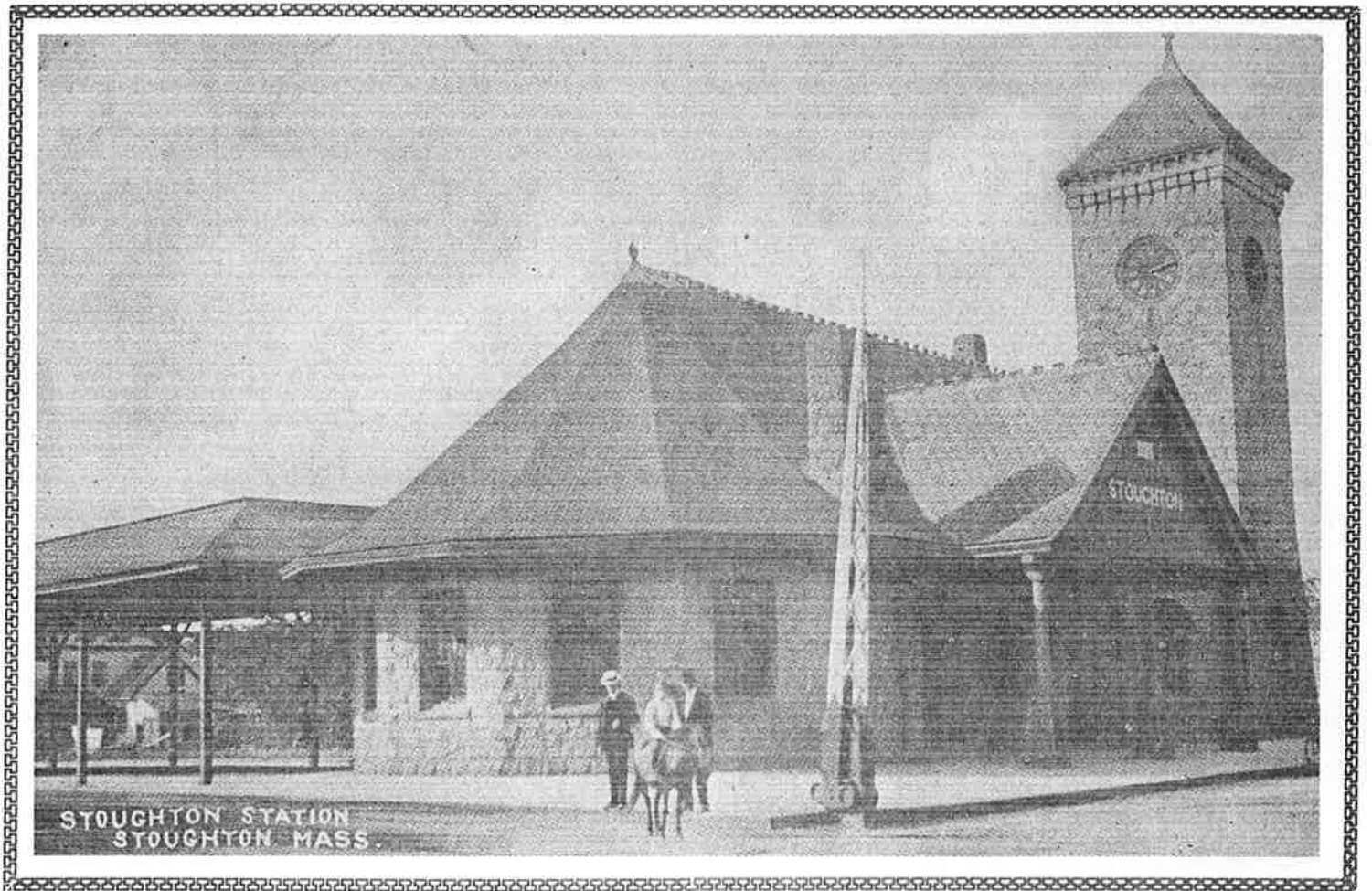


# THE STOUGHTON RAILROAD STATION



1888

**ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY**

1988

# Stoughton Branch RAIL ROAD.

THE TRAINS WILL COMMENCE RUNNING ON  
*Monday, April 7th, 1845.*

## PASSENGER TRAINS,

Leave BOSTON at 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  A. M., 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  P. M., 6 $\frac{1}{2}$  P. M.

Leave STOUGHTON at 6 40 & 9 40 A. M. 5 10 P. M.

Stopping at Bird's, South Canton and Canton stations, and the regular Way Stations on the Boston and Providence Rail Road. Fare 50 cents. Commutation Tickets \$50 per annum; and \$35 per six months. Commutation tickets are not transferable.

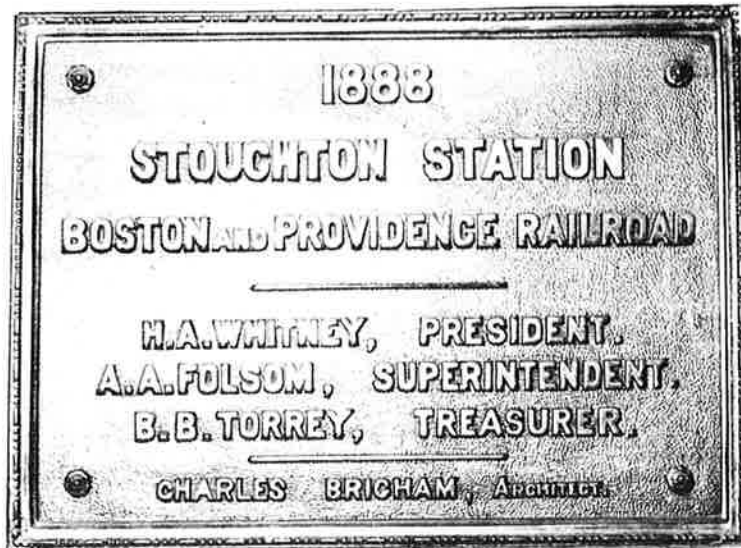
Passengers will be allowed the usual quantity (80 lbs.) of *personal* baggage, and will be charged for all packages of freight carried with them.

Arrangements have been made to carry a reasonable quantity of Boot and Shoe Cases in the Baggage Car of the Passenger Train, for which 10 cents each will be charged; and passengers will have the preference in this accommodation.

## Freight Tariff.

Boston and Stoughton, or Bird's, - - - 6 cts. per 10  
Boston and South Canton, - - - - - 5 cts. "  
Boot and Shoe Cases, . . . . . 8 cts. per

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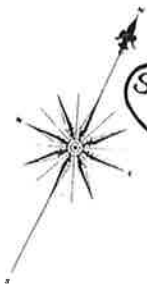
## History of the Stoughton Railroad

On March 16, 1844, Messrs. Isaac Tisdale, Jr., Lyman Kinsley, and Martin Wales incorporated the Stoughton Branch Railroad. The line to be built was to run from Canton Junction through South Canton (now Canton Center) and by Springdale Mills, the West Stoughton Lumber Mills and to stop somewhere near the rear of the Congregational Meetinghouse on Washington St. The 3½ miles of tracks were to be laid on this route with funds raised by capital stock subscriptions up to \$50,000. The Stoughton Branch R.R. was mortgaged to the Boston & Providence R.R. for additional funds. However, before they could open the line as an independent company the Boston & Providence Railroad Co. took over full control of the Stoughton Branch Railroad and finished the project.

Railroad service first came to Stoughton in the spring of 1845 when the Stoughton Branch of the Boston and Providence Railroad extension was completed. The original station was wooden and stood at the end of Railroad Ave. This station burned down, its replacement blew down and the third station which was a combination engine house, freight house and station, was torn down after the present building was erected. The present structure built in 1887-1888 was designed by Charles Brigham and constructed of native granite from the Myron Gilbert Quarry on West St.

The principal users of the early railroad service were the lumber mills and cotton mills and the few merchants in the town who would receive hardware and farm tools for sale to local farmers. Later, the shoe industry brought increased use up until the Civil War. Passengers could ride the steam train to Canton and make a connection to Boston or Providence. Visitors to the town who came in on the train found several hotels nearby the station for food and lodging. More and more passengers were beginning to use the station and railroad service as opposed to just freight service. By 1886, plans were begun for a better building to serve as a terminal station, which required a clock tower. On April 9, 1887, the Stoughton Sentinel announced the design of the new railroad depot to be built on Wyman St.

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PARK ST.

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WASHINGTON

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RAIL ROAD AV.

SUMMER

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PARK  
SERVER ST.

CANTON

WYMAN

MORTON

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**STOUGHTON**  
MASS.

Scale of Feet  
0 30 60 90 120 150

Population 8000

KEY

	Street
	Building
	Lot
	Railroad
	Water
	Bridge
	Fence
	Utility Pole
	Telephone Pole
	Telegraph Pole
	Flag Pole
	Monument
	Well
	Cistern
	Spring
	Pond
	Lake
	Swamp
	Marsh
	Meadow
	Field
	Pasture
	Woods
	Forest
	Park
	Cemetery
	School
	Church
	School House
	Factory
	Mill
	Warehouse
	Store
	Office
	Bank
	Hotel
	Saloon
	Tavern
	Restaurant
	Cafe
	Drug Store
	Grocery Store
	Hardware Store
	Clothing Store
	Shoe Store
	Furniture Store
	Book Store
	Music Store
	Toy Store
	Stationery Store
	Jewelry Store
	Watch Store
	Optical Store
	Photography Store
	Printing Store
	Book Binding Store
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