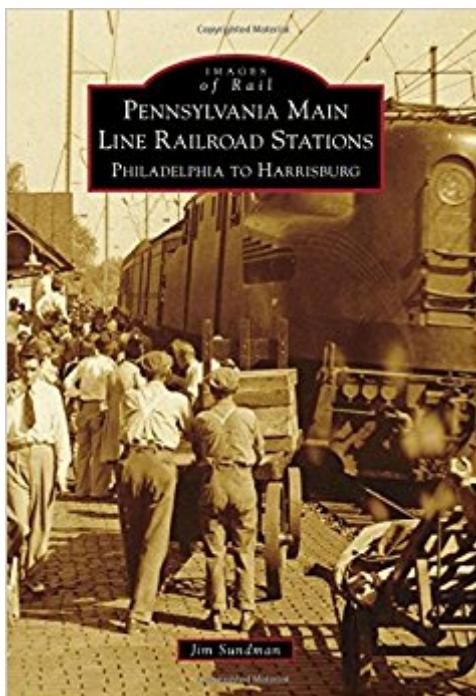


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# Pennsylvania Main Line Railroad Stations (Images Of Rail)



## Synopsis

In 1857, the Pennsylvania Railroad (PRR) took over Pennsylvania's Main Line of Public Works, a state-owned railroad and canal system built in the 1830s. Costly to build and maintain, and never attracting the traffic needed to sustain it, the state was eager to let it go. Keeping the rail portion and combining it with its own lines, the PRR ultimately developed a well-built and well-run rail line from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh all while keeping the "main line" moniker. The eastern section between Philadelphia and Harrisburg was especially successful, particularly after the railroad built new communities along the line that were at first summer destinations and later year-round homes for daily commuters. Other towns and cities along the main line had a strong industrial or agricultural base needing rail access, and many of these communities had attractive train stations. *Images of America: Pennsylvania Main Line Railroad Stations: Philadelphia to Harrisburg* documents many of these passenger stations through vintage photographs and other images. Most are gone, but fortunately some still stand and are in use today.

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## Customer Reviews

Jim Sundman is a local historian, researcher, and regular commuter on the main line, where he travels to his job with Amtrak at 30th Street Station in Philadelphia. His daily trips to and from his home in Downingtown, Pennsylvania, piqued his interest in the old stations along line.

I worked for Penn Central then Amtrak since 1975 as a carpenter maintaining the stations, towers, buildings from Philadelphia to Harrisburg (Philadelphia Main Line) and Wilmington DE to Trenton NJ. This book describes each station very well. Some of the history was missing and there are many stories about the many people sold tickets at the Stations and the Operators at the Towers that the author did not have yet you would have been on the inside to get many of them. The book is good.

As I actually lived this subject, I can tell you that it absolutely captures the truth of the subject.

This book gives a history of how the Pennsylvania Railroad and the Philadelphia metropolitan area grew in the 19th and early 20th centuries.

Recommended by Mr. Downingtown. Great book for train enthusiasts and those who enjoy learning about the growth of the Philadelphia metro area.

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