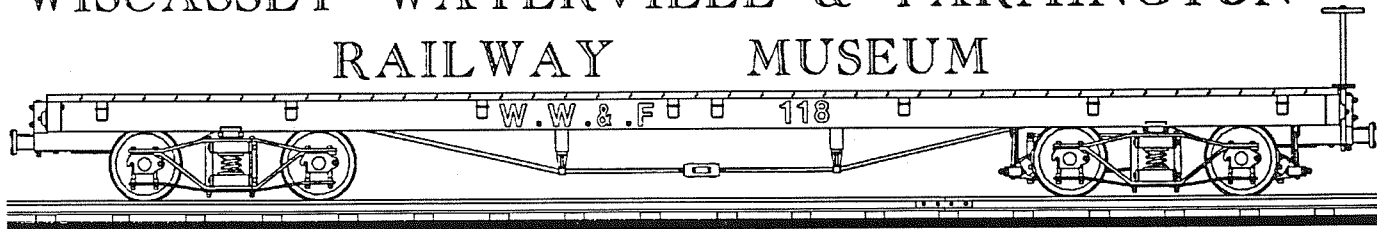


WISCASSET WATERVILLE & FARMINGTON RAILWAY MUSEUM



SPECIAL AUGUST ISSUE 1993

WORK PARTY DOING SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 1993

By Bruce Wilson

Our volunteers met at the museum site at 9 a.m., and after a brief discussion and introduction period, commenced work.

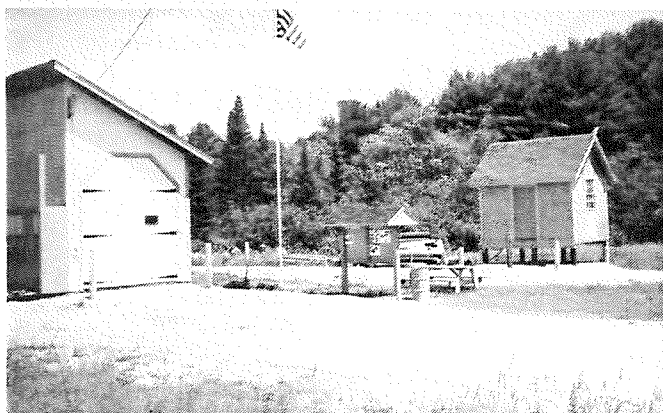
We began gathering materials to be sent out to mechanic Falls for pressure treating; including, the sills for Flat Car #118 and numerous cedar railroad ties. following this we relaxed a bit and took turns looking at Joe Ruzyckij's photo album of the W W & F. During this Roger Whitney came by with the mail which to everyone's surprise included a \$1,000 check from the Amherst Railway Society! (rumor has it that Roger received a peck on the cheek from Joe during our moment of jubilation)

After this we formed up into 2 groups and got things rolling....One crew installed the roof on the Sheepscot Depot and another set in 4 pressure-treated sills for Bay 2 & 3 of the Engine House. Following a lunch break under sunny and clear skies, work resumed until about 4 p.m. when we called it a day and secured the site.

Not wanting to end a perfect day quite yet the gang decided to hike up the grade to the site of the Numason Brook Trestle (still standing). There we took numerous photos and enjoyed the scenic beauty that is so much a part of the W W & F right of way.

Those in attendance were:

Joe Ruzyckij, Tanya Ruzyckij, Harry Percival, Zack Whitney, John Bradbury, Lawson Powall, Bruce Wilson, Don Martin and Jeff Schumaker in from Ohio to participate in the Portland Railfans Day.



WORK SCHEDULE

Work schedules are now every Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mark your calendars, and join us if you can. We welcome your contribution of time. If you don't know how to find us, refer to the map in this issue. For further information call Joe.

PROJECT LIST

1. Construction of Bay #2 and 3 enginehouse/shop
2. Track acquisition
3. Electrical work Bay #1, 2 and 3
4. Museum displays
5. Equipment and parts acquisition
6. Locomotive restoration—mechanical (upon arrival)
7. Cutting of ties and laying of rail
8. Acquisition of photos and memorabilia
9. Fundraising
10. Membership drive
11. Transportation of equipment

WANTED

The museum is seeking 52 and 55 pound rail in good condition; as well as, 3 switch stands, points, frogs and switches for 52 and 55 pound rail. The above are also needed for 35 pound rail.

We are also seeking a Model T or Model A Ford frame with the front nose; rest of body not important. We would like to start building a railbus or inspection car this coming winter. We are presently gathering parts for this upcoming project.



The Museum site in July 1993

Report from the President

As you read thru the special issue of our newsletter you will see that much progress is being made at the site. Many events have taken place that have provided the motivation and drive for an energetic summer of preparations by many volunteer members.

Recently, we received a \$1,000 donation from the Amherst Railway society for the completion of the Sheepscot Station and other small projects. This has been the biggest donation of its kind since our organization was formed in 1989. Donated materials as well as labor have transformed the museum site, and long awaited rail has arrived for the start of our mainline construction project. The planned acquisition of the 2 mechanical locomotives along with Flatcar #118 will be the start of our working museum.

Many of our members are seeking out the long forgotten and unwanted. Although many years have passed since the last narrow gauge train ran in Maine, much still remains in fields, farms and our overgrown right-of-ways. With an uncertain future, we are in hopes that we can rescue these relics or parts so that they be restored and given a permanent home.

Less visible, but equally as important, are the volunteers who spend their Saturdays working at the site. Some drive up to 5 hours from out of state. Also, many members across the United States are helping in any way they can by promoting us at shows.

The overall cash flow during the past few months has been the better than the preceding year; but, funds are starting to run low. The progress that you see in the photo's are in large part due to donations. Nothing much comes from today. The continuing financial support from with in the membership is acknowledged with deep appreciation. Our top priority will continue to be raising the necessary funds to support our growing museum. We need to tap that for greater support from outside the membership that is our ultimate answer to our funding requirements. We must therefore seek new directions in our fundraising efforts to support present and future projects. Our ability to accomplish this will determine the future course of our organization. We are a small group but very dedicated and ambitious. We are gaining a reputation of being a group that gets things done; and, we will continue to do so and move forward with our goals rail by rail and board by board.

It is indeed gratifying to report to you all that membership continues to grow, and participation by members is on the rise. Remember, what we are building and acquiring is yours. You have made it possible with your membership and support. We are rebuilding and preserving a part of our great railroad heritage for the future to enjoy. Although the challenge is great it is possible. You can see it in the photos and in our progress.

As for the future, we will continue to build our base of operations at Sheepscot Station. Most importantly we will complete Bay #2 and #3 before December 31. We will continue to acquire equipment and lay our planned 8 miles of track. The project will be years in the making, but it is possible. The progress we are making this year is due to you all, and each and every member of our organization can take pride. We are a group on the move, and I thank you all for making it possible.

Hope that you all stay with us as we grow and celebrate in 1995 the centennial of the building of the railroad. Till our next issue take care and peace.

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The diesels are coming!



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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

W W & F RAILWAY MUSEUM MEMBERSHIP STANDING

Below is a list of membership by state:

CA	3	NH	3
CO	2	NJ	2
CT	4	NY	5
DC	1	OH	4
FL	1	PA	6
GA	1	RI	4
IA	1	SC	1
IL	3	TN	2
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MI	1	WA	1
MN	5	WE	1
NC	1	WY	1

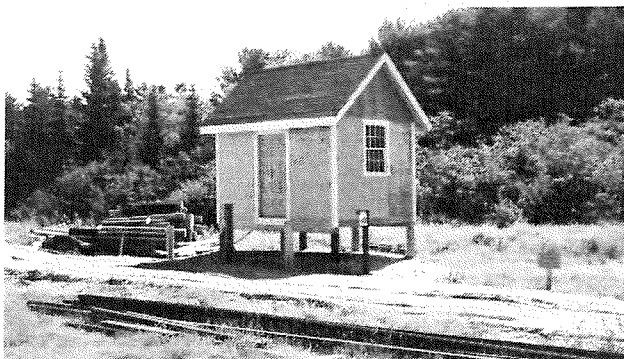
CHARTER MEMBERS:	50
LIFE MEMBERS:	20
ANNUAL MEMBERS:	117

Total number of members in United States is 186. Also, we have 1 member in Canada, 2 in the United Kingdom, and 1 in Northern Ireland; bringing our total membership to 190.

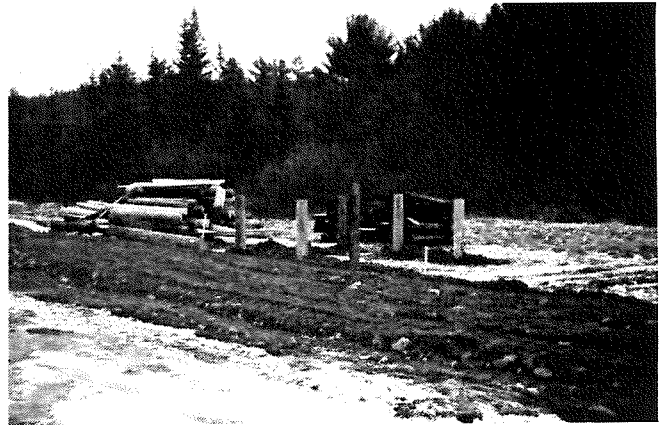
Note: From 7/92 to 7/93 we have gained 49 new members. We presently mail 200 newsletters and hand out another 100. In addition to the newsletters, we sent out over 500 information packets; and shortly we will be sending out 5000 brochures.

NEW MEMBERS

John Bradbury	Quincy, MA
Ben Campbell	Arlington, MA
Terry Smith	Lebanon, NH (British)
Robert E. Audley	Sugar Grove, PA
C. M. Hardenbergh	Yarmouth, ME
Bill Whitfield	Wiscasset, ME
Bill & Nancy Butler	Lincoln, MA
Eric Larsen	Boothbay, ME
Chris Walker	Northern Ireland
Linda Wilson	Pembroke, MA



Sheepscot Station - July 1993

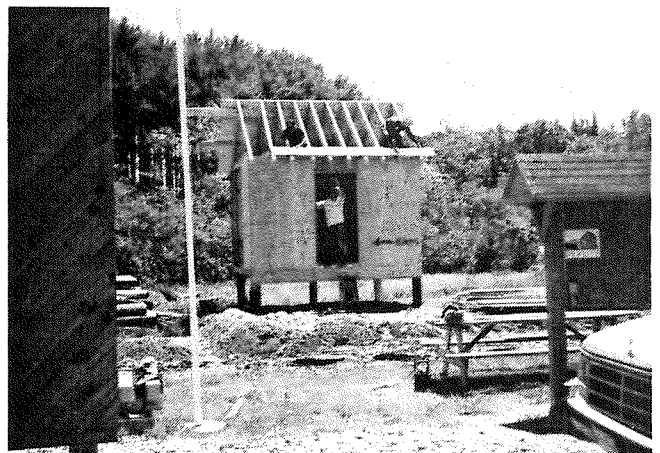


Start of Sheepscot Station construction - Dec 1992

PROGRESS REPORT

Much progress has been made at the museum site over the past 3 months. Flatcar #118, after being in storage for 3 years till restoration of Bay #1 of the enginehouse/shop was completed, is now just about finished; the car stringers and decking arrived back from the treatment plant on July 15 and the flatcar has been assembled. Bay #1 is filling up with tools and parts from all over. Also, some sheetrocking has been done inside the bay and part of our photo collection is on display. 300 feet of 52 pound rail from Seashore Trolley Museum is now at the Sheepscot Station and is ready to be put down on the right-of-way. Also, 900 feet of right-of-way has been brought up to grade and is ready for stone and ties. Information boards have been installed in places of interest along the right-of-way. The 30 track feet of rail coming out of Bay #1 has been spiked down so Flatcar #118 can be rolled out for display. The Sheepscott Depot is nearly completed due to the generosity of the Amherst Railway Society. A gift shop has been set up on the station, and a drainline and power feed line installed for the station. Also, 30 feet of old cast iron railroad culverts are waiting to be placed in other parts of the right-of-way.

The new information board is filled with brochures from other museums as well as information on our group. Work crews at the site number 8 to 12 each Saturday, and work is now being focused on the construction of Bay #2 and 3 of the enginehouse/shop. Once completed we will have over 160 feet of track under 1 roof.



W.W. & F. volunteers hard at work boarding the depot roof

SHEEPSCOT VALLEY RAILROADERS

Financial Report - Quarter Ending June 30, 1993

Receipts (4/1/93 to 6/30/93)	
Dues - Charter and Life Member	\$ 400.00
Annual Member	260.00
Contributions	1,643.50
Items Sold - Misc	175.00
Special Projects	175.00
Pledges	120.00
Interest	<u>12.15</u>
	\$2,785.65

Expenditures (4/1/93 to 6/30/93)	
Pictures or Frames	\$ 54.54
Shed Materials	723.76
Postage	143.22
Printing	261.03
Treasurer, State of Maine	10.00
NET (telephone)	26.34
Station	700.45
Snow Removal	140.00
Lease to Wiscasset & Quebec RR	470.68
Advertising	105.75
Maine Narrow Gauge RR & Museum (Edaville)	480.00
Annual Meeting (food)	26.16
Railroad Bed & Rail	165.00
Subscription	21.50
Wiscasset & Quebec RR (Items Sold For)	<u>61.42</u>
	\$3,389.85

Balance on Hand 3/31/93	\$2,491.16
Receipt (4/1/93 to 6/30/93)	2,785.65
Total Funds Available	5,276.81
Expenditures (4/1/93 to 6/30/93)	3,389.85
Balance 6/30/93	1,886.96

One of five shares of Wiscasset & Quebec Railroad donated to Sheepscot Valley Railroaders by Harry E. Percival, Jr. in December 1992 is remaining. Share value - \$100.00/each

Balance Checkbook Account #90694885 (6/30/93)	\$1,886.96
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Richard V. Boushon

SATURDAY, 7/3/93:

The track acquisition crew met at Seashore Trolley Museum's former terminal sit in Arundel to start removing 300 feet of 52 pound rail. Members present were; Zack Wyllie, Bruce Wilson, John Bradbury and Joe Ruzycykij.

Work started at 8:30 a.m. with the cutting of brush, unbolting of joint bars and pulling of spikes, which was easy as the ties are rotting away.

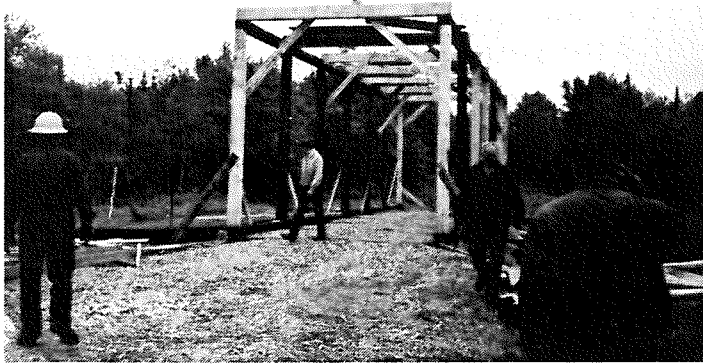
Following a lunch break, the crew was invited to tour Biddeford Station which is under construction just up the road from our work site, The station when completed will have 2 different exteriors. The south and east sides are to be that of Great Northern Railway Appleyard electric shop in Wenatcher, Washington. The north and west sides are to be that of GN's Whitefish, Montana station. The present building houses a 1904 Shay loco, caboose, cafe and lounge car and a 2-foot diesel loco all from the Great Northern Railway. Dual gauge track has been layed for a planned lop for the 2-footer and a mainline to the Trolley Museum. When completed the facility will house a restaurant, video theater, museum areas inside patio as well as a large open patio.

Following our tour the crew returned to finish up for the day. Seashore President, Ralph Day, invited us to a grand tour of the Trolley Museum. Not wanting to end a perfect day, we gladly accepted. Our group was taken thru the restoration shops, car barns, library and station areas as well as on a ride up the line in one of the museum's beautifully restored trolleys to view and talk with the track crew working on the museum's new loop.

On the way back, each member of our group was given a turn at running the trolley. It was the end of a perfect day. We thank the museum for the tour and the staff for taking the time and talking with us and for the tour.

The following Saturday, July 10, the same crew returned and removed the rail to the roadside with the use of a backhoe from Biddeford Station. The next day, Sunday, at 4:00 a.m. Joe Ruzycykij and Richard Varney, with his log truck, made the 1 hour trip to Arundel, loaded the rail and returned to Sheepscot Station. The rail is now by the station and ready for placement on the mainline.

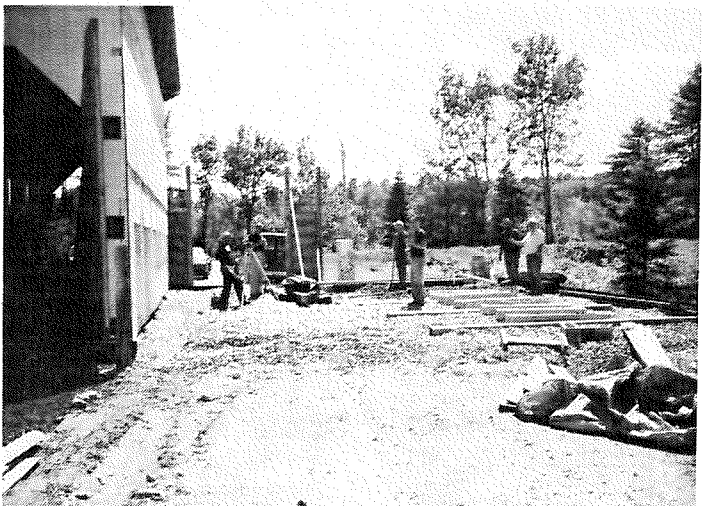
The above 2 projects are just a sample of what W. W. & F. work crews are doing each and every Saturday.



Construction Bay #1 - June 1990

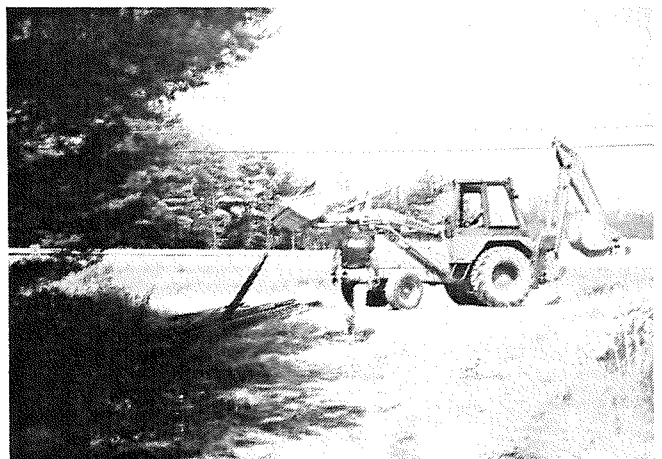


L to R: Jeff Schumaker, Bruce Wilson and John Bradbury setting 1 of 6 very heavy sills for Bay #3



Part of the work crew working on Bays #2 & #3
L to R: Harry Percival, Lawson Powell, Jeff Schmaker,
Zach Wyllie, Bruce Wilson and John Bradbury.

Note: The concrete ties to the right,
the only concrete two foot ties in Maine!



Moving rail at Seashore Trolley Museums former Arundel Terminal.

To join the **Wiscasset, Waterville & Farmington Railway Museum**, or to send us a contribution (tax-deductible), please use the form below. And visit us if you can—we are located just off Route 218, 4-1/2 miles north of Wiscasset .

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Please sign me up as follows:

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Annual membership.....\$ 10.00_____ Receipt Requested_____

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I pledge \$_____ per year for 5 years to the Wiscasset, Waterville & Farmington Railway Museum to sponsor the W W & F Motive Power Fund.

I prefer not to pledge at this time but enclosed \$ _____ to help with your efforts.

Make checks payable to the

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Name as it should appear on plaque

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Name _____

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engine #10 or #11

Date _____

Signed _____

SPECIAL THANKS

We would like to give special thanks to the following people and organizations:

Seashore Trolley Museum:

For the donation of 300 feet of 52 pound rail.

Biddeford Station:

For the use of tools and back hoe in the removal of rail.

Robert E. Buck of Pennsylvania & the Rushlight Club:

For the reference books, railroad signal lamps and railroad lighting and fixtures.

Ben Campbell:

For the donation of rail tongs, rail braces, tie tong, rail cart, rail bar, wheels, lantern, nut wrenches, spike bar, rail gauges and the 700 new railroad spikes.

Edwin Robertson:

For the much needed switch stands.

Ed & Beth Gilbert:

For the Monson slate car, wheels and bearing boxes.

Don Martin:

We thank once again for he has built yet another set of engine house doors.

Dan Hart:

For the station windows

Fran Menair:

For the W W & F milk cans, oil lamp, tie tong, 1900 Main railroad map, photos of S R & R L and B & H engines.

Bruce Wilson:

For his collection of railroad time schedules, buttons, books, tokens, pins and tickets fro railroads across the United States to be sold to benefit the museum. Also, for the fire extinguisher and first aid kit.

Amherst Railway Society:

For the \$1,000 donation to complete Sheepscoot Station.

C. H. Morse, Jr.:

For his support and placement of advertisements in various publications.

Joe Ruzyckij:

For the station door, display cases, table and chairs and station seating.

Zack Wyllie:

For the chain falls and waterline pipe.

Dick Gibbons:

For the 1902 W W & F monthly station reports.

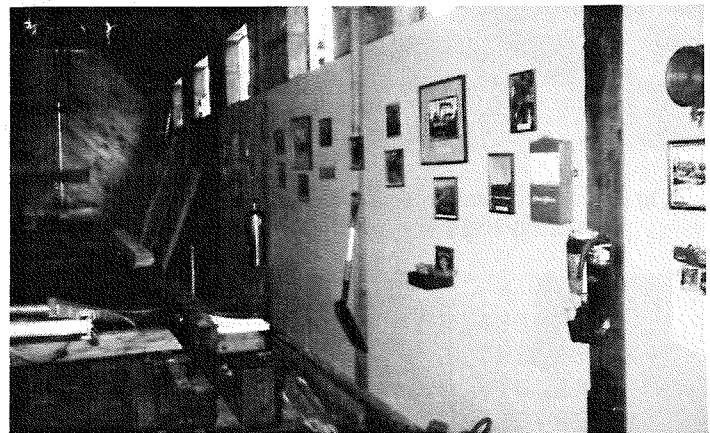
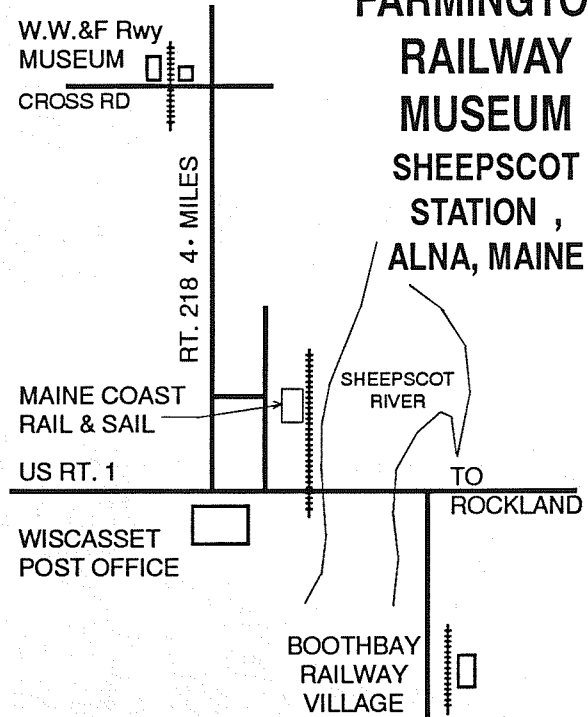
We would also like to thank the following people who have helped out on our work crews:

John Bradbury, Massachusetts
 Robert Stakbird, Maine
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 Rick Allen, Maine
 Ben Campbell, Massachusetts
 Jon Christopher, Maine
 Dave Hart, Maine
 Jason Lamontagone, Maine
 Don Martin, Maine
 Chris McChesney, Pennsylvania

Dan McCourtney, Maine
 Frank Menair, Maine
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 MUSEUM
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 STATION,
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Inside view of Bay #1, Flatcar #118 is to the left



The museum site and right-of-way - July 1992

COMMENTS FROM THE MAILBAG

We would like to share with you some comments from our mailbag which sum up what our small group is all about.

FROM MASSACHUSETTS:

We too share the goal of operation in 1995 to commemorate the building of the railroad. It has been most enjoyable to visit the Sheepscot site, and I have been captivated by the natural beauty of the area. Although I have only been up a few times, my memories of each trip are plentiful. I have discussed the W & F Museum with friends and neighbors and mentioned how much progress is being made by such a small but dedicated group. We look forward to being a part of the W W & F family by spreading the word to others, volunteer work on site, financial support, etc.

FROM PENNSYLVANIA:

I started a W W & F penny jar this past January, and just last week it was filled. Although it is not much, the penny jar is about the only way that I can justify donating money when I don't have a job. Don't lose faith. I believe in the W W & F Railway Museum as much as you do! Although the challenge is great and the budge is low, this group has managed to get things done.

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Salem, Ohio 44460

We support all historic and preservation groups.

UPDATE ON OUR SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND DRIVE

In past newsletters we have been showing you how our Special Projects Fund is doing. Our goal was \$4,900. Below is the list. We have met the goal with about half raised and the rest in donated materials.

We THANK YOU all.

1. Materials to complete doors on north end of enginehouse/shop (Bay #1; labor to be donated)	\$500
2. Materials to construct Sheepscot Station (labor to be donated)	\$1,000
3. Grave "pad" for Bay #3 of shop	\$900
4. Oak bed timbers (treated for Bay #2 and 3)	\$1,000
5. Additional gravel and ballast for roadbed (siding and mainline)	\$800
6. Transportation of used rail by truck to Sheepscot Station	\$700
Total	\$4,900

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The W.W.&F. Rwy. newsletter circulates to over 200 people. your ad can help yourself as well as help defray costs of mailing the newsletter. Rates are \$1 per column-inch. Yearly rates are half price.

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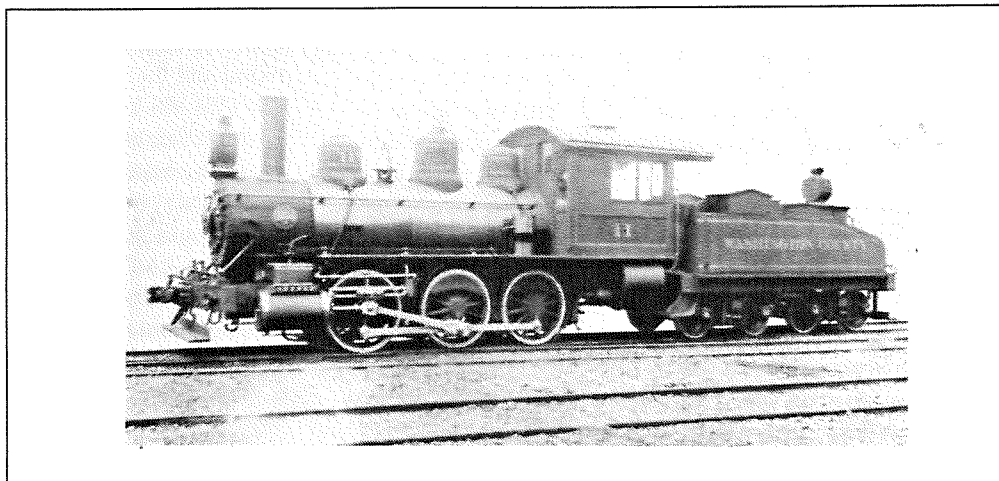


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Washington County RR No. 11, built by Brooks Loco Works, Dunkirk, NY, June 16, 1899.
Builders's no. 3234. Cylinders: 17" x 24", 165 psi., Drivers: 50", Wheelbase: 36'5",
Weight: 86,000 lbs., Tractive Force: 20,600 lbs., Cost: \$8,250
Became Maine Central No. 189 on May 26, 1911, Scrapped May 24, 1927.

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