

# APPLICATIONS OF DELDOT'S HISTORIC CONTEXT FOR RAILROADS

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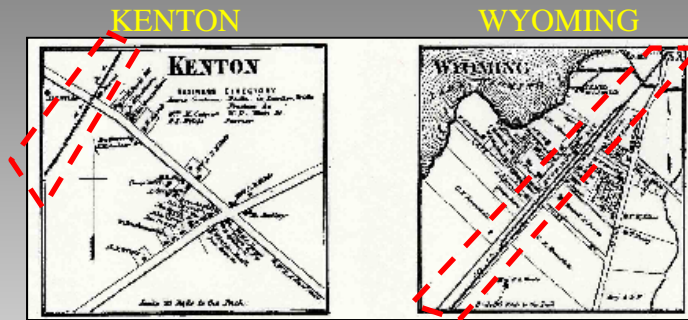
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This poster shows 3 different topics relating to Historic Preservation and Archaeology of Railroads.

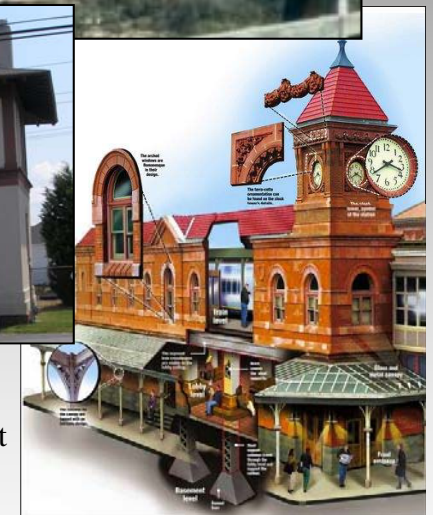
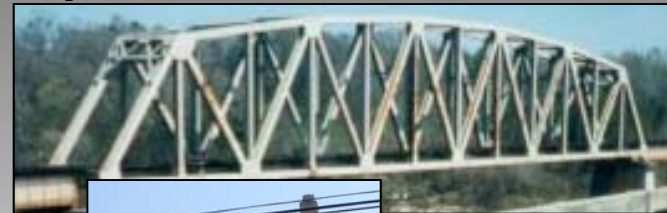
1. Below, we have 2 town maps from 1868. Can you find the rail lines in each town? What are the relationships between the rail lines and towns' streets? Do the railroads go through the towns or skirt the outside boundaries? These clues and others can help decipher which towns predate the advent of the railroad and which towns were established by the development of the railroad.

**DELAWARE'S  
RAILROAD  
HISTORY  
1827-2008  
181 YEARS AND  
STILL GOING!**



D.G. BEERS ATLAS OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE 1868

2. The next topic covers what physical structures are associated with historic railroads and the industry, which may be eligible or at least considered as being contributing factors in a historic railroads value. Remember, it's not just the railroad but everything associated with it that makes it important to our collective history which include: bridges, railroad stations / yards, ticket booths, etc.



3. My final topic is archaeology as it relates to railroads. Once your ready to put shovel to ground don't forget the worker's houses who built the railroad lines, supply houses, repair shops, and the industry of making materials for the railroad are all connected resources for archaeologist to utilize.

Lastly I want to bring to highlight a subject that we all must remember when dealing with historic railroads, and that is the public. A lot of people ask me how the public can be tied to, interact with, have a feeling of pride, or hatred towards railroads. Here, we have a historical event, The Underground Railroad, that is directly linked to the railroads in the United States and can be a very powerful tool when assessing how people are connected to historic resources.

