

RAILWAY STATION TRACK PLANS

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THE PLANS

The original plans were drawn on site at the railway locations which they describe and subsequently redrawn and hand painted. All are dated and were in fact drawn between 1945 and 1967, from the dawn of Nationalisation to the end of the Dr. Beeching era.

Essentially, in the areas covered, a plan exists of every location where there once was a signal box. Consequently they include stations, halts, sidings, and junctions. As a general rule the details included on the plans are as follows; ground frame huts, goods sheds, cattle docks, bridges, with references to their construction and clearance (and in many cases bridge numbers), level crossings (and in some cases the crossing numbers), gradients and mileposts (both whole and part miles). Reference is made to disused platforms and the position of dismantled junctions and sidings where appropriate. Many of the plans detail when the site was originally opened and when closed, if indeed it has closed.

These plans were drawn during, or just before, many lines and stations were closed, consequently they offer an opportunity to see the railway infrastructure as it was in those far off days.

Obviously not every one of the described features will be found on every plan but there are many surprises. Please remember that these are basically the work of one man, who managed to create, by his own efforts, what is essentially a small WINDOW IN TIME.

THE ENGINEER

So who was the man who drew the originals of these plans? The answer is we don't know, but we can from the information on the plans themselves, form an educated opinion.

He was obviously an engineer, possibly a civil engineer, working within the railway industry, but possibly not for British Railways. He visited all the sites for which he drew plans as part of his job. In fact on one of the plans it says "surveyed in passing 22 - 6 - 52" and "surveyed on report 16 - 4 - 53".

Interestingly, he appears to have visited many of the sites which were abandoned, just a few months after they were closed. This gives rise to the speculation that his company was involved in the demolition of the abandoned railway lines.

We may never know the truth, but it is obvious that he was a railway enthusiast and whatever his role was in the world of railways, he has left a unique and fascinating archive

THE WEBSITE

The following links connect to lists of stations for which plans are currently available, and the plans are listed by British Railway's Regions as they were at the time the plans were created. Details of how to purchase copies of the plans can be found on the final web page [CONTACT US](#).

The total number of plans exceeds 4000, although many are not yet listed. If you cannot find the location you want please return to the site in a few months time when it may be listed, or contact us direct now and we will do our best to help.

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