

RAILROADS:

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1844 first L.I.R.R. connecting Long Island City with Greenport.

(some say 1836)

1867 South Side R.R. connecting Jamaica with Patchogue (original right of way of present line) built along right of way of old French Cable Atlantic Cable, later acquired by NYC and used for main pipeline to pump water to NYC.)

1869 Hempstead and Rockaway RR. Organized, stocks and bonds sold, construction begun. Connected Valley Stream on the South Side RR with Hempstead.

Right-of-way started at same point that present railroad does and paralleled Foster's Brook up through Westwood section. Between Cornwell Ave and the Brook, but Cornwell Ave south of Franklin did not then exist. Franklin Ave (Grassy Pond Road) and RR had a station called Bridgeport. (Opposite present Legion house)

An engine blew up W.L. Wood in Hempstead terminal. 1875 a washout sent an engine through a trestle near Woodfield about where Oak St. and Maple meet. James Scott, the engineer, and two others were killed, and the road vitrually abandoned.

1892 a charter granted The New York Bay Extension Railroad to run from New Lots to Garden City. The right-of-way through Malverne was present right of way of L.I.R.R. Meager prospects for revenue made many think its President, Austin Corbin, intended to use it in development of Hempstead Gardens, which he hoped would rival the successful Garden City development of A.T. Stewatt.

1895 First train ran through Malverne

1897 Road officially opened by Gov. Black.

1902 Merged with Oyster Bay and Far Rockaway R.R.

1902 Long Is R R formed by merging all the roads on the island

Except for excursions little traffic was seen on the new branch, and a 7.00 a.m. and a 7.p.m. were all that were run.

1910 Road temporarily abandoned.

Little shed on site of present station was known as Norwood Station.

Norwood Shed Sign

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The new R R and the establishment of Nassau County in 1899 had little or no effect on the lives of the people living here in Norwood. They were essentially farmers selling to the New York City trade, much as their fathers and their grandfathers had done before them. The first indication that our community was to be influenced by the growth of New York City was in the first few years of the new century when the Assembly Realty ~~Company~~ ^{Corporat} bought the Spragert farm and partially developed the property in the area around Pond, West, Park and Gates Avenues. This enterprise never did gain much momentum, but the next one did.

1269 Broadway
1911 Amsterdam Development and Sales Company bought 15 acres of Lindner ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ farm north of the station under direction of Alfred H. Wagg.

1912 Electric Pump; name.

1913 LIRR inaugurated storage battery electric service on line
to
1926