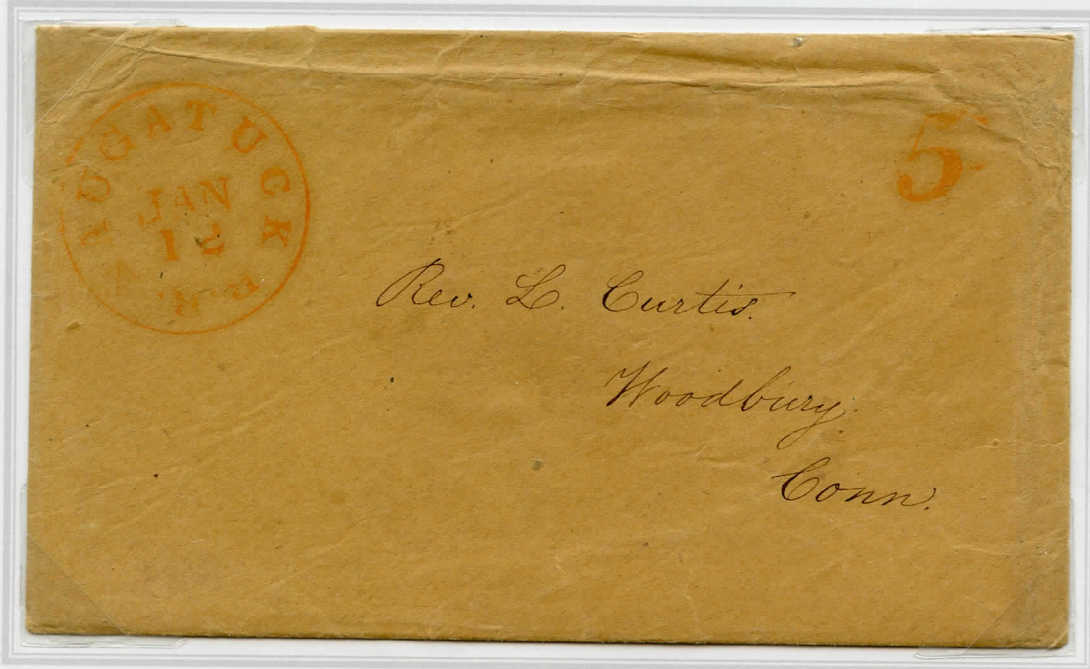


Naugatuck Railroad Route Agent's CDS

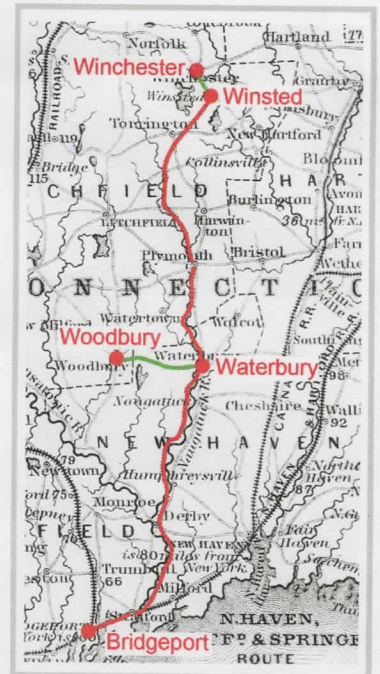
Naugatuck Railroad. Route 689 of 62 miles once daily. Contract value \$2,657 a year

Naugatuck Railroad. Route 942 of 62 miles twice daily. Contract value \$3,100 a year

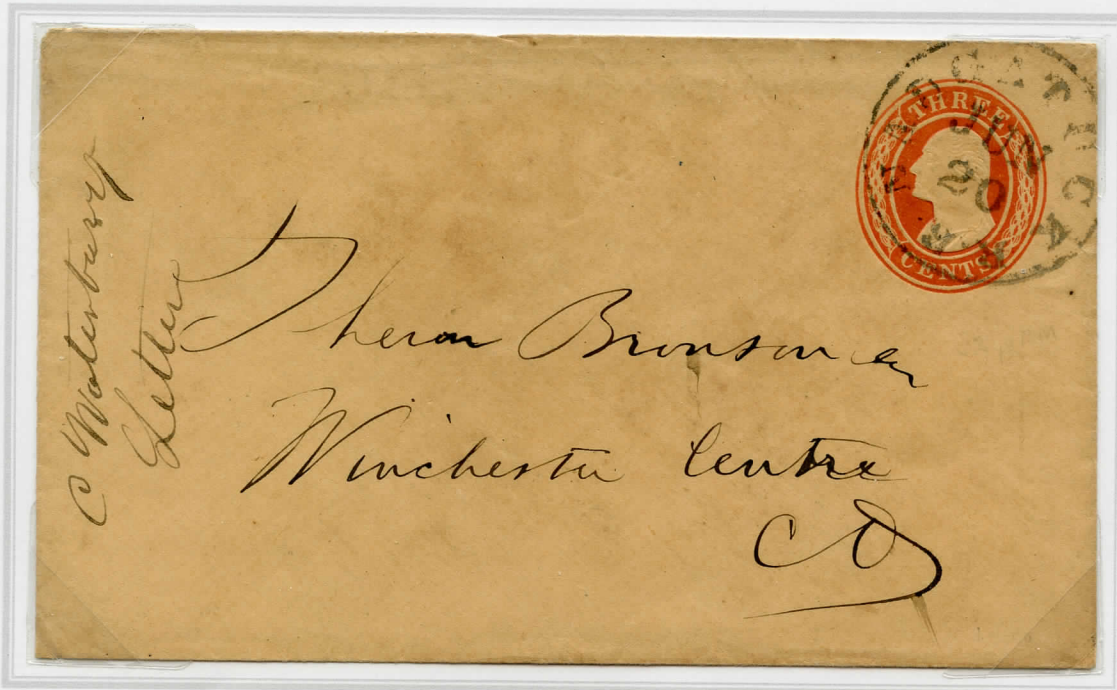


NAUGATUCK R.R. / JAN / 12

Envelope put onto Route 689 on January 5th circa 1850 carried to Waterbury for the post road 10½ miles west to Woodbury.



Map by Appleton of 1850

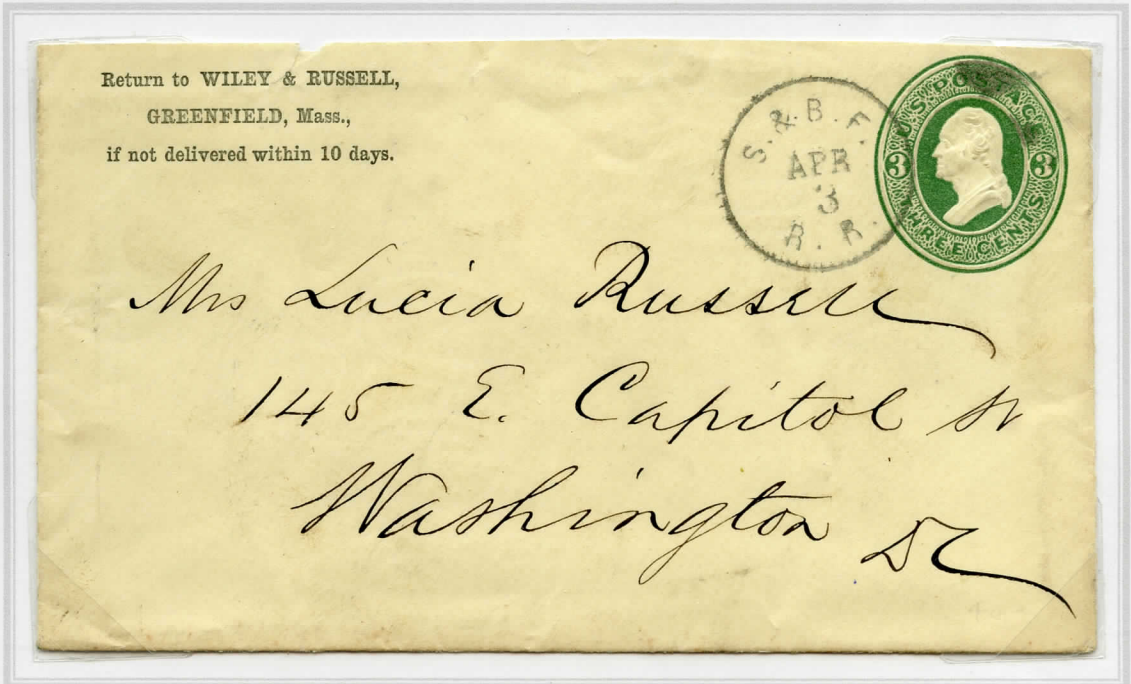
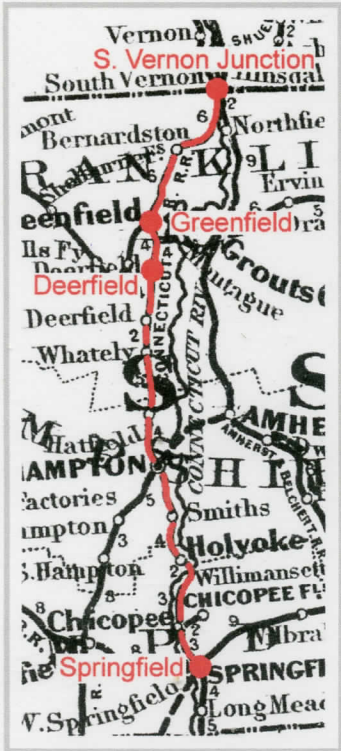


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Nesbitt Die 4 envelope put onto Route 942 on June 20th circa 1854 carried north to Winsted for the 2 mile post road north to Winchester Centre.

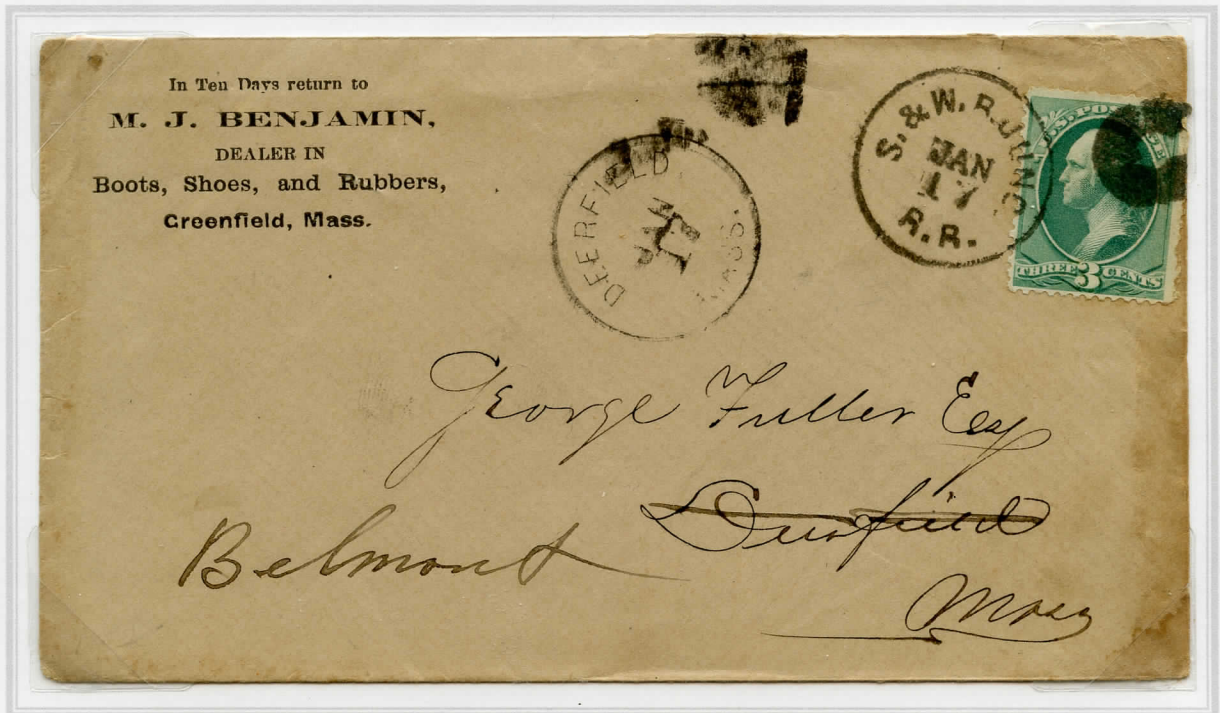
Connecticut River Railroad Route Agent's CDS

Connecticut River Railroad. Route 702 of 50 miles thrice daily. Contract value \$6,550 a year.



S. & B. F. R. R. / APR / 3

Corner card envelope put onto Route 702 at Greenfield to receive the Route Agent's CDS of the Springfield and Bellows Falls two contract route. Carried 36 miles south to Springfield for New York and Washington DC.

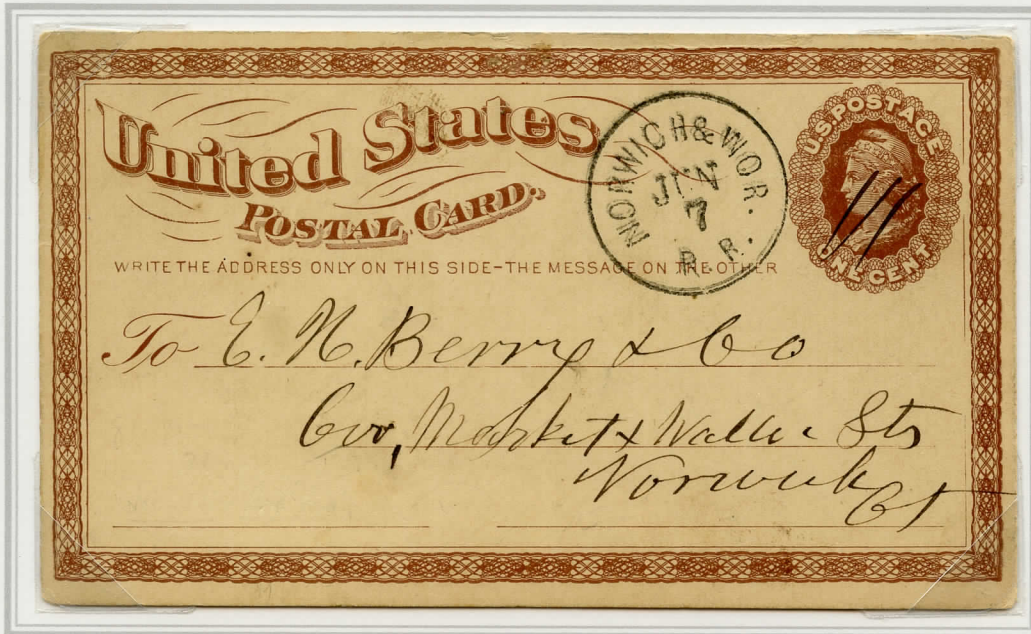


S. & W. R. JUNC. R. R. / JAN / 17

Corner card envelope put onto Route 702 at Greenfield to receive the Springfield to White River Junction Route Agent's CDS. Carried 3 miles south to Deerfield before being redirected to Belmont.

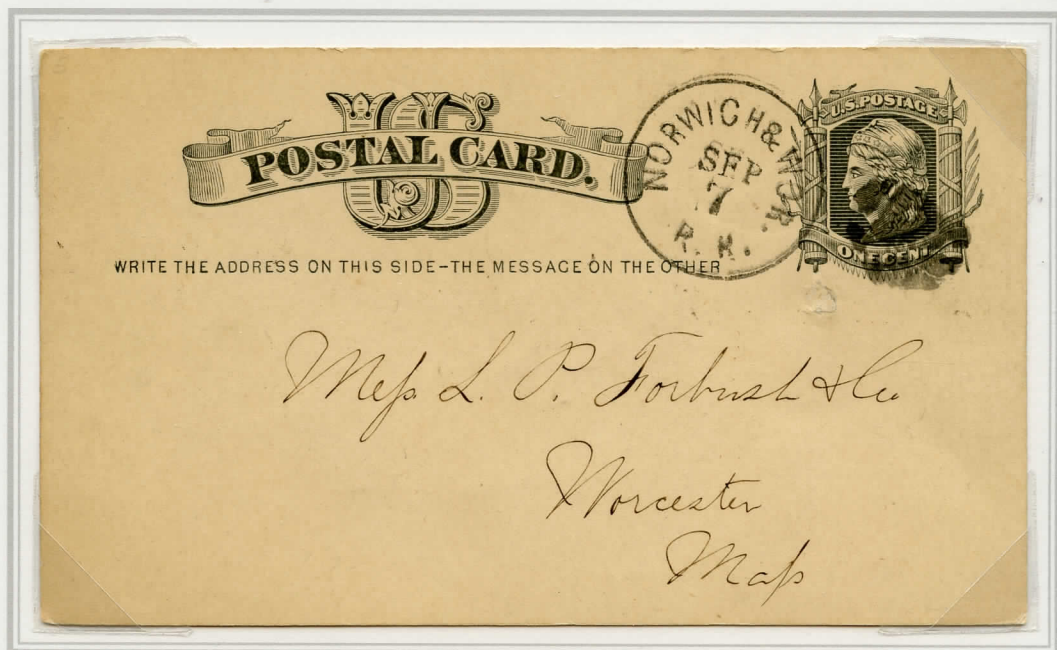
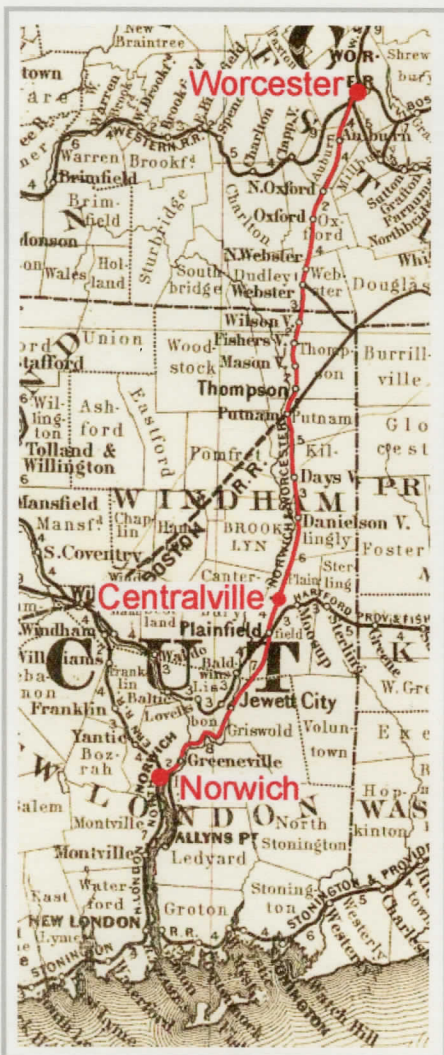
## Norwich to Worcester Rail Road Route 901

First contracted for the 60 mile route in July 1840 with the Norwich & Worcester Rail Road, by 1874 the contract was with the Boston, Hartford & Erie as Route 901 at \$5,100 a year for a twice daily service excluding Sundays. In July 1876 the contract was with New York & New England Rail Road as lessees of the route.



**NORWICH & WOR. R.R.  
JUN / 7**

Postal Card dated "Central Village June 7th 1875" (Centerville) put onto Route 901 for transfer at Norwich via New Haven onto Route 907 for Norwalk. Received the Route cAgent's date stamp (Towle 81-B-1).



**NORWICH & WOR. R.R.  
SEP / 7**

Postal Card (undate) put onto Route 901 on September 7th circa 1877 and carried north to Worcester to receive the Route Agent's date stamp (Towle 81-C-1).

G.W. Colton's map of 1867 with the course of the Norwich to Worcester Rail Road.

# Norwich to Worcester Route Agents Stamp

## Norwich & Worcester Rail Road

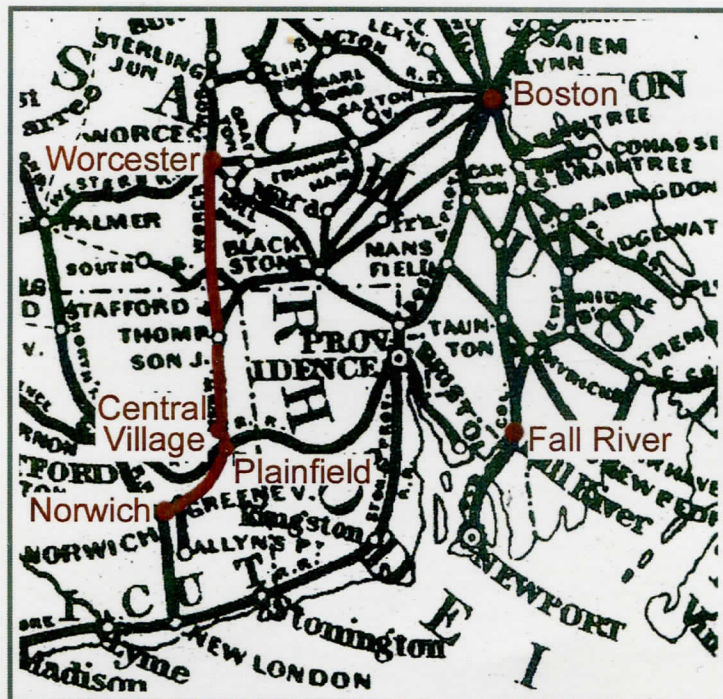
The 59 miles of the Norwich & Worcester Rail Road was completed in March 1840 and provided a connection for Boston. The line was used for Route 672 by 1846 connecting with Route 407 to Boston at Worcester.



### NORWICH & WORCESTER R.R. / SEP / 20

Entire dated "Central Village Sept 20 - 1849" addressed to Fall River. Put onto the rail car at Central Village to receive the route agents stamp type Towle 81-A-1 and his "5" charge stamp.

Probably routed for speed via Worcester and Boston and then south to Fall River.



Appleton's map of 1869

Stonington & Providence Railroad Route Agent's CDS

Norwich & Worcester Railroad. Route 672 of 59 miles twice daily. Contract value \$7,856 a year



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NORWICH & WORCESTER R.R. / JUL / 5

Folded letter file noted "Recd. 5th July 1848" carried north on Route 672 to Worces-



Map by Appleton of 1848



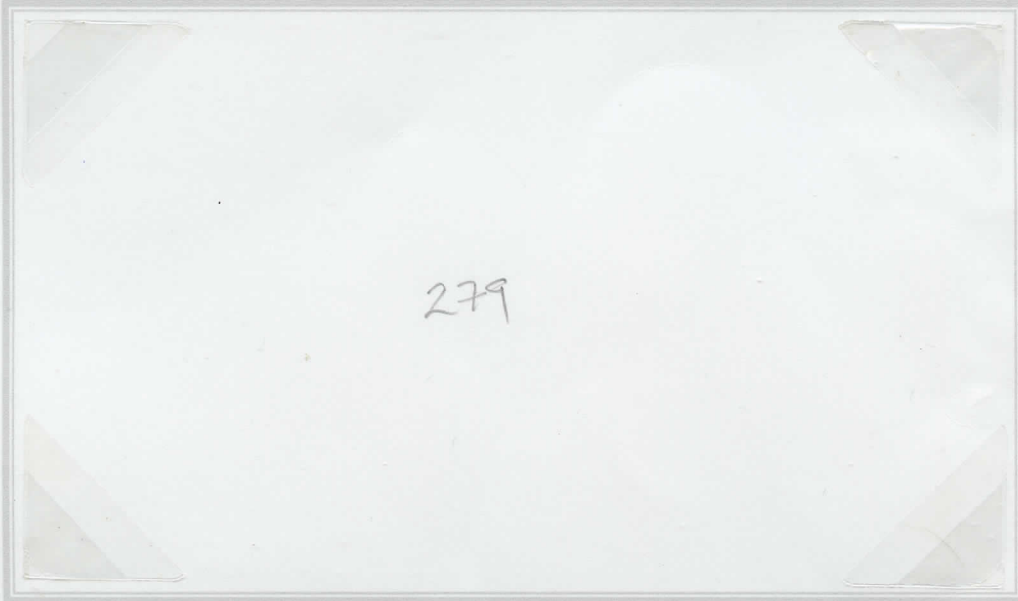
NORWICH & WORCESTER R.R. / MAT / 4

Envelope put onto Route 672 on March 4th circa 1848 for Worcester and transfer east to Boston.

### Housatonic Railroad Route Agent's To Pay Stamp

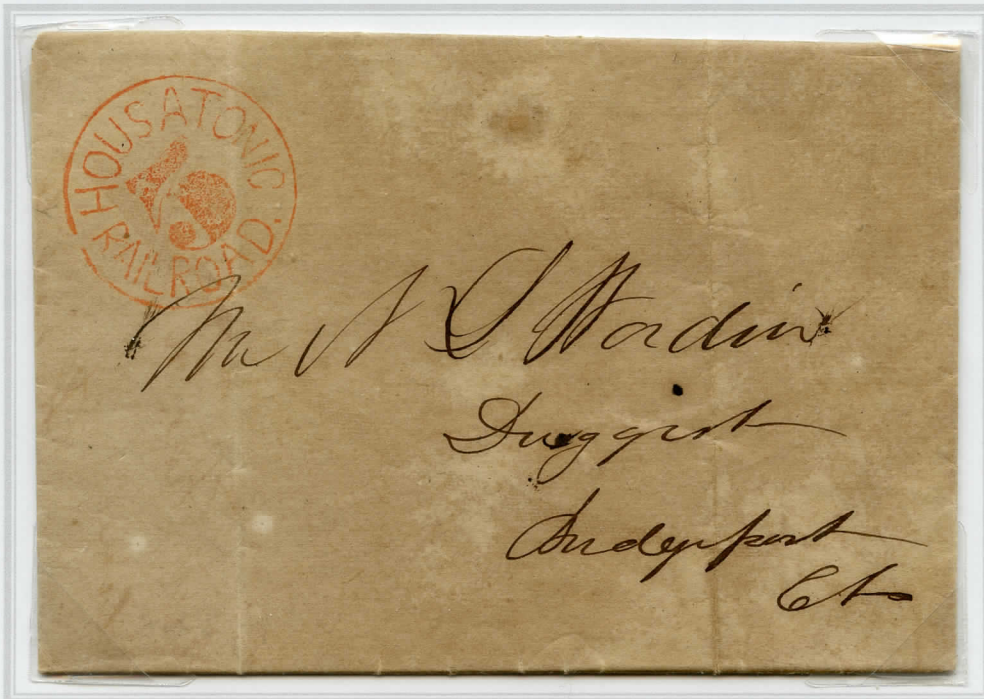
Housatonic Railroad. Route 702 of 96 miles once daily. Contract value \$5,143 a year.

One of only two railroad companies to have Route Agent's stamps with postage due included in the designs.



#### HOUSATONIC RAIL ROAD / 5 (double circle)

Envelope put onto Route 705 circa 1850 carried south to Bridgeport for onward carriage via New York to St. Albans.



#### HOUSATONIC RAIL ROAD / 5 (single circle)

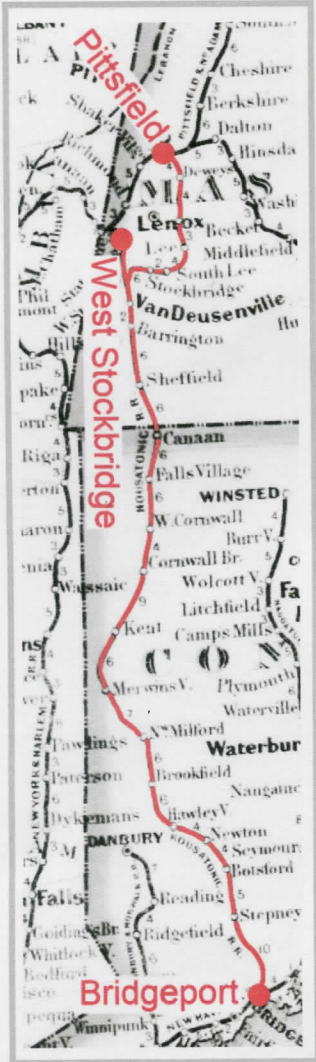
Folded letter file noted "Order Feb 5th 1849" and carried south to Bridgeport on Route 702.



Map by Appleton of 1849

### Housatonic Railroad Routes 702 & 5012

In 1842 the contract with the Housatonic Railroad was for Route 702 for 96 miles between Bridgeport and West Stockbridge at \$3,945 a year for a daily service excluding Sundays. In 1876 Route 5012 between Bridgeport and Pittsfield of 110.55 miles was at \$10,856 a year for a twice daily service excluding Sundays.



G.W. Colton's map of 1871 with the course of the Housatonic Railroad



HOUSATONIC R.R. / DEC / 22

Envelope put onto Route 702 on December 22nd circa 1846 and carried south to Bridgeport for transfer to New York.



PITTS. & BRIDGEPORT AGT. / NOV / 5

Envelope put onto Route 5012 on November 5th 1880 to receive the Pittsfield to Bridgeport Route Agent's date stamp. Reverse bears a New York Received stamp of the same day at 4.30 PM.

Carried south to Bridgeport with the "S" direction stamp applied by the Route Agent.

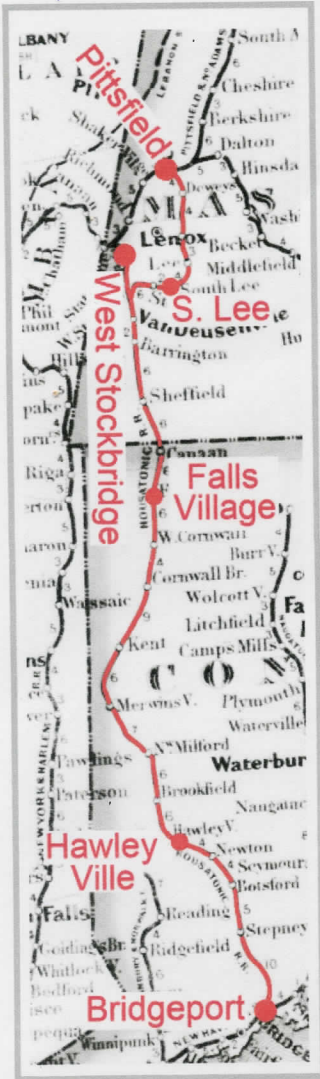
## Housatonic Railroad Routes 705 & 945

The contract for Bridgeport to West Stockbridge was Route 705 contracted in July 1849 at \$3,945 a year. By the contract round of 1857 the route had been extended to Pittsfield as Route 945 of 121 miles at \$7,186 a year for a daily service excluding Sundays.



**HOUSATONIC R.R. / MAY / 22**

Folded letter dated "Falls Village 22 May 1851" and put onto Route 705 to be carried 28 miles north to South Lee.



G.W. Colton's map of 1871 with the course of the Housatonic Railroad



**HOUSATONIC R.R. DEC / 23**

Envelope put onto Route 945 to be carried to Hawleyville located 23 miles north of Bridgeport on December 23rd circa 1857.



**Housatonic Railroad Route Agent's CDS**

Housatonic Railroad. Route 705 of 98 miles once daily. Contract value \$5,143 a year.

Housatonic Railroad. Route 5012 of 110½ miles twice daily. Contract value \$10,856 a year.



**HOUSATONIC R.R. / FEB / 8**

Wrapper file noted "L. Bassett & Co. Feby 7/<sup>51</sup>~~17~~" put onto Route 705 for Bridgeport and transfer to New York.



**PITTS. & BRIDGEPORT AGT. / NOV / 5**

Envelope put onto Route 5012 to receive the Route Agent's CDS and his "S" for southbound canceller. Transferred at Bridgeport for New York.

## Connecticut Western Railroad Route 916

The Connecticut & Western Railroad was chartered in June 1868 to run from Hartford to the state line at Salisbury. Construction was completed on December 21st 1871 and by leasing a portion of the Dutchess & Columbia was able to connect with Vanderbilts New York & Harlem at Millerton.

The 68 mile route was first contracted in July 1871 as Route 980 at \$3,400 a year for a daily service excluding Sundays. By 1876 it was contracted as Route 916 of 69.18 miles for  $9\frac{1}{8}$  trips a week at \$4,150 a year.



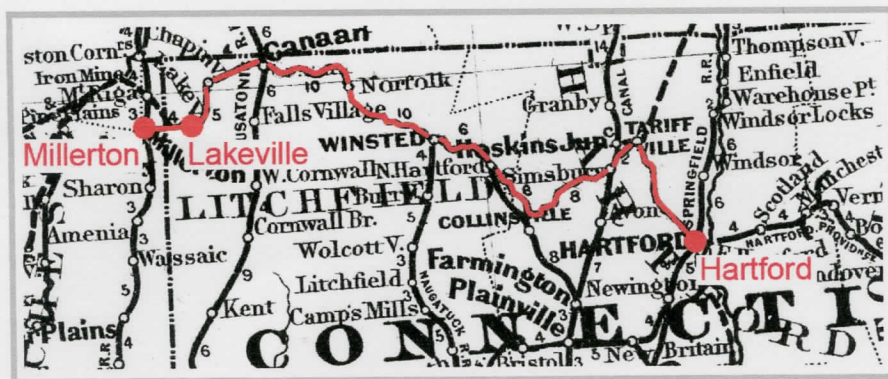
CONN. WESTERN R.R. / MAR / 9

Postal Card dated "Lakeville March 9th 1876" and put onto Route 916 on that date to receive the Route Agent's date stamp. Carried east to Hartford and then north on the Springfield Railroad for Shelburne Falls.

The tool and cutlery manufacturer, Lamson & Goodnow operated between 1851 and 1882 at Sherborne Falls, Massachusetts and also at Windsor, Vermont.

CONNECTICUT WESTERN RAILWAY.									
W. H. YEOMANS, Supt., Hartford, Conn.									
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Timetable from page 100 of Appletons' Railway & Steam Navigation Guide published September 1874.



G.W. & C.B. Colton's map of 1871 the course of the Connecticut Western Railroad and the location of Lakeville.

**New Haven to Greenfield Railroad Route Agent's CDS**

Connecticut River Railroad. Route 503 of 52 miles once daily. Contract value \$4,457 a year.  
Hartford & New Haven Railroad. Route 939 of 63½ miles thrice daily. Contract value \$15,833 a year.

The Route Agents operating between New Haven and Greenfield ran over two contract routes totalling 115½ miles.



**N. HAVEN & GREENFIELD / DEC / 5**

Folded letter date lined "Greenfield Dec. 5. 1849" and put onto Route 503 for the 36 miles south to Springfield.



Map by Colton of 1861



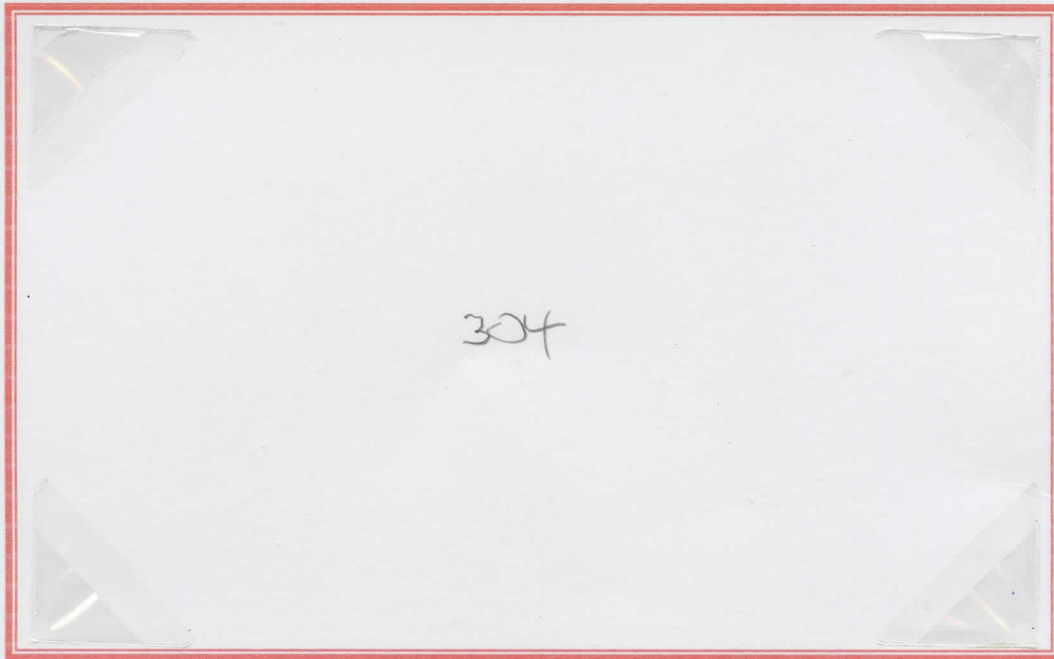
**N. HAVEN & GREENFIELD / SEP / 10**

Envelope put onto Route 939 on September 10th circa 1853 and carried to Hartford for the 14 mile post road south to Portland on the Connecticut River.

**New London, Willimantic & Palmer and New Haven & New London Route Agent's CDS**

Willimantic, New London & Palmer Railroad. Route 712 of 50 miles once daily. Contract value \$2,700 a year.

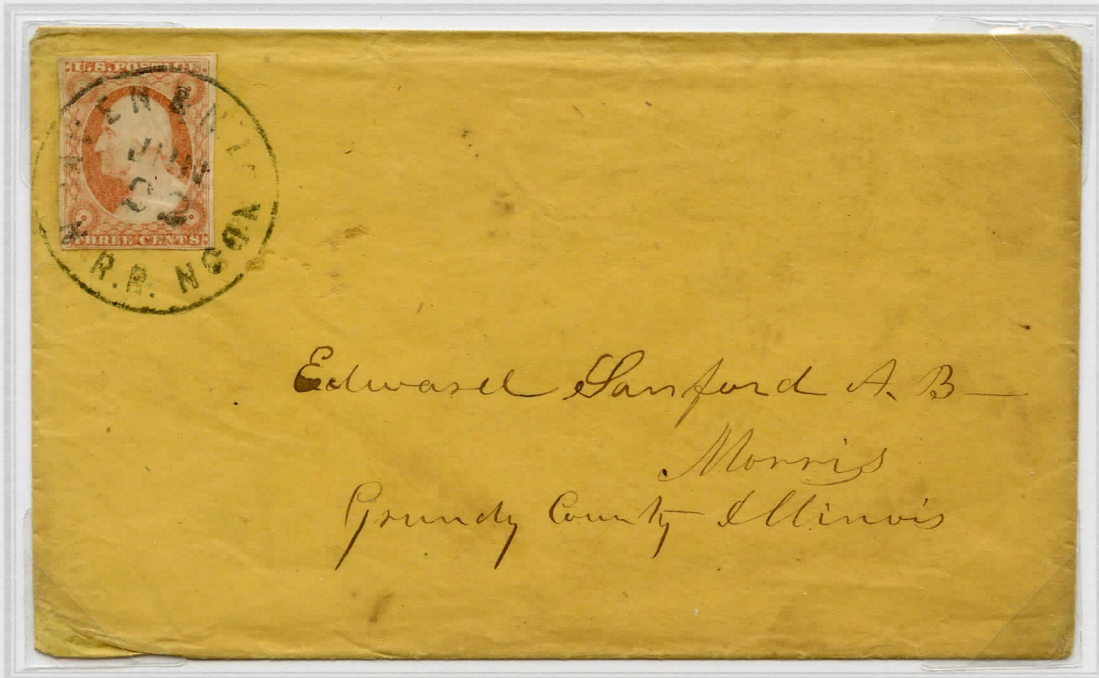
New Haven & New London Railroad. Route 937 of 50 miles twice daily. Contract value \$4,285 a year.



**NEW LONDON, W. & P. R.R.**

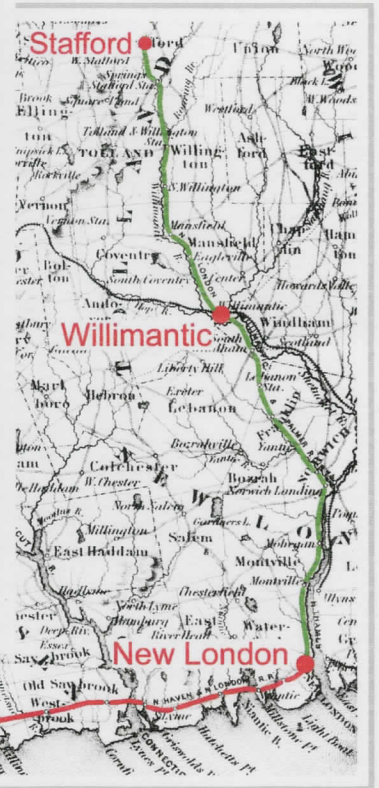
Folded letter date lined "New London Dec 15<sup>th</sup> 1851" put onto Route 712 and carried 36 miles north to Willimantic. Transferred west on the Hartford, Providence & Fishkill R.R. to Hartford.

**Rated Extremely Rare by Towle.**



**N. HAVEN & N. LONDON R.R. / JUN / 22**

Envelope put onto Route 937 on June 22nd circa 1854 and carried east to New Haven for transfer on the New York & New Haven R.R. to New York for Illinois.



Map by Colton of 1859

Key

- Willimantic, New London & Palmer
- New Haven & New London

## New Haven to Bellows Falls Route Agents Stamp

The route of 136½ miles was run on the course of four separate contracts with the mail car being run through. At various times some Route Agents worked the full route and others worked sections.

Between 1853 and 1857 the route consisted of the following: Route 939 New Haven to Springfield, 63½ miles on the New Haven & Hartford R.R. Route 632 Springfield to Greenfield, 36 miles on the Connecticut River R.R. Route 661 Greenfield to Brattleboro, 13 miles on the Vermont & Massachusetts R.R. and Route 469 Brattleboro to Bellows Falls, 24 miles on the Vermont Valley R.R.



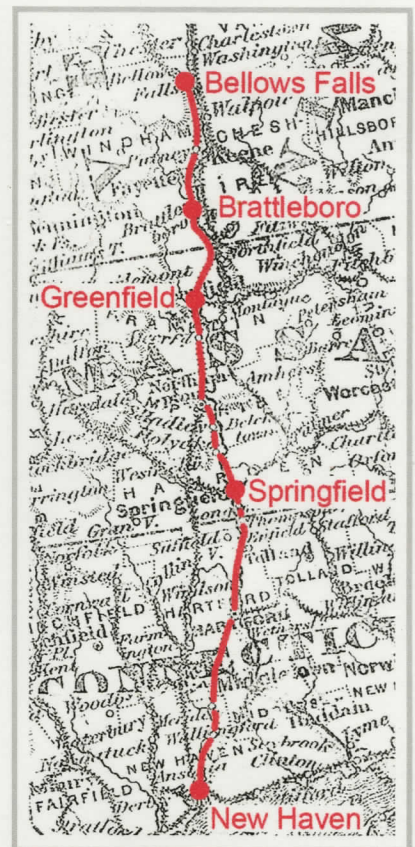
### N. HAV. & BELLOWS FALLS R.R. / FEB / 1

Envelope addressed to New Haven and carried south on February 1st circa 1858 to receive the Route Agents Terminal date stamp cancelling the 3 cent franking.



### N.H. & BELLOWS FALLS R.R. / 18 / MAY

Envelope addressed to Portland, Oregon file noted by addressee "May 18 1854" and franked at the 6 cents for over 3000 miles rate of 1851. Routed south to New Haven for New York and then via Panama and San Francisco. Franking cancelled by the Route Agents date stamp.



G.W. Colton's map of 1873 with the four sections of the route highlighted.

## New York & New Haven Rail Road Route 710

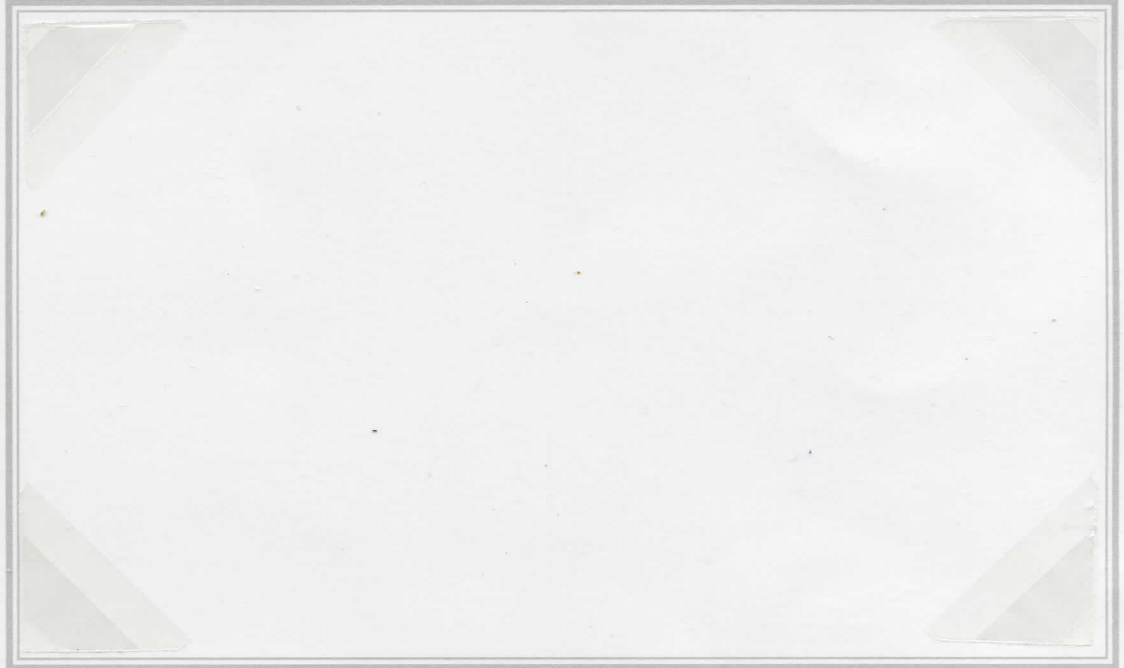
The New York & New Haven Rail Road was completed in late 1848 and the first contract commenced July 1st 1849 for the 78 miles of Route 710. Payment was \$13,132 a year for the twice daily service excluding Sundays.

The tracks of the New York & Harlem were used for the first 14 miles to Williams Bridge with the companies own tracks for the 63 miles east to New Haven.

### N. YORK & N. HAVEN R.R. JUN / 9

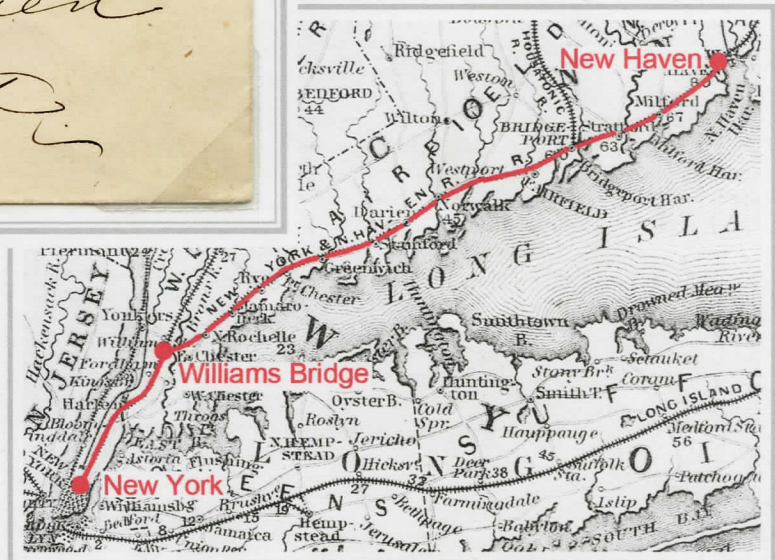
Envelope file noted "June 8th 1852" carried to New Haven on Route 710 and addressed to Vernon, Connecticut. At New Haven transferred to Route 687 on the New Haven & Springfield Rail Road to Hartford and then 14 miles on the post road east to Vernon.

The Route Agents Terminal stamp (Towle 70-D-1) struck for June 9th and the 3 cent franking cancelled by the Agents grid.



### N. YORK & N. HAVEN / JUL / 5

Envelope carried on Route 710 on July 5th circa 1852 to New Haven franked 3 cents cancelled by the Route Agents Terminal date stamp (Towle 70-D-1).



Map 15 of Appletons' Railroad & Steamboat Companion of 1848 with the course of the New York & New Haven Rail Road.