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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Tenafly Station, Northern Railroad Co. of New Jersey

AND/OR COMMON

Railroad Station, Tenafly, New Jersey

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

South of Hillside Avenue, east of railroad tracks

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Borough of Tenafly

VICINITY OF

9th

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

New Jersey

34

Bergen

005 3

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

DISTRICT

PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

COMMERCIAL

PARK

STRUCTURE

BOTH

WORK IN PROGRESS

EDUCATIONAL

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

OBJECT

IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

BEING CONSIDERED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

NO

MILITARY

OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Borough of Tenafly

STREET & NUMBER

401 Tenafly Road

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Tenafly

VICINITY OF

New Jersey

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Bergen County Clerk's Office, Deed Book 4521, p. 45

STREET & NUMBER

Court House

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Hackensack, New Jersey 07601

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Historic Americans Buildings Survey

DATE

1966

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

National Park Service

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Washington, D.C. 20240

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Completed in 1874 this 1½ story rock-faced stone suburban railroad station has a rectangular block massing with highlighting quoins and a projecting center bay and intermediate dormers. The linear facade is seven bays with single bay ends. The projecting center bay has a polygonal roof peaking at a central wooden tower. On each side of this projecting bay is a three bay section with a center door. The doorways have voissoirs and smooth cut stone archway surrounds. All the windows also have smooth stone surrounds in the archway.

The main roof is hip with a slight overhang with brackets under the eaves.

Atop the building projects a pyramidal topped frame tower with pitched dormers.

There is a water table beneath the fenestration which also forms a stone sill for the windows. There is no basement as the structure is on a stone platform.

A photograph taken around 1900 shows that the station originally had an ornate cast iron cresting on the main roof and dormers. This picture also shows the station surrounded by a wooden canopy overhanging about three feet to provide protection in inclement weather. Heavy wooden braces between each bay cantilevered out from the stone walls to create this canopy. Other features now gone but extant when the photograph was taken are the slate roof (now asphalt) and the interior corbelled brick chimneys.

Save for the removal of the aforementioned detailing the exterior of the Tenafly Station is essentially intact and has retained its basic integrity. Owned by the Borough of Tenafly the station is currently rented to a commercial concern which operates a dress shop. The borough plans to restore the exterior of the terminal.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1872-74 BUILDER/ARCHITECT D. T. Atwood (Note correction on HABS)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Tenafly Station is an excellent representative example of the suburban railroad stations being designed in the United States in the last quarter of the 19th century. Victorian Gothic in style, this station is one of the best such buildings in New Jersey.

The station has been the focus of many borough activities since its construction. It was built by community efforts. George Huyler donated the land and provided one third of the cost. Other residents paid one third, and the Northern Railroad of New Jersey the remainder. A decision by a judge listed amounts due various workmen, as bitterness developed during the two years before the station was opened. The architect/ builder listed in this decision was D. T. Atwood, a practicing architect in New York City who owned land in Tenafly. The station was constructed about the same time as the one in Demarest designed by J. Cleaveland Cady. These two stations were the only ones on this line built of native sandstone.

During the more than 100 years the trains went through Tenafly, the station was the meeting place for townspeople to greet their neighbors, collect their mail, do their shopping nearby. During World War I the station served soldiers who were stationed at nearby Camp Merritt, and their families who lived near or away. In the period when Tenafly was a Sending District for pupils from towns to the north who came to Tenafly High Schools, the railroad provided transportation. Numerous businessmen commuted to New York on this line; it was a factor in their choice of home or summer residence.

In 1962-63 the Borough acquired title to the building; the Erie Railroad reserving the right to use it as an agent's office for freight and passengers. At the time the overhanging was removed because of deterioration. On September 30, 1966, the last passenger trains ran, and the Borough took over the station. While the station no longer serves as a station - there are freight trains that go by - it does provide Tenafly a physical reminder of a bygone era which is a part of local heritage. During the Bicentennial, it was voted an ongoing project, and funds have been raised for a historical restoration of the outside of the building.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY $\frac{1}{2}$ acre

UTM REFERENCES

A	1 8	5 8 7 1 5 0	4 5 3 0 7 0 0
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C			

B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The nominated property is bounded on the east by Piermont Road; to the south, East Clinton Avenue; on the west, by the Erie Lackawanna railroad tracks; on the north, by Hillside Avenue. The station is opposite Hyler Park which fronts on County Road.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

(Terry Karschner, OHP, (609) 292-2028)

NAME / TITLE

Virginia T. Mosley (Mrs.), Borough Historian April 26, 1978

ORGANIZATION

Borough of Tenafly (Home address-Box 25)

DATE

(201) 569-8943

STREET & NUMBER

401 Tenafly Road (Borough Phone (201) 568-6100)

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Tenafly

STATE

New Jersey 07670

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

Deputy

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

11-27-78

TITLE

Deputy Commissioner, Dept. Environmental Protection

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER.

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

1-25-79

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

1-25-79

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Local service clubs have raised money and individuals from throughout the United States have sent funds or purchased products depicting the station. It is the subject of pictures and paintings as well as needlework, wood carving, wood burning and tiles. Recognizable to almost every resident in Tenafly since its construction in the 1870's, the station is definitely a local landmark. It has effectively unified the community in a common goal - the preservation of this station.

Architecture

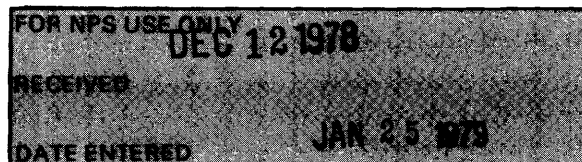
Daniel Topping Atwood (1836 - ?) was a fairly important suburban New York architect in the last half of the 19th century.

Practicing in New York, a considerable amount of Atwood's work seems to have been in northern New Jersey as evidenced by his 1876 building design book entitled Atwood's Modern American Homesteads. Primarily examples of his own work, of the buildings illustrated at least eight are located in New Jersey, many were in the Tenafly area. It is not known if any of the private residences he designed in Tenafly (or any of the others) are extant.

D.T. Atwood established an architectural firm in New York City by 1856 and from 1868 to 1890 he had an office at 335 Broadway. In 1890 Atwood also maintained a suburban office in Tenafly. While it is not known when Atwood died his listing in the New York City Directory discontinues around 1900.

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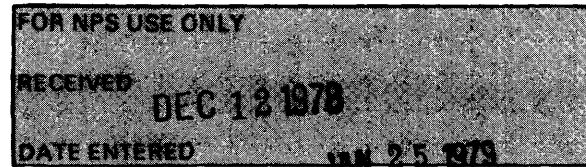
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