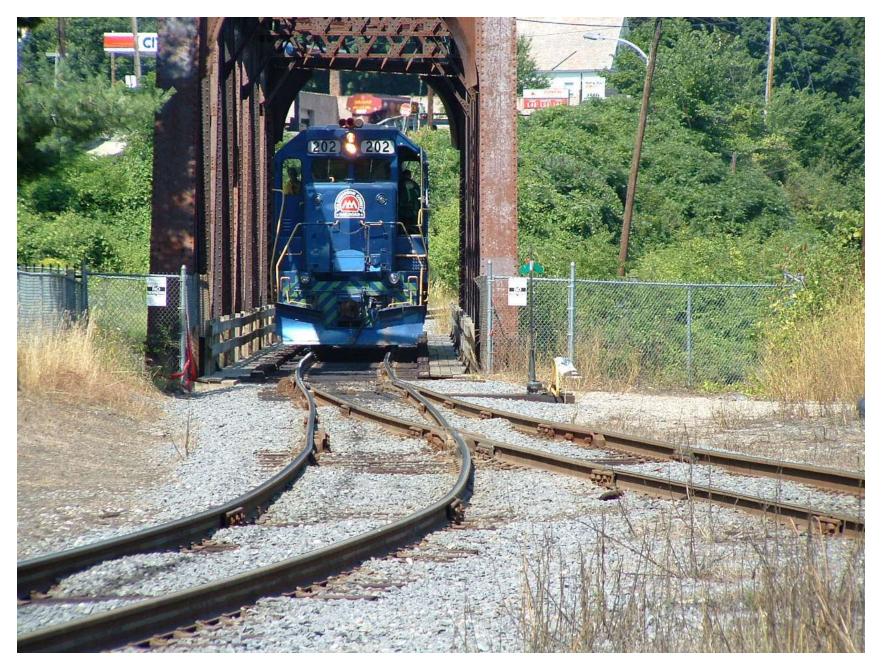
# Sources: Personal Visits

### **Personal Visits**

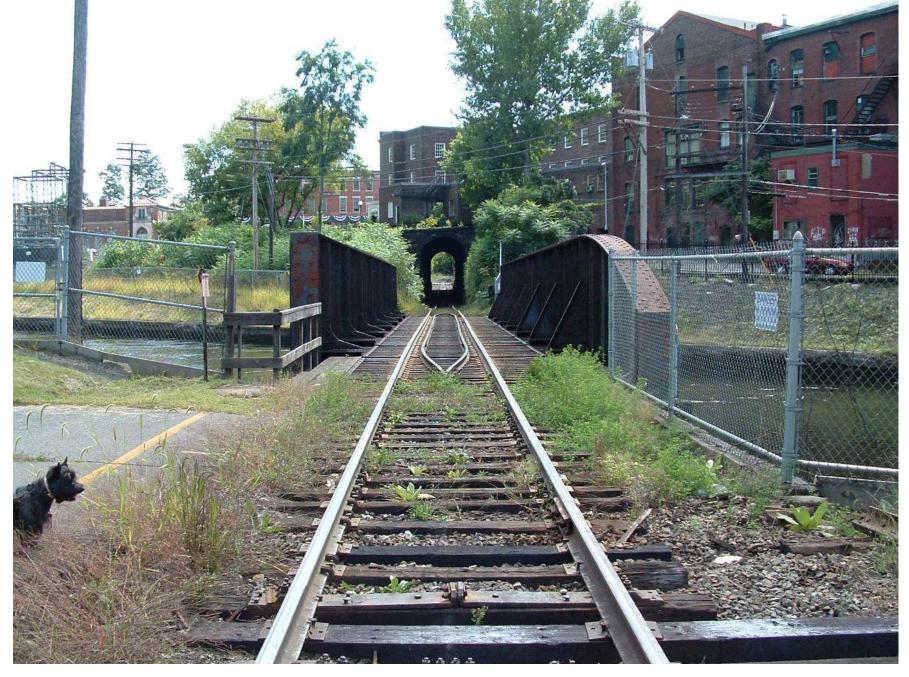
- Gain sense of topography, rocks, soil color, type of trees/brush, colors (take lots of photos and samples)
- Identify actual buildings to include in your layout (take lots of photos and basic measurements)

# Sources: Personal Visits cont.

- Understand where track runs/ran and industries serviced
- Local library has historical information on town, industries, RR
- Fun time!





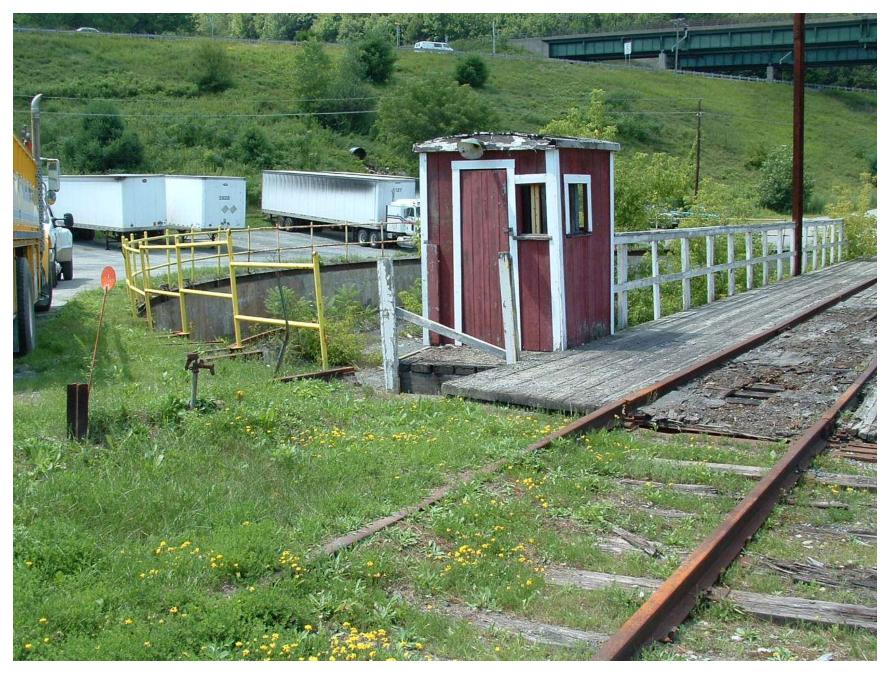














# Sources: Internet

### The Internet

- You can get by without it, but you will miss large amounts of freely and instantly available information
- More and more, what you can get by snail mail you can get on the internet
- Sometimes it is a pain in the a..... but is still worth it
- I'll just scratch the surface today, it is too big to summarize very well

## Sources: Internet cont.

**Groups and Web sites** 

- Both too numerous to cover even in summary
- Will give examples of both I use, and information I've gained

## Sources: Internet cont.

### Yahoo Groups:

- Birds of a feather will flock together
- Common interest, different locations and different resources available to each individual
- Prototype related groups
- Location specific groups
- Technology specific groups

Yahoo

- Yahoo has 360 groups listed under "model trains & railroads"
- Yahoo has 22 groups listed under "ATSF"
- Search to find your groups of interest. Ex. search on "Cajon" will find 159 groups, including the Cajon Group
- Search on "Digitrax" will find 29 groups, including the Digitrax group

#### Yahoo cont.:

 General term search may turn up thousands of groups, narrow the search. "Citrus" had 505 groups, but "Citrus Modeling" had only 9, including the CitrusModeling group

- ATSF
- BM\_RR
- BNSF
- bnsf\_modelers
- CAJON
- casting
- citrusmodelers
- Digitrax
- Espee
- Espee\_forever
- HOtrains
- Industrial\_Modelers

- Idsig
- milktrains
- ModelAirbrush
- Ry-ops-industrialSig
- SCENERY
- Scratch\_building
- Small\_layout\_design
- STEEL
- SunshineRegion
- Traintools
- ScaleRailsSWFlorida

So What do you get from these groups?

- Access to 100s or 1000s of people with the same interest
- Some even know what their talking about but some don't!
- Photos of what they did or saw

- E-mails message lists with questions and answers
- Files with helpful and specific information
- References to Web Sites with even more help
- Photos of prototype, models

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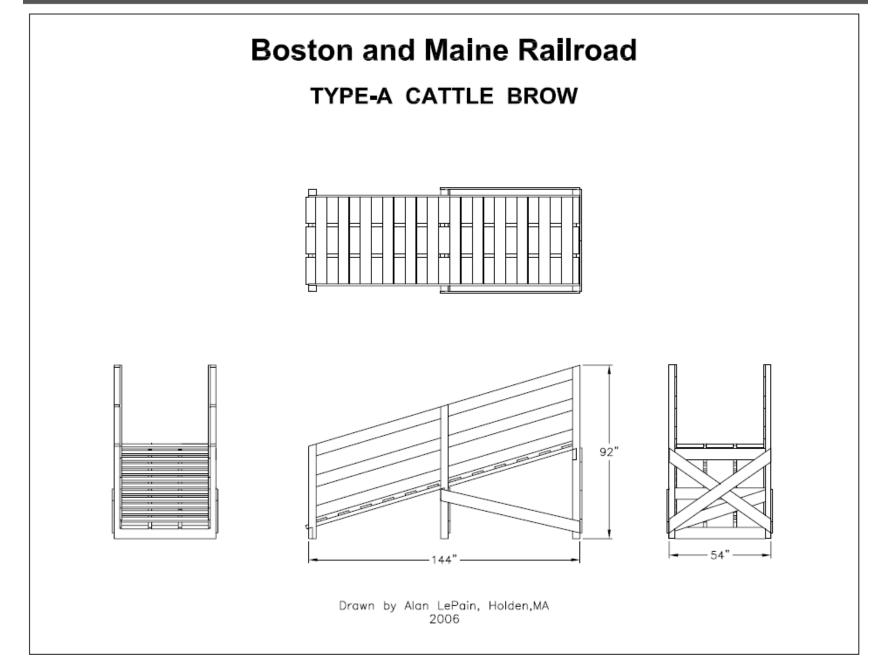
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#### **Boston & Maine Railroad**

Cattle Brow Type-A Image Created by Alan LePain C2008

At many freight houses a permanent or portable Cattle Brow were found. This version is based from a B&M standard plan. Its deluxe version was equipped with "iron rollers" to allow easy potability.





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#### Web Sites:

**Google:** 

- Do a Goggle search on "steel mill" and you will get 333,000 web sites that meet your search criteria
- Narrow you search looking for "Colorado Fuel & Iron" and you get 548 sites
- Some not helpful, duplication
- Some will have more than you expect

#### **Google Earth:**

Search for aerial view of area you want to model



# Sources: EBAY

- Search for "historic building plans" gets 175 returns.
- Narrow to HO Scale cuts that to 62
- Reviewing the list shows several historic structures you might want to build for your layout
- A set of mill plans I purchased this way for \$3.50

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