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NEW JERSEY TRANSIT

# RAILROAD STATION SURVEY

## 1. IDENTIFICATION

~	Α.	Name: Common Park Ridge Station Line: Hoboken Division - Peapack Historic Valley (Erie) (NJ&NY)	
	L	Address or location: <u>NE corner</u> Hawthorne and Park Ave <del>nue</del> Park Ridge, NJ <u>Ne corner</u> Hawthorne and <u>Park Ridge</u> <u>Block &amp; lot: part of 1519/1</u>	
	С.	Owner's name: NJ Transit Address: Newark, NJ	
		Location of legal description: Recorder of Deeds, Bergen County Courthouse, Main Street, Hackensack, N.J. Representation in existing surveys: (give number, category, etc., as appropriate)	
		HABS HAERELRR ImprovementNY&LB Improvement	
		Plainfield CorridorNR(name, if HD)	
		NJSR (name, if HD)	
		NJHSI (#)	
		Northeast Corridor	
		Local (date	)
		Modernization Study: site plan <u>X</u> floor planaerial photo	
		other views <u>X</u> photos of NR quality? <u>X</u>	
2.	EVALI	ATION	
	Α.	Determination of eligibility: SHPO comment?(date	
	В.	Potentially eligible for NR: yes X possible no	
		individual thematic	
	C.	Survey Evaluation: <u>140/175</u> points 158	

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### FACILITY NAME: Park Ridge

## 3. DESCRIPTION--COMPLEX IN GENERAL

Describe the entire railroad complex at this site; mention all buildings and structures, with notation of which are not historic. Check items which apply and discuss in narrative:

Moved buildings (original location, date of and reason for move) Any non-railroad uses in complex (military recruiting, etc.) Any unusual railroad building types, such as crew quarters, etc. (specify) Known threats to complex or individual structures

Surroundings: \_\_\_\_urban X\_suburban \_\_\_\_scattered buildings \_\_\_\_open space \_\_\_\_residential \_\_\_\_woodland \_\_\_agricultural X\_industrial \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_downtown commercial \_\_\_\_highway commercial \_\_\_\_other (specify)

Relationship of station grade to track grade: <u>X</u> Station and track grade at same level <u>Station at street grade</u>, track depress <u>Station spans track</u> <u>Track elevated above street grade</u>, multi-level station

# of tracks: ] plus siding

Pedestrian access across tracks:

\_\_\_\_Pedestrian bridge: \_\_\_at street grade \_\_\_elevated

Pedestrian/vehicular bridge: \_\_\_\_at street grade \_\_\_\_elevated

Tunnel

None provided X Vehicular grade crossing

Discuss character of vehicular and pedestrian approaches to complex; landscaping; relationship to parking. Refer to, and key with, site plan.

The Park Ridge station, consisiting of a one-story wood frame station in Railroad Stick Style with platforms, is located on a small plaza in the borough's business district. Tracks are aligned SW-NE. There is a small parking lot (1) W of the station and another much larger lot N of Market Street and W of Hawthorne Avenue. Parking is also available along neighboring streets. Pedestrian access is unrestricted, and there is no landscaping.

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# 3. DESCRIPTION--PLATFORMS AND CANOPIES

X Inbound 356' asphalt platform, one MV lighting fixture on wood pole (all recent). No canopy.

\_\_\_Outbound

Between tracks

Nature and extent of existing original material and alterations: roof type, material, supports; freestanding or attached to building; seating; lighting; signage; other.

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## 4. DESCRIPTION - BUILDINGS (EXTERIOR)

Fill out separate sheet for each building at facility. Refer to, and key with, site plan. Account for original materials and finishes where different from existing.

Station X Shelter Freight House Other (specify)

General architectural description, including style, shape, roof type, # stories, # bays, orientation to track, location of entrances, etc.

The Park Ridge station, located NW of the tracks, consists of a wood frame onestory rectangular block with a moderately pitched gabled roof and jerkinheads, its main ridge paralleling the tracks. Walls are sheathed in board and batten, while the roofing is slate (portions not original). A central rectangular cupola with a hipped roof, flared eaves, and brackets once straddled the ridge (Next Station). Windows, framed in octagonal plain board surrounds are 1/1 (originally 2/2 or 6/6) or 4/4 and doors are (2/2) with one or two pane transoms (all were probably two pane originally). The SE (track) facade contains a central projection with four windows flanked on either side by (from center) a window and a door, while the NW facade contains two central doors flanked at the ends by windows. The NE facade contains a door and a window, the SW facade, a pair of windows. Two metal stove pipes rise symmetrically from the ridge. Most materials remain intact, including oversized shaped brackets and portions of a cut-out bargeboard.

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	DINGS (EXTERIOR) CONTD.	
Station <u>X</u> Shel	terFreight HouseOther	(specify)
EXTERIOR MATERIALS	AND SYSTEMS:	
	<u>Original</u>	Existing, if different
Structural system:	wood frame	
Foundation:	probably brick	
Base course:	none	
Walls:	board and batten	(modern paint)
Trim:	shaped wood brackets, molded surro shaped board ends in gable, shaped bargeboards (S)	
Doors:	(2/2) with transom	
Roofing:	slate	(some replaced)
Soffit:	board	
Windows:	4/4, 6/6, 2/2 all with octagonal surrounds	most are 1/1
Lighting:	probably gas	MV fixs.
Signage:	unknown	std Erie , painted board
Drainage:	wood gutters & metal downspouts	alum. gutters & leaders plastic downspouts
Other:		

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## 4. DESCRIPTION - BUILDINGS (INTERIOR)

Fill out separate sheets for each building at facility. Refer to, and key with, floor plan.

Station X Shelter Freight House Other (specify)

General architectural description of all spaces, including original materials and finishes, if known, any remodeling, etc.

The interior of the Park Ridge station was not accessible, but from the windows it appeared that the block originally was divided into three spaces, a center ticket office flanked by a waiting room on either side. Presently it comprises a single space with vertical beaded matched board walls. There are plain board benches built into the SE end and also in the bay; the latter are probably not original. There are two stove plates in the floor which correspond to the two stove pipes on the roof of the building.

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## 5. SIGNIFICANCE OF COMPLEX (ARCHITECTURAL/HISTORICAL):

Architect unknown	source	
	below Alteration dates ca. 1970s	Source Tino
	h Carpenter Gothic derivation	
<pre># passenger trains/day (pi</pre>	resent) 14 in 1980 Peak (#, Yr	.) 31 in 1930
Original station on s	site	12 in 1941
	n; Stalton and Jones.	30 in 1909

The Park Ridge station is a typical late nineteenth century suburban depot on the New Jersey and New York line. In addition to the board and batten walls and oversized shaped brackets common to many stations on the line, (eg. Woodbridge, Anderson Street, New Milford, Emerson, Woodcliff Lake, Montvale, Spring Valley, Union) Park Ridge was distinguished by cut out bargeboards (portions remain), jerkinheads at the gabel ends (like the former Mahwah station), octagonal window surrounds, and a cupola (missing). A Freight House once adjoined the station on the NE (<u>Next Station</u>). According to the picture caption on <u>Next Station</u> the station was built by the townspeople with the provision that all trains were to stop here. Subsequently, the railroad was largely responsible for the growth and development of the area. The station remains in good condition, although interior walls were recently removed.

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#### 6. GEOGRAPHIC DATA

Verbal boundary description (if Block/Lot not available)

Boundaries are outlined on the site plan.

Acreage: Less than  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre. UTM coordinates: Zone: <u>18</u>/Easting: <u>581000</u>/Northing: <u>4542630</u> USGS Quad <u>Park Ridge</u> Scale <u>T:24000</u>

#### 7. REFERENCES

**BIBLIOGRAPHIC:** 

Stalton and Jones, <u>Railway Historical Monograph</u>, Crete, NE, Railroad Station Historical Society, 1973, p. 7.

The Next Station Will Be..., Vol. II, The Railroadians of America, 1974, n.p. Tino, Nicholas A., Jr., personal recollection.

ICONOGRAPHIC:

No plans have been located.

Photos:

(1909) Next Station, Ibid. (n.d.) Pasack Valley Historical Society collection, Park Ridge, NJ. (1966) Carleton, Paul D., The Erie-Lackawana Story, River Vale, NJ, 1974, p. 476.

#### 8. PHOTO

Negat	ive index #	?98 or	NJT photo	#	slide #	6-8
Date	1978	Pho	tographer	Richard Bro	wne Assocs.	
Loc.	of negative	NJ Transit		Direction of	view: Statio	n from south

9. CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

### A. HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

i. Associated with important events or broad movements in history

nationally	(30)
state-wide	(25) (20)
locally	(20)

ii. Representative of significant changes in railroad history and/or technology

		rare unusual common	(30) (25) (10)
iii.	Original station on site		<u>X</u> (15)
iv.	Representative of a line's standard	design	(10)
۷.	Constructed prior to 1900		<u>x</u> (15)
vi.	Junction station		(10)
vii.	Former long-distance service		(10)
viii.	Other		(10)
ix.	Less than 50 years old		(-30)

#### **B. ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE**

i. STYLE Railroad Stick with Carpenter Gothic derivation a. Example of a particular architectural style (check one)

b.	Pare survivor of style	Outstanding Excellent Very good Good Fair	(50) (40) <u>x</u> (30) (20) (10)
	Rare survivor of style	nationally state-wide locally	(20) (15) <u>X</u> (10)

#### c. As example of railroad architecture

rare			1	(30)
unusual	or	early_	X	(15)

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FACILITY NAME: Park Ridge CRITERIA CONT.

ii.	ARCI a.	HITECT (check one) unknown building by architect important			
			nationally state-wide locally	(25) (20) (15)	
	b.	building designed by railroad and or appears to be the work of the s architect or engineer or chief des	supervising	(20)	
	c.	building designed by railroad and or appears to be the work of the s		( 5)	
	d.	architect identified but not consi to be of special importance	idered	( 5)	
iii.	OVEI a.	RALL ARCHITECTURAL QUALITY (check of Outstanding composition, siting, of craftsmanship		(40)	
	b.	Notable composition, siting, or commanship, or possessing especially picturesque or unusual exterior de		(25)	
	c.	Possessing some detail(s) of part interest and/or quality	icular	<u>_x (15)</u>	Octagonal window
	d.	Average quality or interest		( 5)	surrounds; cut out bargeboards;
iv.		CIAL QUALITIES Noteworthy overall interior design detailing	ı or	1	board and batten siding.
	b.	Some noteworthy interior detailing	3	(5)	
	c.	<pre>(interior not accessible) Part of cohesive complex         1) station and shelter         2) more than two building</pre>	JS	(5) (10)	
v.	CONS a.	TRUCTION Noteworthy example of particular construction method		(30)	
	b.	Rare or early survivor of particu method	lar	(20)	
	c.	Interesting example of method		(5)	

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## CRITERIA CONT.

- C. CONDITIONS
  - i. INTEGRITY
    - a. Original condition
    - Alterations and/or additions, beneficial
    - c. Alterations and/or additions, not detrimental
    - d. Minor detrimental alterations and/ or additions, not affecting overall integrity
    - e. Detrimental alterations and/or additions, reversible at considerable expense
    - f. Detrimental alterations and/or additions, essentially irreversible

#### ii. PHYSICAL CONDITION

- a. Excellent
- b. Good
- c. Fair
- d. Poor
- e. Severely deteriorated

#### iii. RELATIONSHIP TO COMMUNITY

a. Pivotal building
b. Integral part of townscape
c. Compatible with townscape
d. Unrelated to townscape
e. Incompatible

#### iv. SUITABILITY FOR ADAPTIVE USE

- a. Excellent
- b. Very Good
- c. Good
- d. Average
- e. Possible, with difficulty



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Attach copy of site plan

continuation sheets attached

FORM PREPARED BY: Richard Meyer

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The station at PARK RIDGE was built by the townspeople with the provision that all trains stop there. Total receipts on opening day, November 1, 1872, were \$3.50.

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# **SUMMARY**

Station:	Park Ridge	Line:	Pascack Valley
Index:		Fie	eld Survey Conducted January, 1979
	<ol> <li>Site Base at 1" = 100'</li> <li>Floor Plan at 1" = 20'</li> <li>Platform and Canopies</li> <li>Station Building</li> <li>Track Crossings and Ba</li> <li>Parking Access and Cit</li> <li>Information System</li> <li>Notes on Community and Canopies</li> </ol>	rculation & Security A	spects
X Informatic		station _	<u>X</u> Detailed Field Photographs
      	Aerial Photograph at 1" = Station Location Plan from Proposed Taking Lines of 9 Summer 1970 Ground Surve September 1974 Survey - 1 Tri-State Aerial Photo Sur Conrail Data Survey for St TOPICS or Traffic Improve Community Renewal Plans Historical File for Station Schedule of Trains and Bus Other	USGS map 00 Day Opt y of Rail Po NJ DOT (De vey of Rail action ments Plann for Station	ion Station Parcels arking – NJ DOT ept. of Commuter Services) Parking 1970 ed in Station Area
		Ownership:	N.J.D.O.T.

Agent: No Hrs/Days:

Rehabilitated (10 years or less) & Description:



# **3 PLATFORMS & CANOPIES**

Station: PARE 2:DEE

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NO. of TRACKS: In-Bound (NY, I	H, N)*Out-Bound	By-Pass	Inactive I.BO.B.
At Grade In-Cut(Walls)	Cross Slope	Elevated	Embankment Structure
Straight Curved		Yes	No
To Board must Commuter walk on tracks:	_yes_X_no (Ask Ticket A	gent). Note other obs	tructions on Platform & setback f/rail:

PLATFORMS Length X Width	IN -BOUND SIDE 356 x 65	OUT-BOUND SIDE	ISLAND BET'N TRACK
Height Above Top of Rail Platform Material Edge Material	ERAVEL + DIRT CONC.		
Safety Line, Material	yes/no ONLY ON ASPH. PORTION	' yes/no	yes/no
Guardrail (Locate) In-cut/Retaining Walls Lighting – Type,	yes no	yes/no	yes/no
O.C., Setbock f/rail Seating-Mat'l & Qty.	UONE		
Stairs: (ramps used: A yes / no ) B Locate: C	vert.rise width	vert.rise width	vert.rise width

CONDITION/LOCATION - (platform, lighting, stairs, guardrails, retaining walls. Note apparent poor conditions only)

PLAT. - FAIR - POOR, JUST DIRT + GRAVEL LRED - HUDDY, OVERGROWN BOGE - GOUD COUD. LIGHTING · NONE STAIRS - NONE

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CANOPY/OVERHANG	IN-BOUND SIDE	OUT-BOUND SIDE	ISLAND BET'N TRACK
Length x Width	X	X	X
Height (Lowest)			
Setback from Rail			
Structure w/Spacing			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Setback-Rail to Support			
Deck Material			·
Roofing			
Shape	Slope / Gable / Flat		
Drainage			
Lighting			

CONDITION (Note apparent poor conditions only):

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\*Label rooms on floor plan by function and numerical no. to aid cross referencing.

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4a STATION BUILDING $\times$ SHELTER
STATION: PARL RIDGE
Record Photograph197
CONDITION: *
Exterior (indicate board-up areas; locate elements being described using floor plan/photos) (Consultant)
Foundations: WOOD STEUCTURE BEARS PIRECTLY ON EARTH 'HUDSILL'
Walls/Doors/Windows: WELLS - FALR - GOOD COND. OLD + WORN, ZEOUIRES PLINTING DOORS - OLD + BEATEN NEED TO BE REPLACED WINDOWS - BOARDED UP
Stairs:
Roof/Drainage: SLATE SHINGLES BROKEN + MISSING IN SPOTS (PHETO) WOOD DECK EXPESED
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Interior (locate elements by room; photograph poor conditions)
Walls/ Doors/Windows:
WUKUOWKI BOLEPED 4P
Floor:

Ceiling:

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Stairs:

\*Note: Indicate apparent poor conditions only, not routine maintenance conditions. Write informal recommendations, i.e., suggestions for improvements on reverse side.

# 8 Community & Security Aspects

 Describe the setting of the station in terms of the activity in the surrounding area (land use and condition described in section 6). Describe the visibility of the station and site from surrounding areas of streets in terms of security through surveillance. Describe screening and shielding (note #6, page 4) and shadows, nooks and crannies, and other hiding places).

The station is located in the center of the town and is surrounded by small shops and businesses.

The station can be viewed easily from the local streets. There are no dark spots or hiding places.

2. Is the station out of the "main stream" of pedestrian/vehicular activity, or is it part of the fabric of life in the community? Do non-commuters walk through the station building or use any part of the station facilities/site to shorten their path to a final destination; to shop; to conduct business such as banking (refer to #4 Station Building/Interior Space \_\_\_\_\_):

The station is in the middle of pedestrian and vehicular traffic in the area. It could be part of the fabric of life in the community if it were open to the public. Non-commuters do not use the station site as a short-cut to other destinations.

3. Vandalism: Graffiti none low / medium / high; location: Property damage (none) low / medium / high (describe):

4. Question the ticket agent about vandalism problems.



Thematic Nomination of Operating Passenger RR Stations in New Jersey

Park Ridge RR Station, Park Ridge Boro, Bergen County