

# Central Square Train Station

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**From the mid 1800's to the early 1900's**, the Central Square Station was the heart of the village of Central Square. The station was a main transportation site for coal, milk, and freight. Often the port of Oswego was the destination. In 1903, the original station was destroyed by fire, and rebuilt in 1909. The station was abandoned in 1957, although the rails are still used by the CSX railroad. Currently, the Central New York Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society is preserving the Central Square Station Museum. <http://www.cnynrhs.org/CentralSq.html>



Original Station



Rebuilt Station



## RULES

1. This form must be prepared with typewriter, pen or indelible pencil; all information called for to be shown in full and in a clear and legible manner.
2. Weight, rate and charges must be shown in detail for less car-load shipments.
3. Demurrage, switching, icing or other miscellaneous charges not included in the rate for transportation must be stated in detail, and the points at which such charges accrued, shown.
4. When charges are assessed on track scale weights, gross, tare and net weights on which charges are based and name of weighing station, must be shown.
5. The route over which the shipment moved from point of origin to destination, including the initials of each carrier and name of each connecting line junction point, must be shown.
6. Over-charges will be refunded only on presentation of original paid freight bills.
7. Original paid freight bills should accompany claims for over-charge, loss or damage.
8. All freight will be subject to demurrage or storage charges, or both, as provided in published tariffs.

Bridge  
Bilwinton  
1:30 -



MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE ORDER OF N. Y. C. R. R.

# FREIGHT BILL

(WSG 133081) A. R. 30

To UNITED STATES RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION Dr. for charges on Articles Transported :

W. G. McADOO, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF RAILROADS

NEW YORK CENTRAL RAILROAD

CENTRAL SQUARE, N. Y.

STATION

191

CONSIGNEE

FREIGHT BILL No.

DESTINATION

ROUTE

(Point of Origin to Destination)

Way-Billed From <i>Le Ray</i>	Way-Bill Date and No. <i>4/29 285</i>	Full Name of Shipper <i>Pa</i>	Car Initials and No. <i>16063</i>
Point and Date of Shipment	Connecting Line Reference	Previous Way-Bill References	Original Car Initials and No.

NUMBER OF PACKAGES, ARTICLES AND MARKS	WEIGHT	RATE	FREIGHT	ADVANCES	PREPAID	TO COLLECT
<i>3 plows K.S.</i>						
<i>1 bal (3) par handle</i>	<i>450</i>	<i>33<sup>5</sup></i>	<i>1.51</i>			
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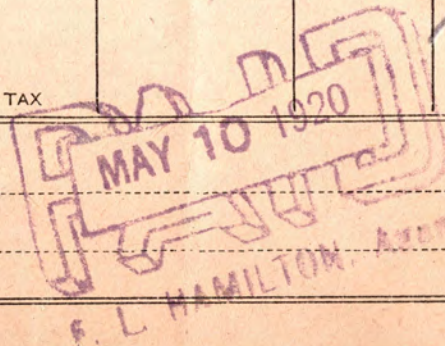
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STORAGE BEGINS.....191.....

RECEIVED PAYMENT.....

191.....

TOTAL.....



Agent





MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE  
ORDER OF THE N. Y. C. R. R. CO.

# ARRIVAL NOTICE

(NOT TO BE USED FOR PAY-  
MENT OF FREIGHT CHARGES)

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## THE NEW YORK CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY

The following described property has  
arrived at this station consigned to you:

*Central Square*

STATION *5712* 192 *3*

CONSIGNEE *H. G. Smith* FREIGHT BILL No. *1057*

DESTINATION \_\_\_\_\_ ROUTE \_\_\_\_\_  
(POINT OF ORIGIN TO DESTINATION)

Way-Billed From <i>Suprause</i>	Way-Bill Date and No. <i>5710 2246</i>	Full Name of Shipper <i>D. O. Co.</i>	Car Initials and No. <i>440 241385</i>
Point and Date of Shipment	Connecting Line Reference	Previous Way-Bill References	Original Car Initials and No.

NUMBER OF PACKAGES, ARTICLES AND MARKS	WEIGHT	RATE	FREIGHT	ADVANCES	PREPAID	TO COLLECT
<i>20 Drums Petrol Oil</i>	<i>9000</i>	<i>215</i>	<i>1935</i>		<i>1935</i>	<i>Paid</i>

LOCATION	STORAGE RECORD	DELIVER TO	Cars to be loaded by consignor or unloaded by consignee will be subject to demurrage charges as per tariffs on file. Freight unloaded at destination into the stations or warehouses of this Railroad will be subject to storage charges as per tariffs on file.	TOTAL
	Notice Mailed <i>5714</i> 192			
DOOR	Storage Begins <i>5717</i> 192	Signature of Consignee		



(RETAIN COPY) BRING THIS NOTICE WITH YOU (565 12-22)

**AMERICAN RAILWAY EXPRESS CO.**  
(INCORPORATED)

OUR REFERENCE NUMBER

(CITY)

(STATE)

(DATE)

**We have received to your address, and  
HOLD AT YOUR RISK.**

ARTICLE	WEIGHT	Express Charges \$		
<i>Bale</i>	<i>80</i>			
		Collection .....	\$	
		Total To Pay...	\$	<i>84</i>

Please call for same at

*Central Square ny*  
(Show Location, Including Street Address, Where Shipment Is Held)

and present this notice, or fill out the order below. **STRANGERS  
MUST BE IDENTIFIED.**

*E. J. Hamilton* Agent.

**AMERICAN RAILWAY EXPRESS CO.:**

Deliver the above mentioned property to

\_\_\_\_\_ or bearer,  
who is authorized to receipt for same, and will pay all charges.

\_\_\_\_\_ Consignee.

**TO SEND MONEY ANYWHERE**

To pay Bills for any purpose, to pay Lodge Dues,  
Taxes, Insurance, Mail Orders

USE

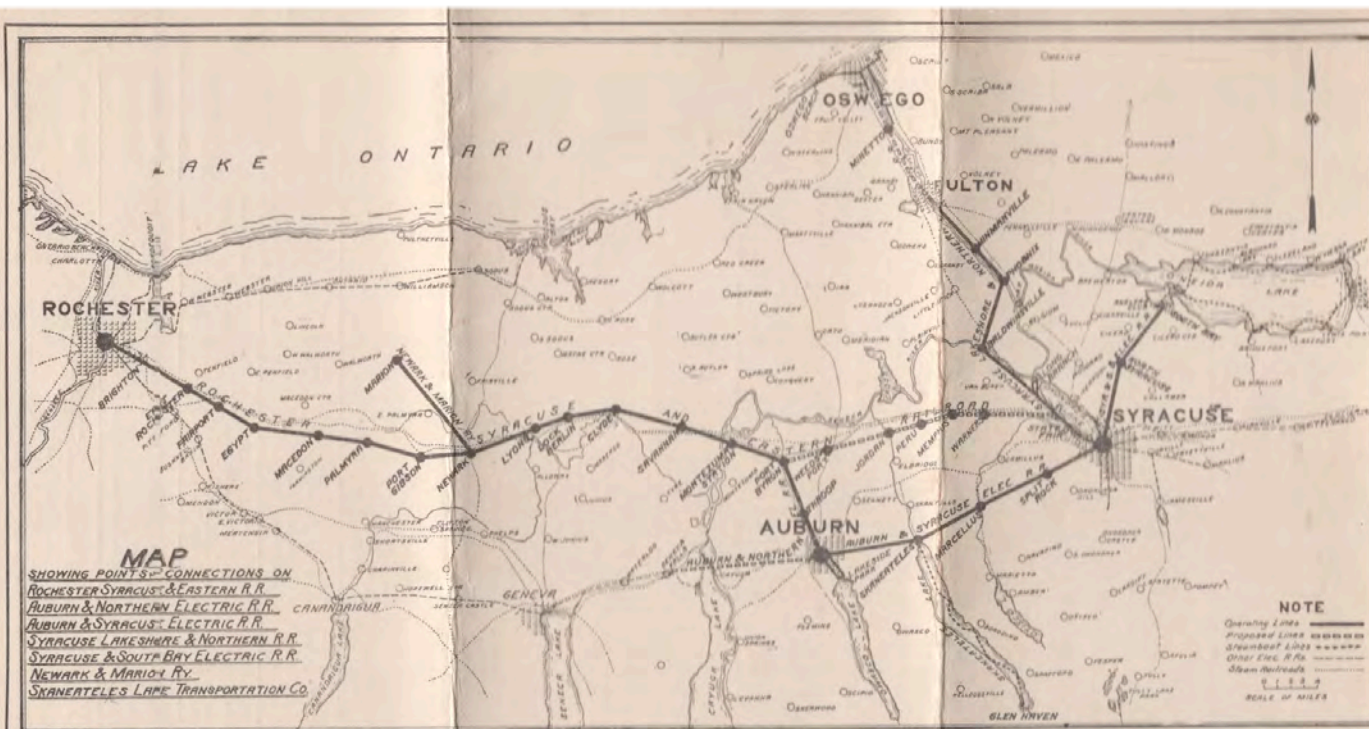
**EXPRESS MONEY ORDERS**

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



*H. J. Gittel*  
*Central Square ny*





## BUY TICKETS AND SAVE MONEY

Single and round trip tickets between stations are sold for less than the regular fare.

Books containing Twelve Dollars (\$12.00) worth of five cent (5c) coupons are sold for Ten Dollars (\$10.00), and are good for the purchaser and family any time within one year from date of sale. Coupons from these books can be used

for rides of ten cents (per passenger) or more, and are good for transportation on any of the following railroads:

Syracuse, Lake Shore and Northern,  
 Auburn and Syracuse Electric,  
 Auburn and Northern Electric,  
 Rochester, Syracuse and Eastern,  
 Syracuse and South Bay Electric,  
 Syracuse Rapid Transit,  
 Oneida Railway,

Utica and Mohawk Valley Railway,  
 Fonda, Johnstown and Gloversville,  
 Oneonta and Mohawk Valley,  
 Rochester and Eastern Rapid,  
 Elmira and Seneca Lake Traction,  
 Cortland County Traction.

Any unused portions of these books are redeemable at the purchase price less the value of the coupons used at 5 cents each.

## SYRACUSE, LAKE SHORE AND NORTHERN R. R.

### TIME TABLE

No. 27

IN EFFECT

JAN. 18TH, 1909

Syracuse Waiting Room and Ticket Office

Cor. West Genesee and Clinton Sts.

SYRACUSE  
 BALDWINVILLE  
 PHOENIX  
 FULTON



DAILY EXCEPT SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS

NORTH BOUND					SOUTH BOUND				
LEAVE SYRACUSE	LEAVE LONG BRANCH	LEAVE BALDWINVILLE	LEAVE PHOENIX	ARRIVE FULTON	LEAVE FULTON	LEAVE PHOENIX	LEAVE BALDWINVILLE	LEAVE LONG BRANCH	ARRIVE SYRACUSE
5.00	5.25	5.40	5.55	6.20			† 6.00	6.15	6.40
6.00	6.25	6.40	6.55	7.20			† 6.40	7.00	7.20
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11.30	11.50	12.10	12.25	12.50					
12.00	12.20	12.40							

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SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS ONLY

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LEAVE SYRACUSE	LEAVE LONG BRANCH	LEAVE BALDWINVILLE	LEAVE PHOENIX	ARRIVE FULTON	LEAVE FULTON	LEAVE PHOENIX	LEAVE BALDWINVILLE	LEAVE LONG BRANCH	ARRIVE SYRACUSE
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## Benjamin Stevens' Eagle Scout Project: Central Square Train Depot, 2017

On March 11, Boy Scout Troop 734 of Central Square officially recognized their newest Eagle Scout, Benjamin Stevens. Stevens the son of Daniel and Heather Stevens of Central Square, earned his rank of Eagle Scout on Nov. 26, 2017.

The following was read at his ceremony regarding his trail to eagle... In Kindergarten Ben joined Cub Scouting as a Lion Scout with Pack 711. He continued up through the advancements to Tiger, Wolf, Bear and Webelos. He earned the regular advancements as well as several arrow points, The Outdoor Activity Award and the World Conservation Award. He earned the Light of Christ and Parvuli Dei Catholic Religious emblems and finished his Cub Scout path by earning his Arrow of Light. Several people guided Benjamin through Cub Scouts, some of whom are here today. People such as Fran Jeroloman, Pam O'Rourke, Jill Gillette, Grover Hedgecock, Matt Pauquette, Steve Peters and Ed and Maura Dayton made it possible for him to have these experiences that would set him up for Boy Scouts.

After Cub Scouts Ben officially joined Central Square Boy Scout Troop 734 on March 10, 2013. He had already been participating with the Troop on camping trips and activities thanks to their Scoutmaster, Mr. Harriger and also helped on Jake Drabots Eagle Project. As a new Scout his first task was to learn about Scoutings ideals... the oath and Law. The slogan and motto. By pledging to live by these guidelines he became a full-fledged Scout and earned the Scout badge on April 1, 2013.

Ben's new Scout badge did not stay on his uniform very long. He worked through the tenderfoot requirements memorizing the oath and law, went on camping trips with his new Troop including Sabattis and assisted with Duncan Kristensens Eagle Project. He learned his basic first aid skills, did some community service, attended two Merit Badge days and helped the Troop at the summer concerts. Then on Aug. 28, 2013 he became a Tenderfoot Scout. As he continued to be active in the Troop he learned about nature and orienteering he participated in service projects, continued earning several merit badges and attended two Camporees and a winter camp. Doing these





things and more earned him the second class badge on June 9, 2014.

Then in only four short months, he had been on several more campouts and outings. He assisted with yet another Eagle Project this time for Nate Drabot. He once again went to Sabattis and soon had mastered all of the basic skills of Scouting thanks to his fellow scouts, Mr. Harriger, Kristensen and Drabot. On Nov. 17, 2014 he became a first class Scout.

At this point many Scouts pause for a well-deserved rest, however not Ben! The path ahead was less clear then the path he had been following, but he would not let that slow him down. Now he had to make some choices. Which additional merit badges to earn, what Troop office to hold and where to spend his time continuing to give service to his community. With hard work and persistence, he made the decisions. He did a couple of campouts and on March 16, 2015 he was elected to join the Order of the Arrow. Ben earned the rank of Star Scout on March 24, 2015. Ben then completed his ordeal on May 3, 2015 to become a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow... Lowanne Nimat Lodge. Order of the Arrow is Scouting's national honor society. He attended conclave in May 2015.

For the next rank it seemed no harder than Star. He had already earned all of the necessary merit badges so he focused on leadership and more service hours. After eight months, Ben became a life Scout on 11-2-2015, one step away from eagle, at the age of 13 ½ years old. Ben knew he was not yet ready for the next step. As a Life Scout he helped with two more Eagle Projects (James and Sean). He continued earning merit badges and attending summer camp at Sabattis and then Tuscaroa Scout Reservation. He was active in providing cheerful service with the Lowanne Nimat Lodge too.



Ben began thinking about Eagle Project ideas. First, he thought maybe he would build an American Flag out of soldiers to be displayed at Hancock airport or another military service location. He considered a fitness trail in Central Square and then went back to the flag idea. Then, almost a year and a half after earning his Life rank, on April 9, 2017 Ben visited the Central Square Train Depot museum. He recalled his first trip there in Kindergarten. He then went a couple more times over the years. Now as he looked around he saw several things that needed to be done. Ben was not yet sure of the scope of his project but was confident it would be at the train museum. He met with Mr. Townsend in July 2017 to discuss some ideas. He then began to form his project and do research. Five months after his April visit on Sept. 24,



2017 Ben went before the Eagle Board and his project was approved to begin.

And begin he did! He had some volunteers on standby and the first workday was Sept. 30, 2017.

Bens Eagle project was to paint two large storage buildings, do some minor clean up and do some new plantings at the museum. He hoped his project would help attract more visitors and perhaps get the attention of other volunteers to come forward and help with a bigger task in the Spring of 2018... repainting the depot building. His project did not go smooth at first. Mr. Townsend was injured and unavailable to get around for the duration of Ben's project. Fortunately, Mr. Harke stepped up and filled in as a project coach and the contact person for the museum. Ben, with the help of his family, Mr. Harke, Mr. Townsend, The Kristensen family and Gaffney family completed his project on Oct. 15, 2017. On Nov. 26, 2017 he appeared before the Eagle Board and was awarded his Eagle Scout Award for his project.

In addition to earning his Eagle rank...Ben had been active and continues to be active in several other activities. He in the high school band, including a sax ensemble group. He plays recreational soccer, participates in archery, received his sacrament of confirmation, has been on the high honor roll in school every marking period, has over 150 hours towards his Presidential Service Award and earned his senior Black Belt at Karate Johns and in June 2018 will test for his second degree black belt. He also remains active with the Lowanne Nimat lodge. As if that is not enough he has lettered by participating in year-round sports (cross country, indoor track and outdoor track). Recently he was recognized as most improved for the boys cross country team.

And now... finally, his Eagle project done his merit badges earned and he stands poised at the pinnacle of Scouting at the age of 15 ½ years... but wait, there is more... as of today, Ben has earned 97 merit badges which makes him eligible for 15 palms! Palms are earned by Scouts who have not yet aged out and continue to earn merit badges.

As a surprise, Ben's brother, Eagle Scout Nicolas Stevens, recorded the Eagle Charge for his brother that was played at Ben's ceremony. Nic was at Camp Alpine in New Jersey for the Order of the Arrow National Leadership Seminar. Ben thanked all of those who helped him along his path to Eagle and also the Central Square Fire Company for sponsoring the Boy Scout Troop.

Written by: Heather Stevens

