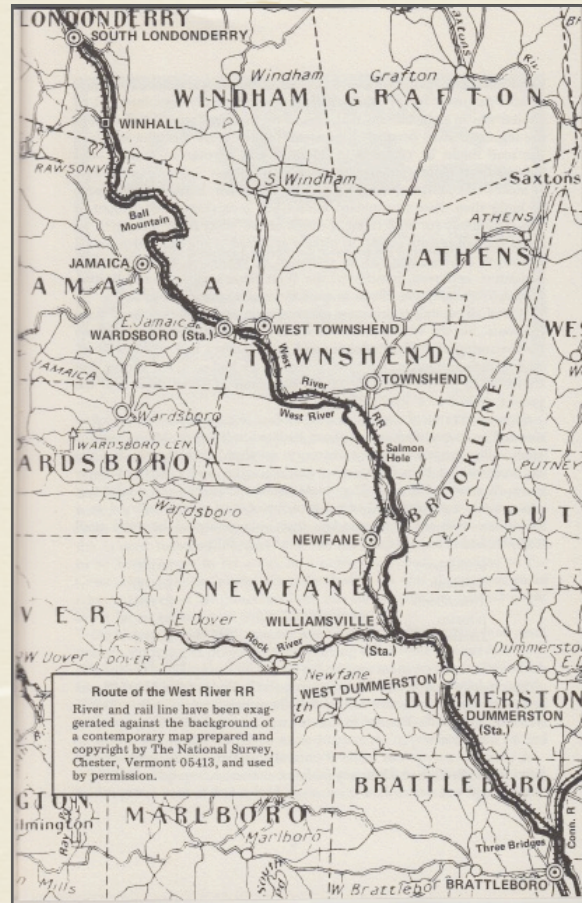


THE WEST RIVER RAILROAD A BRIEF HISTORY

The Brattleboro & Whitehall Railroad company was formed with initial plans to run from Brattleboro, Vermont, to Whitehall, New York. The Railroad only made it as far as South Londonderry and later became known as the West River Railroad. The Railroad was a community sponsored project starting in the 1850s. The narrow gauge had many mishaps and became known as "The 36 Miles of Trouble." A 1903 editorial called the trains "try-daily — they go down in the morning and try to get back at night." By the 1930s, the West River Railroad was out of business. Today, parts of the old railroad bed serve as a recreational hiking trail.



Newfane Depot, Cemetery Hill Road, Newfane Village



The Newfane Railroad Depot was one of ten stations constructed along the West River Railroad (WRRR). Construction on the Depot began in 1880. It was designated as "the wood and water station for the narrow gauge, midway between Brattleboro and Jamaica." Today, the Newfane Station boasts one of the few remaining stations with the original water tank still standing.

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Each Society's donor names will be displayed in the
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YOUR GIFT will support:

Phase I:

Acquisition of the Newfane Station.

The Newfane Station comprises the old Railroad
Depot and water tank built in 1880. Donations
during Phase I will offset the property's acquisition.

Phase II:

Restoration of the Newfane Depot.

Restoration of the Depot will allow for the use of
the building as a Museum of West River Railroad,
an annex of the Windham County Museum, as well
as a village gathering space.

Phase III:

Restoration of the Station Tank House.

The Station's Water Tank House will be the final
phase of the property restoration process. It is
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