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United States Department of the Interior National Park Service

## National Register of Historic Places Registration Form



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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration For* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for 'not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instruction.—Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property	
historic name: New York Susquehanna & Western Railroad Station other names/site number:	
2. Location	
street and number: Main Street	N/A not for publication
city or town: Butler Borough	N/A vicinity
state: New Jersey county: Morris County	zip code: 07405
3. State/Federal/Tribal Agency Certification	
As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as am request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set for meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that the nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additionally statewide locally.)  Signature of certifying official/Title  Assistant Commissioner, Natural & Historic Resources and Date of Federal agency and bureau  American Indian Trill  In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register comments.)	registering properties in the National Register of the in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property his property be considered significant and comments.)    2001
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State or Federal agency and bureau American Indian Tril	pe
4. National Park Service Certification	
hereby certify that the property is:    centered in the National Register.   See continuation sheet.   See continuation sheet.   See continuation sheet.   determined eligible for the National Register.   removed from the National Register.   other. (explain:)	Date of Action 1.24.02

5. Classification				
Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)	Category of Property (Check only one box)		esources within Proper reviously listed resources in the	•
private building(s)  X public-local district public-State site public-Federal structure object  Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)		Contributing 1 Number o	Noncontributing  0  f contributing resource in th	buildings sites structures objects Total es previously listed e National Register
N/A				N/A
6. Function or Use				
Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions) Transportation		Current Func (Enter categories Recreation An Social	from instructions)	
Historic Subfunctions (Enter subcategories from instruction	s)	Current Subfu (Enter subcategor	unctions ries from instructions)	
Rail-Related		Meeting Hall Museum		
7. Description				
Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)		Materials (Enter categories	from instructions)	
Stick/Eastlake		Foundation Walls Roof	Stone Wood Asphalt	

### **Narrative Description**

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

### 8. Statement of Significance

#### **Applicable National Register Criteria**

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
  - **B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
  - C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
  - D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

#### **Criteria Considerations**

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

#### Property is

- A owned by religious institution or used for religious purposes..
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- **G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

### Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Transportation

#### Period of Significance

1872-1951

#### **Significant Dates**

1872

#### **Significant Person**

(Complete if criterion B is marked above)

N/A

#### **Cultural Affiliation**

### Architect/Builder

N/A

9. Major Bibliographical References	
Bibliography (Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form	n on one or more continuation sheets.)
Previous documentation on file (NPS:)	Primary location of additional data:
x preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.	State Historic Preservation Office
previously listed in the National Register	
previously determined eligible by the National Regis	ster
designated a National Historic Landmark	<u></u>
recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey	X Other (Repository Name: Butler Historical
recorded by Historic American Engineering Record	Museum)
See continuation sheet for additional HABS/HAER documentation.	
10. Geographical Data	
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UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.) 1 18 555285 4539180	<b>3</b>
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	See continuation sheet
Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)	
Boundary Justification	
(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)	

### 11. Form Prepared By

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#### **Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

#### **Continuation Sheets**

#### Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

#### **Photographs**

Representative black and white photographs of the property

#### Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

#### **Property Owner**

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name: Borough of Butler

street & number: 1 Ace Road

telephone: (973) 838-7200

city or town: Butler state: New Jersey zip code: 07405-

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### NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

The present Butler station of the New York, Susquehanna and Western Railroad is located between the railroad tracks and Main Street in the Borough of Butler, Morris County, New Jersey. A wood frame railroad station was originally constructed in 1872 by the New Jersey Midland Railroad, which was the predecessor of the New York, Susquehanna and Western Railroad. This first railroad station was built on the opposite side of Main Street from the present station. The present station is situated immediately next to the east side of the current active freight rail line, and is separated from the west side of Main Street by an asphalt paved parking lot. The station is north of the center of the borough's central business district and just south of the former United Rubber industrial complex. The building, without the platforms, measures approximately 120 feet by 19 feet, and is 22 feet in height. The hipped roof of the station project over the north end of the building, so as to provide an open covered shelter for the freight loading platform. The station has board and batten siding.

In a deed dated September, 1888, Benjamin F. Howell and Charles E. Nobel deeded a parcel of land to the New York, Susquehanna & Western Railroad Company, for one dollar. This deed included the requirement that the N. Y. S. & W. Railroad construct a new and modern railroad station on this tract of land within one year of the date of the deed. The station that was erected in accordance with the deed requirements is the current station. The original section of the building was extensively remodeled by the N. Y. S. & W. R. R. in the 1890's. This renovation work fully established a separate men's and women's waiting room located on either side of the stationmaster's office in the middle. In 1907, the N. Y. S. & W. R. R. designed and shortly thereafter built the freighthouse portion of the building, which extended the station in a northwesterly direction. There was an addition to the northwestern end of the building, constructed sometime after 1915 and demolished around 1950. This one-story wood frame addition served as a supplemental freight storage area.

The station is surrounded by a paved parking lot on each end and between the building and Main Street. The railroad tracks are located on the west side of the building.

The station presently measures 136' - 6" by 18' - 8". The exterior of the building is distinguished by the vertical battened board walls surmounted by a modified hip roof. The roof has deep projecting eaves, supported by chamfered brackets. The north end of the

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station has a very deep porch, protected by the projecting roof, with the roof supported by chamfered posts and clusters of chamfered brackets. This porch structure wraps around the track-side of the structure, which provided the area for loading and unloading freight. The original slate roofing material has subsequently been replaced with composite asphalt shingles. Both gable-ends have the original 1890's verge boards, which display the intricate combination of dentil work and decorative scrollsaw work. Only one of the original chimneys remains.

The majority of the six over six double hung windows survive as do many of the interior wooden doors and three-lite door transoms. The original full-story bay windows in the stationmaster's office also remain. All of the exterior doors have been replaced with fire-rated metals doors, in order to comply with the present day building code requirements for the current uses. All of the exterior window and door trim still retains the original molding and patterns. The original 1907 wooded freight door on the Main Street side of the station still remains.

The interior of the station (pre-1907 section) still retains the vast majority of the original woodwork within the basic three room layout. Both the men's and women's waiting rooms have been converted to serve as museum display areas, while the former stationmaster's room serves as a small meeting room and office for the Butler Museum Commission. Each of these rooms measurers approximately 23' - 0" by 18' - 0". These rooms still retain the original beaded board walls and ceilings. The original wood floors have been covered with carpeting, thus preserving the floor. Minor modifications to the rooms have been made in order to provide bathroom facilities, while still retaining the original wall and ceiling fabric

The 1907 freight area has been extensively remodeled in recent years. This area of the building serves as the main meeting facility for local non-profit organizations, providing: a large meeting room; large kitchen facility and a handicapped accessible bathroom. All of the original woodwork in this part of the building has been either removed or covered over. Also, the original 1903 wooden freight door, leading onto the loading dock, has been replaced with two metal doors, so as to comply with fire egress requirements of the local construction code.

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### NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Butler passenger and freight station of the New York,. Susquehanna and Western Railroad was originally constructed in 1888. The station was remodeled in the 1890's, enlarged in 1907 and then added onto after 1915, with the latter addition being demolished around 1950. The Butler station is located between the railroad tracks and Main Street in the Borough of Butler, Morris County, New Jersey. It was originally designed to provide waiting room facilities for passengers and a stationmaster's office, along with a telegraph station. The Butler station meets National register Criteria A for its association with the history of railroad transportation. The structure dates to the period of development of railroad stations that were constructed in the style of late Victorian period vernacular railroad architecture.

Originally known as the Bloomingdale section of Pequannock Township in Morris County, Butler was starting to become a well settled community shortly following the end of the Civil War. Like other small communities in this section of Morris County, the early industries relied upon a source of flowing water to provide power for mills and other manufacturing facilities. In the case of Butler, the Pequannock River provided the needed source of waterpower. The products not sold locally from these mills and factories had to be shipped to larger markets in Paterson or Newark by horse drawn wagons. These conditions dramatically changed when the railroad finally was brought into the community.

The genesis of this railroad can be traced to the late 1820's, when the concept of using an inexpensive means of transportation to bring anthracite coal from Pennsylvania to the large northern New Jersey cites began to be discussed. By 1828, John L. Sullivan a civil engineer had prepared a preliminary survey of such a route. The significance of such a route to Paterson, in particular, can be easily understood, as the city with all of its' heavy manufacturing facilities was in very close proximity to the iron mines of northern New Jersey.

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A group of local businessmen decided to take action on this idea, and on March 8, 1832, the state legislature granted their petition for a charter for the New Jersey, Hudson and Delaware Railroad. The incorporators included: Jacob M. Ryerson; Samuel Fowler; Thomas C. Ryerson; Joseph E. Edsall; James Stoll; John Bell; William Dickey, William Heyberger; James M. Porter; John Haggerty; John Moore and Daniel M. Broadhead. All of these men were closely associated with iron mining and manufacturing concerns in Sussex, Passaic and Morris Counties. The incorporators were empowered to issue up to one million shares worth of stock, and could, if the need arose, issue as many as two million shares.

The charter authorized the construction of a railroad commencing at any point or places on the Delaware River between the New York state line and where the Paulinskill empties into the Delaware, along with the authority to construct a bridge or bridges across Delaware River by and with the consent of the State of Pennsylvania. From that point of crossing the Delaware, the line would extend down through Snufftown (now Stockholm in Hardyston Township in Sussex County) to the Hudson River, opposite the City of New York, or to join any other railroad chartered or proposed to be chartered that would lead to a terminus on the Hudson River.

Following a series of twelve public meetings in mid-1836, throughout northern New Jersey, and designed to help raise the necessary capital for the line, it was agreed that a capital stock subscription of \$ 500,000 would be the initial target, with the stock to be valued at \$100 per share. This plan ran into trouble, however, as the beginning of what would later be referred to as the financial panic of 1837 was just beginning. This panic effectively was the cause for a fifteen year delay in any progress on the line, until 1853, when the charter for the railroad was transferred to the Pennsylvania Coal Company. Under the coal company's control, a more refined survey was completed at a cost of \$ 10,000. and in 1854-1855 arrangements were made to finally begin building the road. arrangements were thwarted by the financial panic of 1857. The abandonment of the building project by the coal company caused the original owners of the charter to reorganize and in 1867, the charter was purchased back from the Pennsylvania Coal Company. This group retained their original intentions of bringing coal from Pennsylvania through the northern part of the state, and particularly into Paterson, which route became what is presently known as the New York, Susquehanna and Western Railroad. Their efforts faltered as the Morris Canal had been completed years earlier and was successfully operating in the same general area that the railroad intended on making its' territory. However, due to ever increasing per ton prices for coal delivered by the canal, there was

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an added incentive to have the railroad built and thus permit coal to be transported more cheaply to the major manufacturing centers of northern New Jersey.

The charter was again amended by the legislature, upon petition of the officers of the corporation, and work was finally begun January 31, 1867 with grading taking place at Bloomingdale (Butler). With various delays preventing the company from completing work within the time deadlines of the revised charter, the state once again reworked the charter, thus allowing a new deadline of July 4, 1873 for work to be done. This rechartering was followed by a long series of discussions with other railroads on where various connections would be made along the line. These discussions lead to numerous proposed changes in the route of the line, as well as various ideas on ownership and operation of the line that would finally be built. The outcome of all of these negotiations was an agreement to form the New Jersey Midland Railroad, combining at least four railroad lines. The Midland would assume the responsibility for constructing the railroad line in accordance with the charter granted to the New Jersey, Hudson and Delaware Railroad.

Through this new agreement, the Midland was able to raise sufficient capital funds to begin construction of the line. With the line being built, the village of Butler witnessed an unprecedented surge of commercial, manufacturing and residential growth. By 1887, as depicted on the atlas map of Butler by E. Robinson, the Butler Hard Rubber Company had already become a large established factory, and was supported by numerous other local businesses that were formed as a result of the factory locating in the community. The advent of freight railroad service in the community allowed numerous existing manufacturing facilities to expand their operations, thus creating new jobs, which, in turn, created a demand for more commercial retail and service sector businesses. There was also a resultant dramatic increase in the demand for new housing. The passenger rail service on the line also permitted people to commute to jobs in the larger cities to the east of Butler. With the resulting growth of manufacturing and commercial businesses in the community, the railroad constructed a major addition to the station in 1907, in the form of the freighthouse, which still exists as a part of the building. Again, sometime after 1915, the railroad constructed a supplemental storage area to the freighthouse, in order to accommodate the increased demand for shipping materials and products. This addition was demolished around 1950. This demolition reflected the beginning of the decline in freight rail shipping in the area after the second World War, as common freight was increasingly being carried by trucking companies that could offer more direct and timely service.

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This mutually supportive relationship of passenger and freight rail service with the growth of the community continued for approximately one hundred years, until service was dramatically cut back in the early 1970's. Presently, only freight rail service passes through Butler.

In summary, the existing combination passenger and freight station can be appropriately characterized as serving as the nexus of Butler to the larger north Jersey community during the late nineteenth and first half of the twentieth centuries.

#### ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

Architecturally, the railroad station has retained the vast majority of its original features including its distinguishing wooden chamfered posts and brackets, sliding wooden freight door, vertical battened board walls, modified hip roof with decorative verge boards, six over six double hung windows, structural framing, floor plan and massing. The interior contains much of the 1890's beaded board walls and ceilings window and door frames, while also having some modern interior finishes, particularly in the north freight storage area.

The Butler Railroad Station is significant as a rare intact example of late Victorian vernacular railroad architecture. Its association with the development of railroad transportation and the significant impact the railroad had on New Jersey's broad patterns of historical development warrants its recognition on the National Register of Historic Places.

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### Maps and Atlases

- Beers, F.W., Ellis, A.D. and Soule, G.G. Atlas of Morris County, New Jersey. New York: James McGuigan, Printer, 1868. Reprinted by Morris County Historical Society and Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders, 1979 and 1990 respectively.
- Robinson, E., Robinson's Atlas of Morris County, New Jersey. New York: E. Robinson, Publisher, 1887. Reprinted by Morris County Historical Society, 1979.
- "Wanaque, N.J." topographic quadrangle map, United State Department of the Interior, Geological Survey, prepared in 1954, photorevised 1971.

### Railroad Maps

- "Erie R.R. Company New York Susquehanna & Western R.R. Plan Showing Freight House Track Butler, N.J." Prepared by office of engineer Jersey City, N.J., dated September 5, 1912.
- "United States R.R. Administration Erie Railroad & New York Susquehanna & Western Railroad Prop. Extension to Concrete Wall at Butler, New Jersey." Prepared by office of division engineer, Jersey City, N.J., dated September 6, 1919.
- "Erie R.R. Company N.Y.S.&W.R.R. Plan, Proposed Track Changes Pequanock Rubber Company Butler, N.J." Prepared by office of engineer Jersey City, N.J., dated May 5, 1911.

### Floor Plans

- "United States Railroad Administration Erie Railroad, Division N.Y.S. & W., Butler, N.J. Passenger Station Proposed Addition", Sheet 1 of 1, dated January 30, 1920.
- "N.Y.S. & W. R.R. Extension of Station Butler, N.J.", Scale: 1" = 10 feet, dated March 23, 1902, two (2) sheets.

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### **GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

### **Verbal Boundary Description**

The nominated property encompasses all of Tax Lot 1 of Tax Block 113 of the Tax Maps of the Borough of Butler (see attached). This is an irregularly shaped lot extending approximately 200 feet along the 60 foot right-of-way of Main Street in Butler Borough. On the south end of the property, the line extends for approximately 57 feet. The north end of the property extends for approximately 120 feet. The lot has a frontage on the railroad right-of-way of approximately 230 feet. The railroad station is immediately adjacent to the railroad right-of-way, with a municipal parking lot situated between the railroad station and Main Street.

### **Boundary Justification**

The nominated property includes all of the historic parcel that remains associated with the railroad station. The tracks immediately adjacent to the property remain active for freight service, and provides a context for the parcel that includes the actual station.

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# LIST OF PHOTOGRAPHS NEW YORK SUSQUEHANNA & WESTERN RAILROAD STATION MAIN STREET BUTLER BOROUGH, MORRIS COUNTY, NJ

Photographer:

Wayne T. McCabe

Newton, New Jersey

Date of Photograph:

**April 1997** 

Location of Original Negative:

Wayne T. McCabe

83 Main Street

Newton, New Jersey 07860

Photograph Number	Description of Photograph
1	View taken along the southern edge of the subject property, looking in a northwesterly direction at the southern end of the Railroad Station.
2	View taken from the southeast corner of the subject property, looking in a westerly direction at the Railroad Station, showing the southern end and eastern side of the building. The eastern side of the building faces Main Street and has a parking lot between it and the municipal road.
3	Closeup view of the scroll cut barge board on the southern end of the Railroad Station.
4	First of three views taken from the eastern side of the parking lot, looking in a southwesterly direction at the eastern side of the Railroad Station. This view shows the southern end of

the Station.

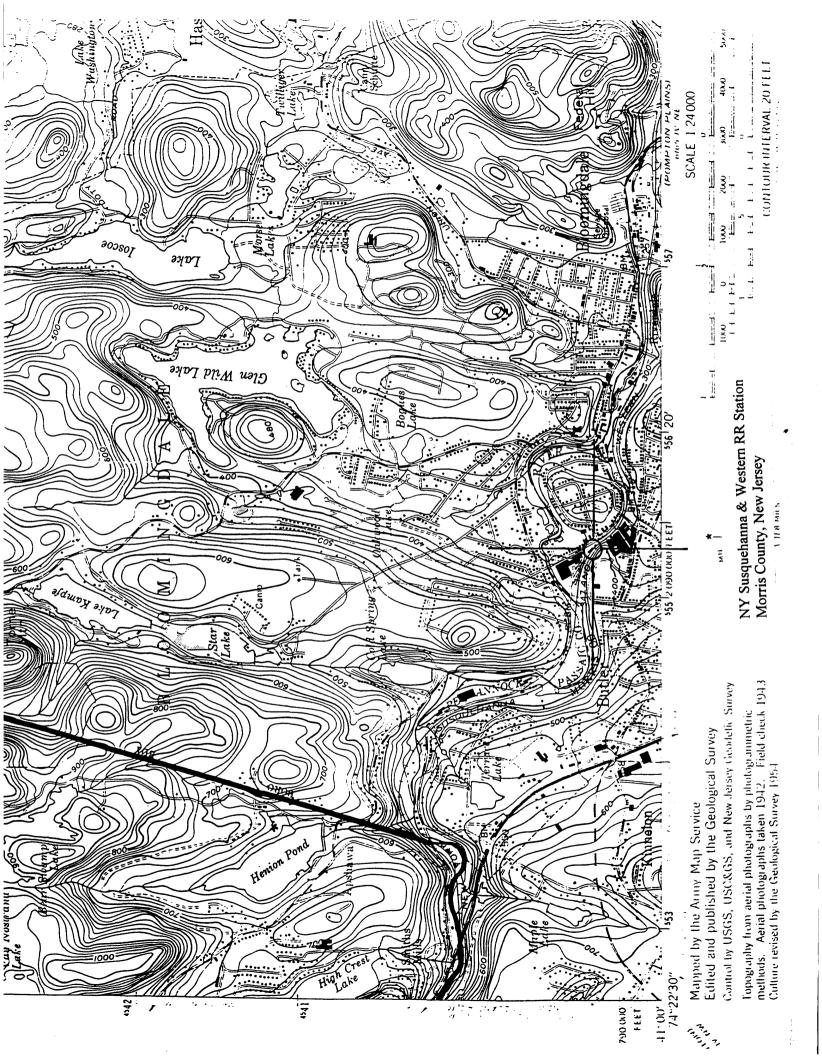
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5	Second of three views taken from the eastern side of the parking lot, looking in a southwesterly direction at the eastern side of the Railroad Station. This view shows the middle of the Station.
6	Third of three views taken from the eastern side of the parking lot, looking in a southwesterly direction at the eastern side of the Railroad Station. This view shows the right hand end of the eastern side of the Station.
7	View taken from the railroad right-of-way, north of the Station, looking in an easterly direction showing the north end and west side of the Station. The track, which is still an active freight rail line, can be seen in the foreground.
8	View taken from the west side of the subject property, in the middle of the tracks, looking in a southeasterly direction at the north end and west side of the Station.
9	View taken from the west side of the subject property, along the tracks, looking in a southeasterly direction, showing a closeup of the north end of the Railroad Station.
10	Closeup view of the porch posts, brackets and barge board on the north end of the Railroad Station.
11	View taken from the tracks on the west side of the Railroad Station, looking in a northerly direction, showing the freight handling portion of the station, including the raised cast concrete freight platform that is located between the tracks and the building.

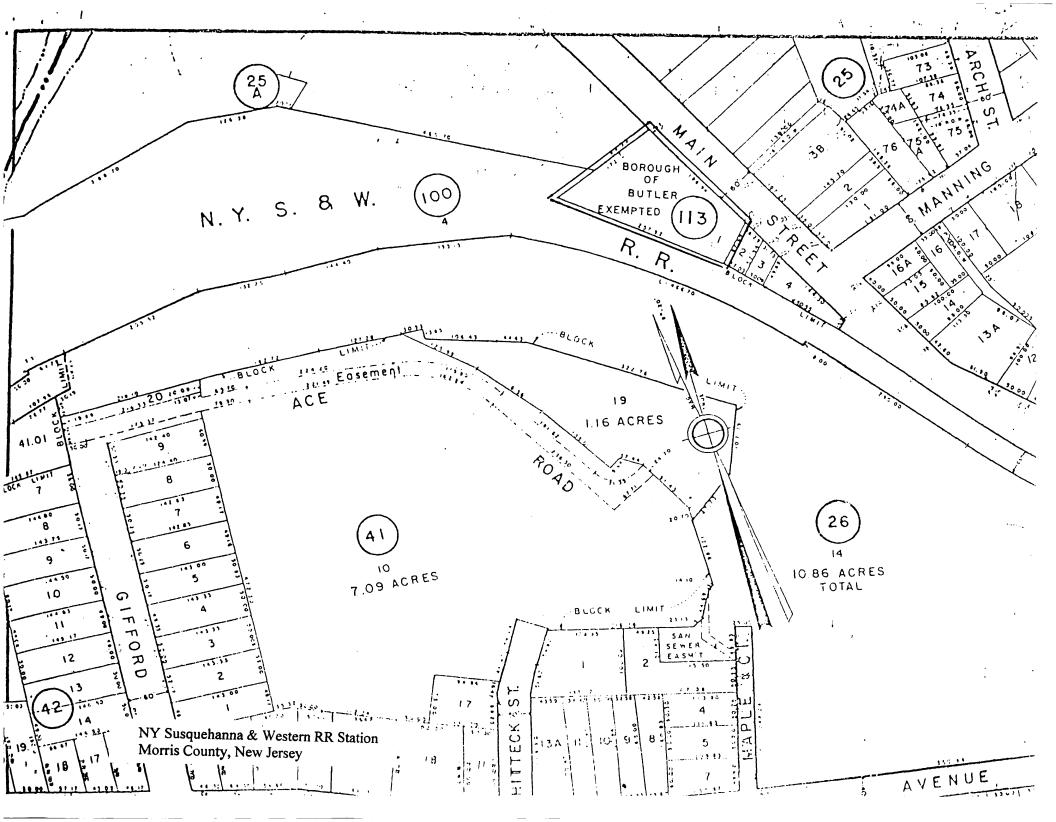
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12	View taken from the west side of the subject property, showing one of the original windows and detail of the window framing on the side facing the railroad tracks.	
13	View taken from the railroad right-of-way, looking in a northerly direction, showing the western side and southern end of the Railroad Station.	
ĺ4	View taken from the parking lot looking in a southwesterly direction at the freight loading door on the parking lot side of the building.	
15	View taken from the western side of the property showing a closeup of the two entrances that flank that Station Master's Office, which is in close proximity to the railroad tracks.	
16	Historic view of the southern end of the Railroad Station, taken in 1909. Note the elevated train semaphore signal to the left side of the Station.	
17	Image taken from a post card depicting the Railroad Station c. 1892. Date of post card publication is unknown. The original image is in the collection of the Butler Historic Society.	
18	Image depicts a copy of a post card, c. 1908 with the train heading south and the station on the right hand side of the image. The original post card is in the possession of the Butler Historic Society.	

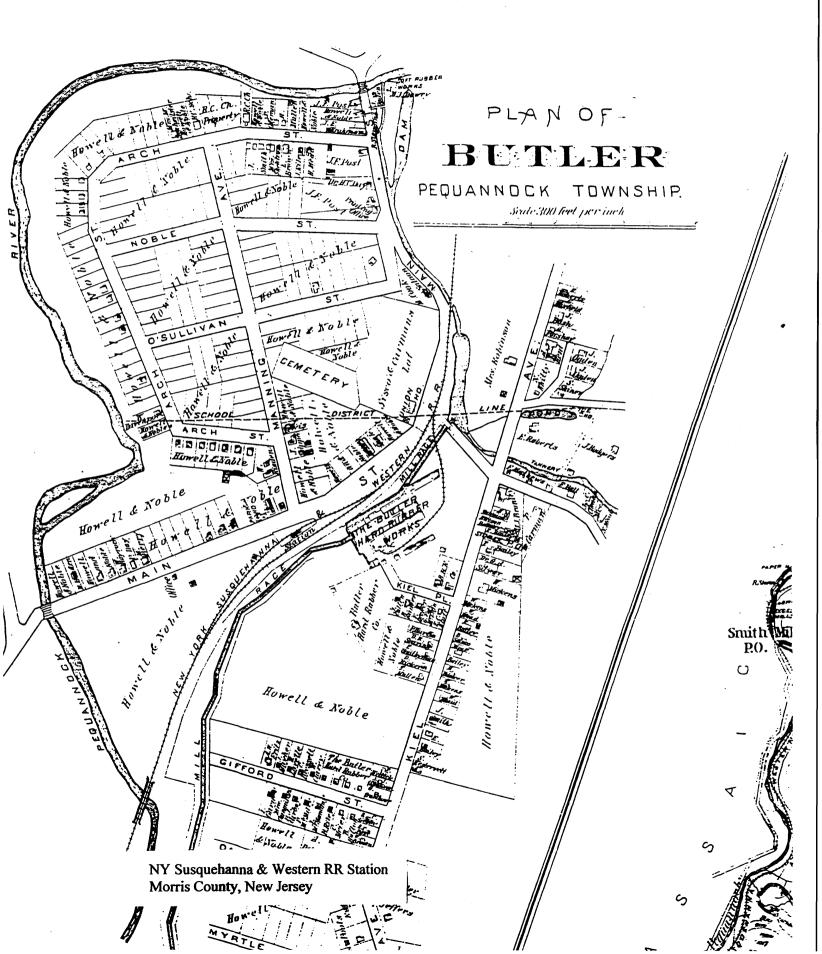
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19	Image of the station taken from a post card, c. 1906, the original of which is in the possession of the Butler Historic Society. The image shows the station, much as it appears today.
20	Image of a post card, c. 1910, the original of which is in the possession of the Butler Historic Society. The image shows a closeup of the southern end and western side of the railroad, with the image being taken from the railroad tracks.
21	Image taken from post card, c. 1910, showing the southern end and western side of the Railroad Station, the doubled tracks, and an engine house in the far left hand side of the image. Also in the image is the semaphore signal for the trains that was operated by the Station Master.
22	View of the Station taken from a post card, c. 1925, depicting the southern end and east side of the Station. Note in the background on the Station is the attached freight storage area that was later demolished. The original post card image is in the collection of the Butler Historic Society.
23	Image taken from a post card, depicting the demolition of the north end freight storage area, with the view looking toward the southeast. The train tracks would be on the right hand side, to the front of the two vehicles on the right side of the image. The original post card image is in the collection of the Butler Historic Society.

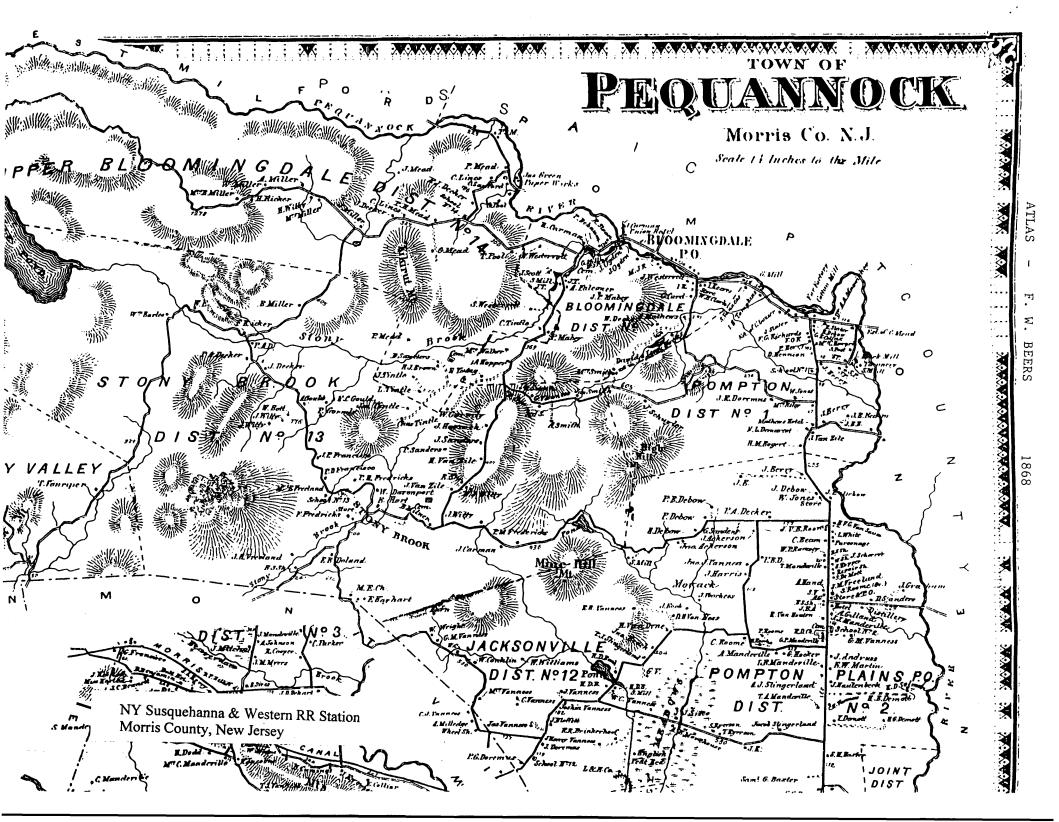
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24	Interior view of the southern end of the Railroad Station, showing the southern wall (left side) and western wall (right side) of the building. Note the double doors in the middle of the image are seen on the outside of the building in image No. 13.
25	Interior view of the southern room of the Railroad Station, showing the southern wall of the building, flanked on the left by the eastern side and on the right by the western side wall.
26	Interior view of the southern room of the original section of the Railroad Station, showing the western wall and the interior partition that separated this waiting room from the Station Master's Office (right side). The double door mentioned in Photo No. 24 can be seen on the far left side of this image.
27	Interior view of the southern waiting room in the passenger section of the station. The view shows the room partition separating this waiting room from the Station Master's Office.
28	Interior view of the Station Master's Office, looking west at the projecting window unit which is seen in Photo Nos. 8, 13 and 15 from the outside.
29	Interior view of the Station Master's Office, in the reverse direction of the image shown in Photo No. 28, illustrating the interior eastern wall of the office area.
30	Interior view of the Station Master's Office showing the radio control unit still located in the office area.

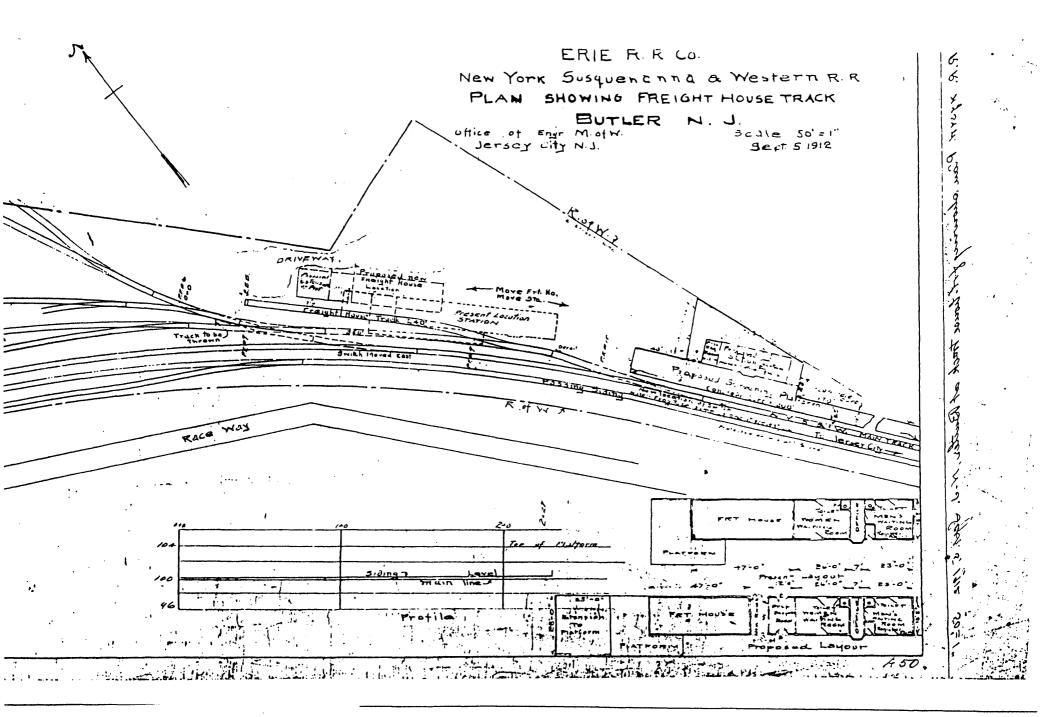
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31	Interior view of the Station Master's Office, showing the metal grilled window that separated the Station Master's Office from the southern waiting room area.
32	Detail of door window transom on an exterior door.
33	Interior view of the northern waiting room, showing the eastern wall of the structure. Note that the exterior door depicted on the right side of the image presently served as the main entrance into the building from the parking lot.
34	Interior view of the northern waiting room, showing the partition wall separating the waiting room area from the Station Master's Office.
35	Detail view of four panel interior wood door.
36	Interior view showing the renovated freight storage area on the northern end of the original section of the station. The door located to the left hand side of the American Flag (center of image) now leads into a hallway that connects this room to the two passenger waiting rooms.



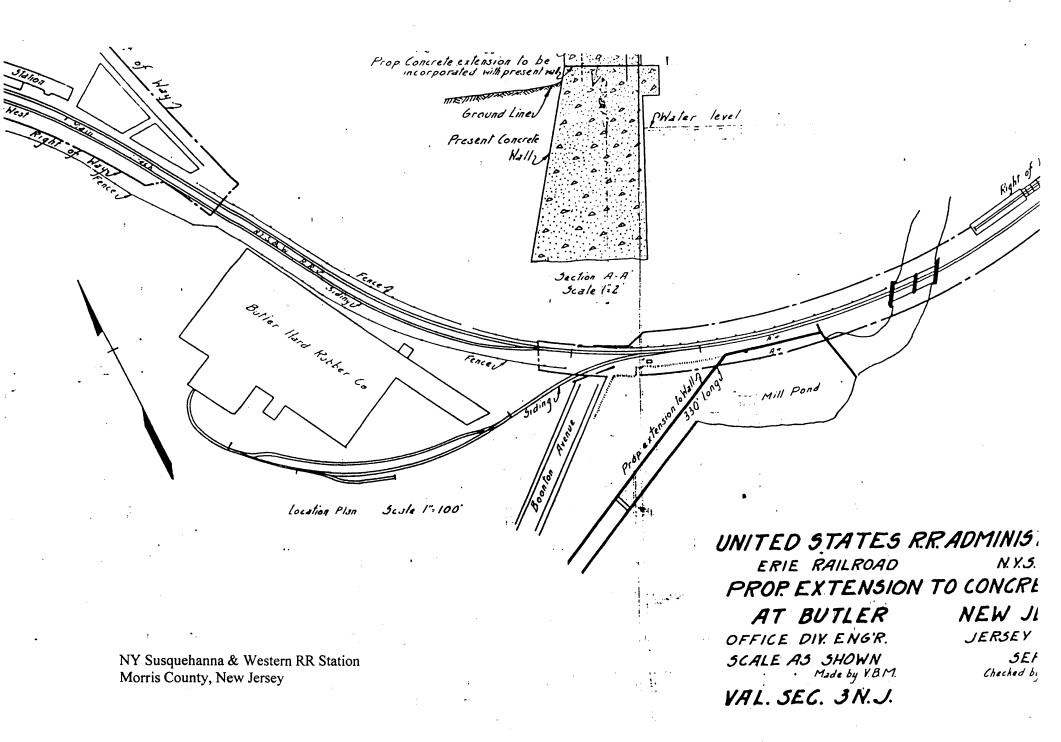








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### State of New Jersey



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January 10, 1990

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Mr. Alan D. Bird
Butler Museum Commission
c/o Butler Municipal Building
1 Ace Road
Butler, New Jersey 07405

Dear Mr. Bird:

This letter is in response to your request for a formal certification of eligibility for the New York Susquehanna & Western Railroad Station (Old Railroad Station), Butler, Morris County.

It is my opinion that the New York Susquehanna & Western Railroad Station is eligible for listing in the New Jersey Register of Historic Places. Originally constructed in 1872 by the New Jersey Midland Railroad and extensively remodeled in the 1890's by the New York Susquehanna & Western Railroad as their western commuter terminal, the Butler Railroad Station is a rare surviving 19th century frame combination passenger/freight facility. It is a fine intact example of late Victorian vernacular railroad architecture and represents the importance of the New York Susquehanna & Western Railroad to the growth and development of Butler during this historic period.

If you have further questions, please feel free to contact me or Mr. Terry Karschner of my staff.

Sincerely,

Nabcy L. Zerbe

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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One hundred and firty one feet (191) to a small tree, thence (5) South fifty eight degrees and forty minutes West one hundrodefreet (100), thence (6) North eighty seven degrees and lity five minutes West One hundred and thirty eight feet (138) to a point thity three feet (33) at right engles Northcrlv from said center line, thence (7) Forth westerly parallel with said center line to the Southerly side of the Pequannockeriver, thence (8) Southwesterly along the southerly side of said river to a point thirty three feet (33) at right angles southerly from said center line, thence (9) Southeasterly parallel with said center line about thirteen hundred and twenty feet (1320) to the Butler Hard Bubber Company's property, thence (10) Easterly along the seme twenty five feet (25) thence (11) Southeasterly along the same ninety feet (90), thence (12) Northeasterly thirty eight feet (38) to the Point or Place of BEGINNING. CONTAINING Four and Twenty hundredths e--acres of land more or less. -

of the Pequannock River Forth westerly along the present route of the rail road of the party of the second part over the land of the parties of the first part so far as their lands extend, to be in width thirty three feet on each side of the present center line of the said route, provided the parties of the first part are not disturbed or interfered with in the exercise and enjoyment of all the rights, privileges and powers throw yested in them respecting the waters of said river, and the use thereof.

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This conveyance is made upon and subject to the condition that the party of the second part shall within one year
after the date hereof build and thereafter maintain a passenfer depot of fair appearance and convenient size upon the
premises hereby conveyed near the building now standing about
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one hundred and fifty feet North of the present/house and

keep so much o. he said premises as shail lie South casterly to the said passenger depot and between the public highway and the main track of the rail road of the said party of the second part. Free and clear from all obstructions and accumulations and necumulations are of increase or express to or from its said reliance of increase of increase or express to or from its said reliance for heart from the partition or enclosing the same, it being the second however and it is hereby agreed, that the party of he resonable using the least and maintaining an additional main track.

And this conveyance is made upon the further condition that the party of the second part whole the

hat the party of the second part shall lay and maintain a side track to run Easterly of and near its engine house and turntable, upon and over the lands hereby conveyed, at the same elevation and grade as the main track, so as to connect the main track of its rail road with a trestle to be erected by the parties of the first part upon their lands adjoining he premises hereby conveyed on the North, and deliver on such it still without unnecessary delay and with reasonable dispatch all tears of coal or merchandise that the parties of the first part the heirs, assigns or lessees, may desire, and furnish a them, the same facilities and despatch for their coal or distinguiness that are or may be granted or accorded by it other persons along the line of its rail road having similar tothings.

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Collection Benjaming, Howell, their heirs or assigns.

And it is further understood and agreed that any land load of ore conveyed to the party of the accord part out of the above described premises is hereby excepted from this converge.

Logether with all and singular the houses, buildings, trees, ways, waters, profits, privileges, did fulciplances, with the appartenances to the same belonging or in anywise appartaining:

Also full the estate, right, title, interest, property, claim and demand whatsoever, of the said participating first part, of, in and to the same, and of, in and to every part and parcel thereof, Logithme first part, of, in and to the same, and of, in and to every part and parcel thereof, Logithme and to Hold, all and singular the above described land and premises, with the same full family of the second participations and assigns, to the only interest heirs and beloof of the said party of the second participations.

And the said Benjamin F. Howelle Charles B. Noble for homselves their lead of the said Benjamin administrators, do covenant, promise and agree to and with the said party of the second part, if the said party of the second or suffered any act or acts, thing or things whatsoever, whereby or by means whereof the above mentioned and described premises, or any part or parcel thereof, now are, or at any time hereafter shall or may be impeached charged or encumbered, in any manner or way whatsoever.

Lu Talituess Tallicueof, the said party of the first part have hereunto set the fund of and seal the day and year first above written.

Signed, Senied and Delivered

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> PLEASE REPLY TO RIVERDALE OFFICE

Ms. Carol Whritenour, Clerk Borough of Butler One Ace Road Butler, New Jersey 07405

New York, Susquehanna and Western Railway Corporation

Dear Carol:

Enclosed please find the original Deed made by the New York, Susquehanna and Western Railway Corporation to the Borough of Butler dated March 5, 1991 and recorded in the Morris County Clerk's Office on April 4, 1991 in Deed Book 3417, page 264. This deed is being provided to you for safekeeping.

Also enclosed is a copy of the Deed of Easement which the Borough of Butler gave to the New York, Susquehanna and Western Railway Corporation dated March 12, 1991 and recorded April 4, 1991 in Deed Book 3417, page 269. The original Deed has been forwarded to Mr. Fenno, the attorney for New York, Susquehanna.

Very truly yours,

JOHNSON, MURPHY, HUBNER, McKEON & WUBBENHORST, P.C.

Martin F. Murphy

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Consult your Lawyer before signing this deed — it has important legal consequences.

### Deed

Date

This Deed is made on March 5,

19 91 between

**Parties** 

Grantor Full name(s) and post office address THE NEW YORK, SUSQUEHANNA AND WESTERN RAILWAY CORPORATION

1 Railroad Avenue

Cooperstown, New York 13326

Grantor, and

Grantee Full name(s) and post office address

BOROUGH OF BUTLER 10 High Street Butler, New Jersey 07405

Grantee.

(The words "Grantor" and "Grantee" include all Grantors and all Grantees under this Deed.)

Consideration

Conveyance

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upon the land located in the Borough of Butler and State of New Jersey, specifically described Morris as follows:

Description of Land

See Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

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R. Tenno", Esq.

#### Parcel I:

BEGINNING at a point located on the westerly headwall of the New York, Susquehanna & Western Railroad, Bridge No. 37.36, said point further being 10.34 feet northerly from the centerline intersection formed by the main railroad track and said abutment of the New York, Susquehanna & Western Railroad as shown on a Plan as Station 0 + 30 entitled, "New York, Susquehanna & Western Railroad Proposed Track Changes and Sale of Lands to the Borough of Butler, Morris County, New Jersey, dated November 1, 1969, Scale 1 inch = 30 feet, Plan No. 745", as prepared by Pyramid Engineering & Contracting Corp., 512 Maple Avenue, Glen Rock, New Jersey, and from thence running: (1) Westerly along a curve to the right, having a radius of 955.366 feet and a degree of curvature of 6 degrees, a distance of 345 feet more or less to a point of compound curvature entitled Station 3 + 75 as shown on said plan referenced above; thence (2) Westerly and northerly along a curve to the right, having a radius of 819.02 feet and a degree of curvature of 7 degrees, a distance of 555 feet more or less to a point entitled Station 9 + 30 as shown said map referenced above; and thence (3) continuing in a northerly direction, a distance of 290 feet more or less to a point entitled Station 12 + 20 as shown on said map referenced above, said point terminating at the southwesterly elongation of the most southerly division line of Lot 3-C in Block 113 and further being 20.00 feet northeasterly from the centerline of the main track of the New York, Susquehanna & Western Railroad and there

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#### Parcel II:

BEGINNING at a point in the westerly line of Main Street where the same is intersected by the division line between Lot 4, in Block 100 on the north and Lot 3A in Block 113 on the south and from thence running (1) South 55 degrees 47 minutes 40 seconds West along said last mentioned division line 67.69 feet to a point; thence (2) North 43 degrees 32 minutes 09 seconds West 257.92 feet to a point; thence (3) North 77 degrees 39 minutes 30 seconds east 172 feet more or less to a point in the westerly right-of-way line of Main Street; thence (4) South 19 degrees 27 minutes 30 seconds east along said westerly right-of-way line of Main Street to the point or place of Beginning.

Being the same premises conveyed to the New York, Susquehanna and Western Railroad Company by Benjamin F. Howell and Francis H. Howell, his wife and Charles E. Noble and Sophronia A. Noble, his wife, by deed dated September 6, 1888 and recorded in the Morris County Clerk's Office in Book M-12 of Deeds at Page 298.

ALSO BEING THE SAME PREMISES conveyed to the Borough of Butler by Joseph B. Howell and Joanne L. Howell, Sidney K. Howell and Mildred H. Howell, and Catherine H. Caffey by deed dated April 30, 1979 and recorded in the Morris County Clerk's Office in Liber 2516 of Deeds at Page 863.

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Municipal Lot and Block or Account Number

The land is now designated as Lot on the municipal tax map (or as Account No.

in Block

Check box if applicable

No property tax identification number for the land is available at the time of this conveyance.

Receipt of Consideration

The Grantor has received the full payment from the Grantee.

Signature of Grantor

The Grantor signs this Deed on the first date above. If the Grantor is a corporation this Deed is signed by its corporate officers and its corporate seal is affixed.

Signed, sealed and delivered in THE NEW YORK, SUSQUEHANNA the presence of or attested by: WESTERN RAILWAY CORPORATION

Nathah RL Fenno Assistant Secretary

President

CERTIFICATE OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT BY INDIVIDUAL

State of New Jersey, County of

an officer authorized to take acknowledgments and proofs in this State. I sign this acknowledgment below to certify that it was made before me.

appeared before me in person. (If more than one person appears, the words "this person" shall include all persons named who appeared before the officer and made this acknowledgment). I am satisfied that this person is the person named in and who signed this Deed. This person acknowledged signing, sealing and delivering this Deed as this person's act and deed for the uses and purposes expressed in this Deed.

This person also acknowledged that the full and actual consideration paid or to be paid for the transfer of title to realty evidenced by this Deed, as such consideration is defined in P.L. 1968, c. 49, \$1(c), is \$.....

Officers signature. Print, stamp or type name and title directly beneath.

CORPORATE PROOF BY THE SUBSCRIBING WITNESS

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I am a Notary Public

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March 5 19 91 Nathan R. Fenno (from now on called the "Witness") appeared before me in person. The Witness was duly sworn by me according to law under oath and stated and proved to my satisfaction that:

1. The Witness is the ASSISTANT Secretary of the Corporation which is the Grantor in this Deed.

2. Walter G. Rich the officer who signed this Deed, is the Crantor in this Deed.

2. The making, signing, scaling, and delivery of this Deed have been duly authorized by a proper resolution of the Board of Directors of the Corporation.

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4. The Witness knows the corporate scal of the Corporation. The scal affixed to this Deed is the corporate scal of the Corporation. The scal affixed to this Deed by the Corporate Officer. The Corporate Officer signed and delivered this Deed as and for the voluntary act and deed of the Corporation. All this was done in the presence of the Witness who signed this Deed as attesting witness. The Witness signs this proof to attest to the truth of these facts.

The Witness also acknowledged that the full and actual consideration paid or to be paid for the transfer of title to realty evidenced by this Deed, as such consideration is defined in P.L. 1968, c. 49

Sworn to and signed belofe me on the date written above.

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KATHY S. PERRY Notary Public, State of New York No. 4765617 Qualified in Orsego County

Commission Expires

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### Deed

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Date

of Easement
This Deed/is made on March 12

19 91 between

Parties

Grantor
Full name(s)
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office address

BOROUGH OF BUTLER 10 High Street Butler, New Jersey 07405

Grantor, and

Grantee
Full name(s)
and post
office address

THE NEW YORK, SUSQUEHANNA AND WESTERN RAILWAY CORPORATI
1 Railroad Avenue
Cooperstown, New York 13326

Grantee.

(The words "Grantor" and "Grantee" include all Grantors and all Grantees under this Deed.)

Consideration

Conveyance

In return for the payment to them of

------Dollars (\$1.00 ),
the Grantor grants and releases to the Grantee all of the claims of the Grantor
upon the land located in the Borough of Butler County
of Morris and State of New Jersey, specifically described
as follows:

Description of Land

See Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

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This Dood was prepared by

Martin F. Murphy, Esq.

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where the same is intersected by the Northerly boundary of property conveyed to the Borough of Butler by Deed dated April 30, 1979 and recorded in the County of Morris in Book 2516 at Page 863, and running thence (1) Westerly along said Northerly boundary 172 feet more or less to the Westerly boundary of said Borough of Butler property; thence (2) Southerly along the said Westerly boundary 40 feet; thence (3) Easterly along a line parallel to and 40 feet distant from the Northerly boundary line of Main Street; thence (4) Northerly along the Westerly line of Main Street to the place of beginning.

The purpose of this transaction is to create a right of ingress and egress only as described above.

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Municipal Lot The land is now designated as Lot in Block and Block or on the municipal tax map (or as Account No. Account Number Check box
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Carol Whritenour, Borough Clerk

The Witness also acknowledged that the full and actual consideration paid or to be paid for the transfer of title to realty evidenced by this Deed, as such consideration is defined in P.L. 1968, c. 49, \$1(c), is \$ 1.00

Sworn to and signed before me on the date written above.

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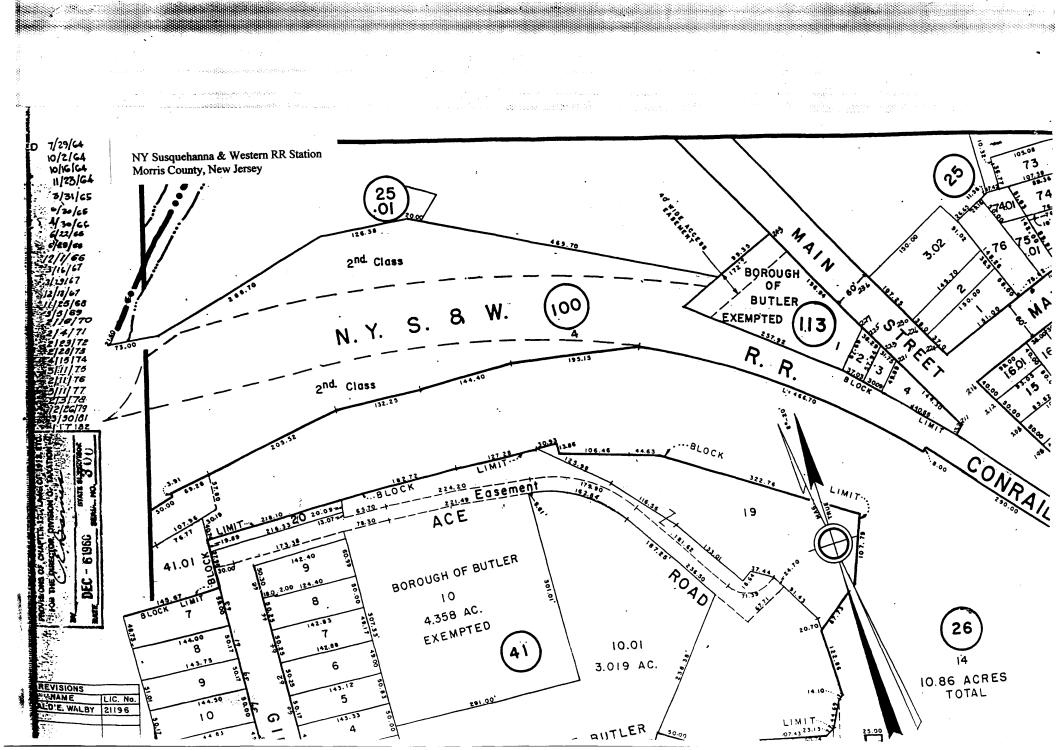
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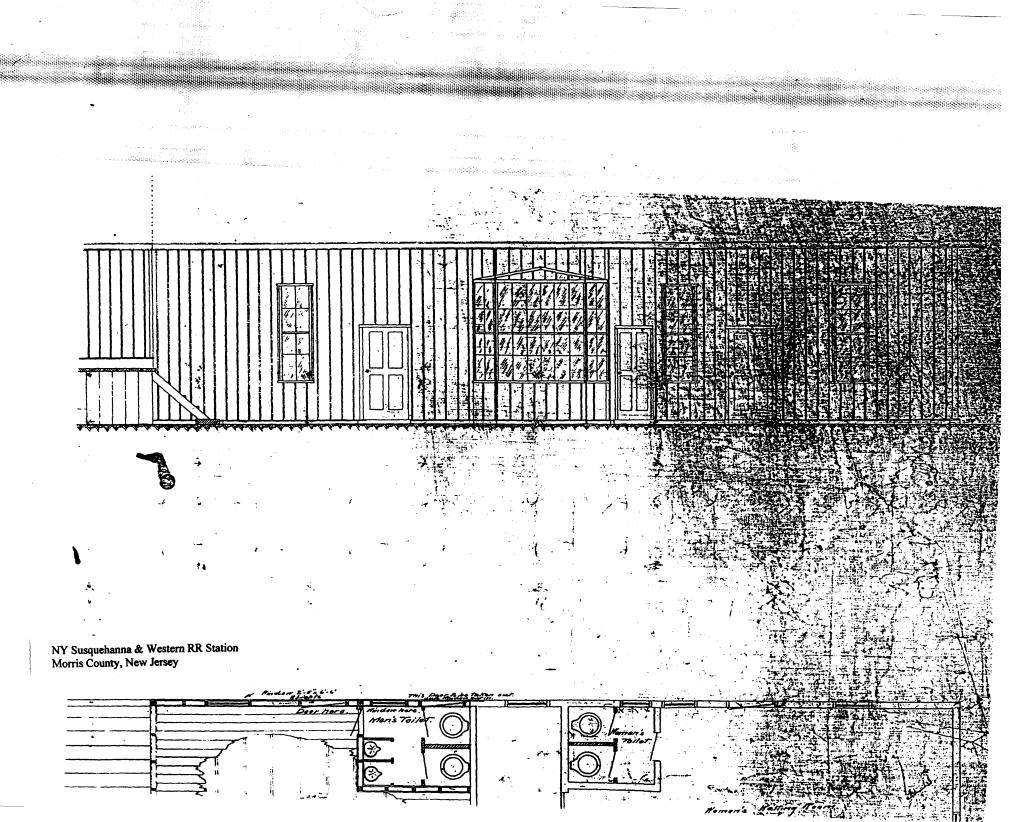
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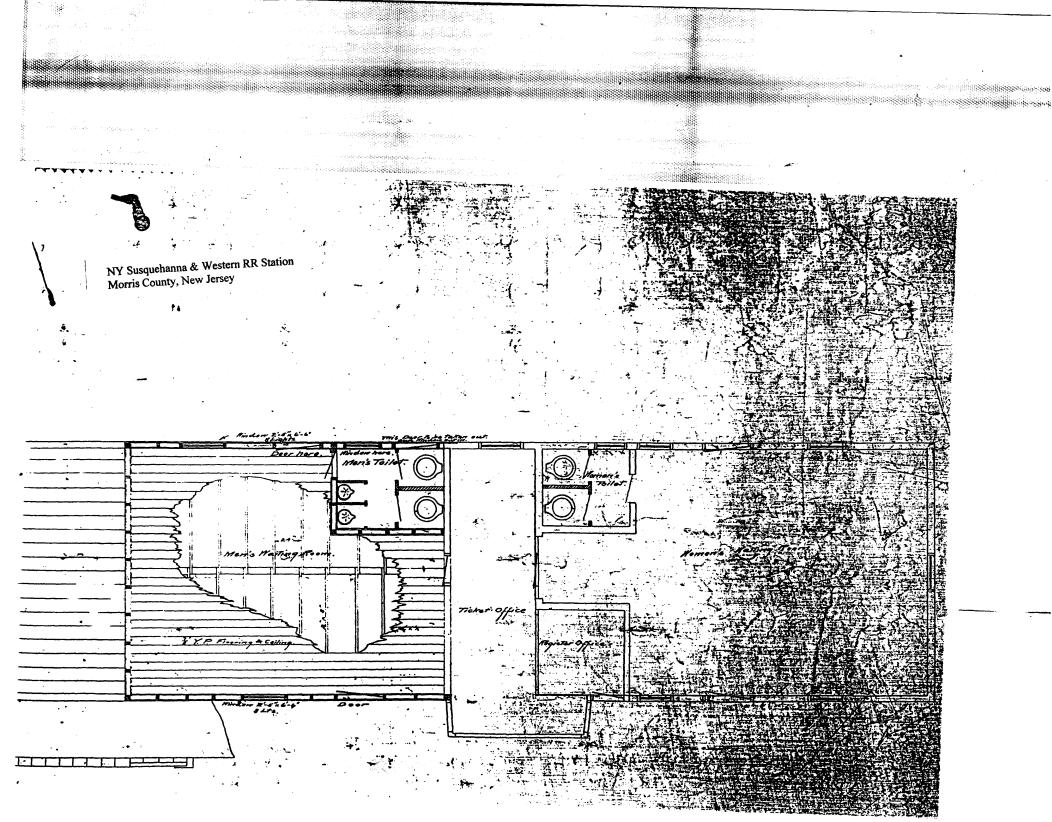
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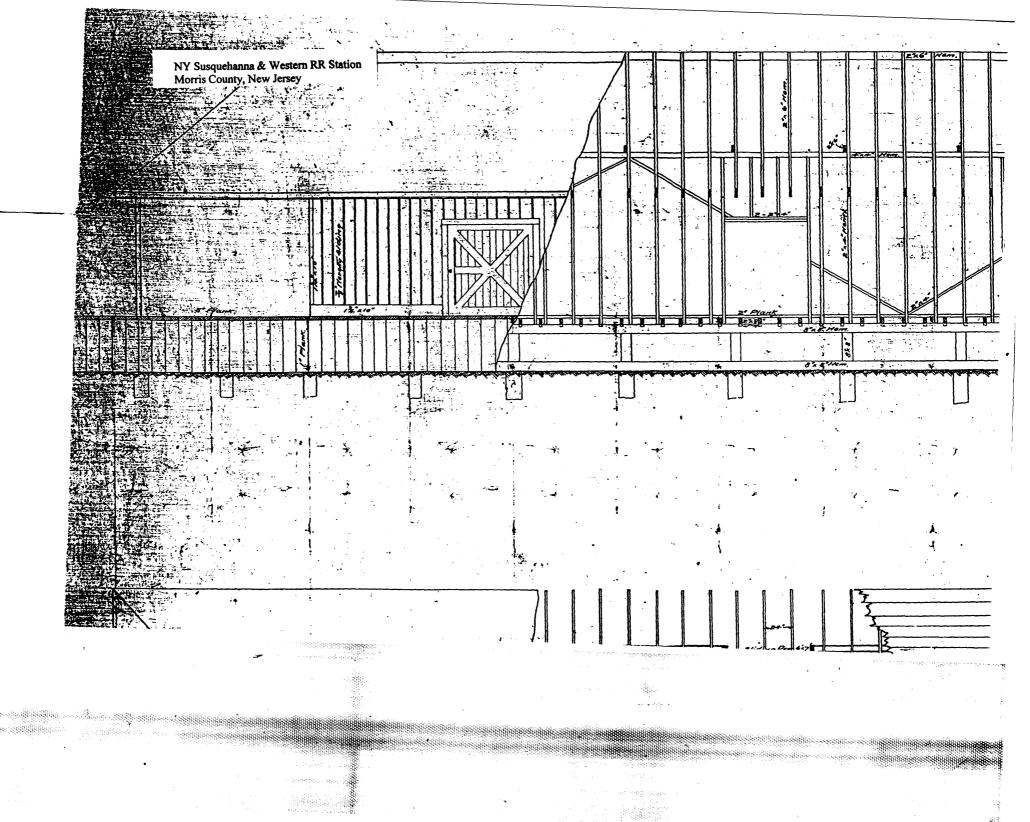


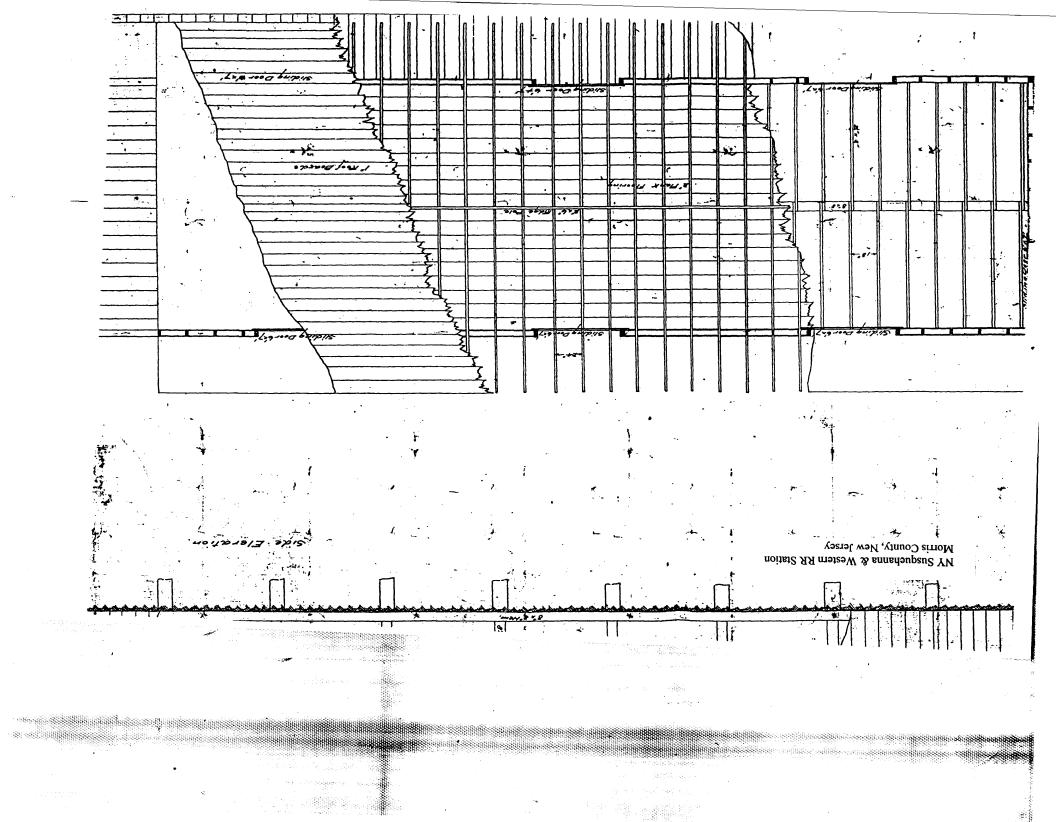


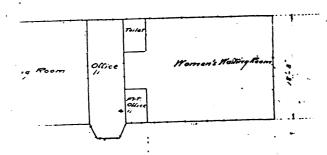












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