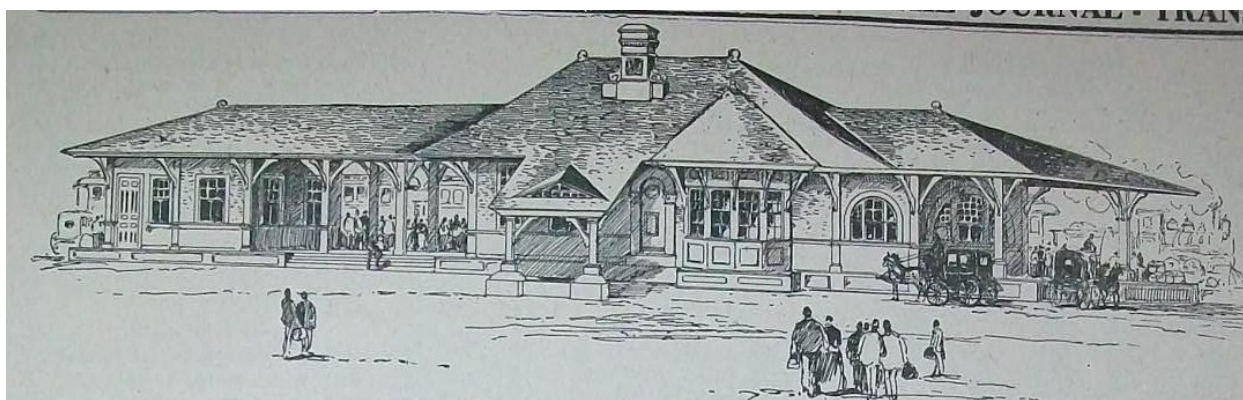


Consolidated Communications - 76 Franklin Street



The Franklin Falls railroad station serviced the needs of those wishing to connect to the Boston, Concord, and Montreal RR in Tilton from Franklin, or the Northern RR at the Franklin Junction. It was constructed c. 1891, and opened to the public in June, 1892. After closing for passenger use on September 25, 1924, the building remained abandoned until its demolition in 1942. Today in its space is the Consolidated Communications (previously the NE T&T) building, with nothing more in the rear of the edifice then weeds and overgrowth. It once was frequented by passenger and freight trains going under School Street and continuing on to link with either the freight house on River Street or across the Merrimack River via a 400 foot long covered bridge to the Junction Station in lower (West) Franklin. The 1936 flood caused a weakening of the underpinnings of the bridge, and rather than repair the damage, the Boston & Maine RR chose to close it off. The last covered train Bridge in Franklin finally succumbed in 1945 by falling into the river.

Below is an article describing the first ride from the Franklin Falls RR station published just before it was demolished in 1942.



Franklin Falls Depot, 1892, Now Being Demolished

Franklin Landmark Being Demolished

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These are the rates: To Tilton 25c, round trip 40c; to the Junction 10c, from Junction to Tilton 35c. On Tuesday tickets sold at the Falls depot represented 70 single trips. Thirteen pieces of baggage were handled.

People are pleased with the train service. A Boston man says: "It is the prettiest depot in New England."

Monday was the opening day, sure enough. At 6:20 a. m. quite a crowd had gathered at the new Falls depot to see the first train. Station Agent Woodman's handy ticket case was well supplied with "pasteboards" for many points but he could not sell them, notice of rates had not been received. Pretty soon the train hove in sight and the iron horse then came into the station at a good rate of speed. The air brake brought them to a standstill and when Supt. Colby stepped from the locomotive he said the passengers who intended to go on the train could do so without tickets. The stop here was brief and soon the train began to "pull out" toward Tilton. It consisted of the locomotive and one passenger car. There were 13 passengers on board including Postmaster Frank H. Daniell, Will Gordon, LeRoy W. Sanborn, F. A. Calley, David McClure and Rev. J. Q. Adams of Portland, Me., Elmer Talbot, John H. Neal, Ernest Brown of the Nashua Telegraph, a Transcript man and three others. Quick time was made to Tilton and at that station a goodly number of people were present. Several passengers left the train, a new combination car—smoker and baggage—was added; passengers taken for Franklin and we were again whizzing toward home. W. F. Fletcher, Charles Cogswell, Frank Fletcher, Miss Eva Lambert and William Davis and family came over. Passing along in full view of the river, the mills, over the trestle at the head of Central Street, around the curve and to the depot again didn't take many minutes, and it was a pleasant trip.

by the lodge, Mrs. Simpson making the presentation. Flowers were presented to Mrs. Simpson from her officers. Supper was served previous to the meeting.

Odd Fellows Installed

The officers of Harmony Lodge of Odd Fellows were installed by District Deputy Harry Muzzey and suite on Wednesday evening. Paul Stinson was installed as noble grand; Waldo Knowles, vice grand; Ernest C. Sanborn, recording secretary; Roy Lavigne, financial secretary; Maitland Downing, treasurer; Horace Maxfield, R. S. N. G.; George Nudd, L. S. N. G.; Clarence Pike, chaplain; Merton Kimball, outside guardian; Allan Tutt, inside guardian; Edmund Thurston, warden; Howard Bailey, conductor; Richard Colby, R. S. S., and Robert Lindstrom, L. S. S. Supper was served by a committee which was composed of Allie Smith, Herbert Howe, Earl Bryenton, Raymond Manning and George Nudd. The visiting committee includes Mr. Stinson, Mr. Knowles, Mr. Downing, Mr. Pike, Mr. Thurston, Mr. Bailey and Mr. Tutt.

Death

James T. Ganley

James T. Ganley died suddenly last Thursday morning at his home on Peabody street, at the age of 64 years. He was a native of Lowell, Mass., the son of John J. and Elizabeth (Armstrong) Ganley, and had lived here 25 years. For the past ten years he had been employed at Scott & Williams, Inc., in Laconia as a machinist, commuting daily to his work there.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Annie Ganley; his father; five brothers, Robert, Joseph, John, Jr., Charles and Richard Ganley of Lowell, Mass.; and five sisters, Mrs. Patrick Nevin, Mrs. Daniel Wynn, Mrs. Arthur Lawlor and Mrs. Edward Bagley of Lowell, and Sister Elizabeth, who is stationed in Worcester, Mass.

The body was taken Friday to the home of his sister, Mrs. Nevin in Low-

Rev. Otis Beach Comes To Tilton

Rev. A. Otis Beach, for the past three years pastor of St. James' Methodist Church in Manchester, has accepted a call extended by the Tilton-Northfield Methodist Church and will deliver his first sermon in his new pulpit on Sunday. A graduate of the Topeka (Kan.) High School, Rev. Mr. Beach received his A.B. degree from Baker University, Baldwin, Kansas, and his S.T.B. and M.A. degrees at Boston University where he has completed his resident work for his doctorate.

He was ordained a deacon in the Methodist Church by Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam in June, 1939, and an elder in October, 1940, in Manhattan, Kan. Rev. Mr. Beach is married and the couple have a nine-months-old daughter, Sharrell Marie. The family moved here from Manchester yesterday and are occupying the Methodist parsonage.

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Mrs. Ada P. Chadwick, Correspondent

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Robinson Donald and Joyce, of Perkinsville, Vt. were guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William B. Connor, the first of the week.

Mrs. Wilmer Hersey of Waltham Mass., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Clifford W. Ayer and family.

Lyndon Huckins is working at the Sullivan Machine Shop in Claremont. Roland Fletcher is home from Portland, Me., where he has been employed.

Mrs. Luella Lewis is visiting her niece in Lowell, Mass.

The What We Can Circle, King's Daughters met at their room in Grange Hall, Wednesday afternoon with seven present. The usual business session was held. Delegates to attend the King's Daughters' convention to be held in Concord, October 22, were appointed as follows: Mrs. Alice B. Hurd, Mrs. Evangeline Chadwick and Mrs. Fannie Greene. Mrs. Addie P. Nelson, leader, and Mrs. Nellie G.