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Saving a historic railroad building in  
Remington, Virginia

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- Then (1919) and Now (2008)





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The Remington Freight Depot Railroad Museum Project will preserve one of the few remaining historic railroad buildings in the Town of Remington, where railroad played a critical role in the town's development and the agricultural commerce of the surrounding countryside. The Town of Remington, one of three incorporated towns in Fauquier County, is situated along the main line of the old Orange and Alexandria (now Norfolk Southern) Railroad. While the Orange & Alexandria Railroad brought prosperity in the 1850's, it brought trouble in the 1860's.

Much of the town was destroyed during the Civil War. The Remington Historic District consists of 84 historic residential and commercial properties dating primarily from the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The freight depot, a one-story frame building with a slate gabled roof, dates from the post-Civil War era, and is one of the only railroad-related resources to survive. It is in good structural condition and its restoration and conversion to a railroad museum will ensure its continued preservation for future generations to enjoy.

This 1965 image shows the depot with asbestos-cement siding. The sign above the batten door reads "Remington."



*A. P. Ford, agent  
Remington, Va.*

Earliest known photograph of the freight depot, taken in 1919, with the passenger station and railway water tower beyond.



A photograph of depot agent A. P. Ford appeared in the November 1952 edition of "Ties," the Southern Railway System Magazine.