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The 1100+ page compilation was prepared through exhaustive research over many years by John Kay and Fred Macdonald. It was published serially by MPOS. It contains chronological information by original railroad name and subsequent names, showing AGT and RPO lines that operated on each. Those with postmarks reported are documented. Each State directory contains a Rand McNally map of the railroad lines in the State as well as an indexed alphabetical list of the AGT and RPO operations, steamboat and ferry portions and information on Civil War interruptions.

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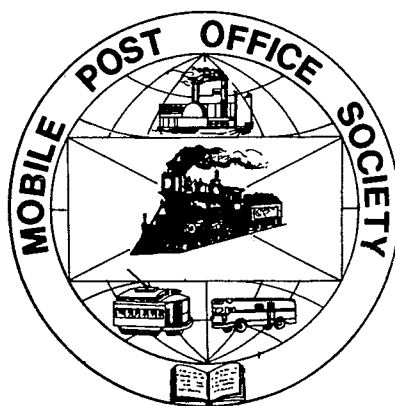
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MAIL TRAVEL GUIDE
UPDATED AGENT AND RPO ROUTES LISTED BY
STATE AND RAILROAD
WITH ROUTE NUMBERS, DIRECTIONS AND MAPS

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The Mail Travel Guide has been created to make it easier for collectors who collect only one state or region to identify the Routes that traveled through their states and which railroads operated them.

The listings will be alphabetical by state and then the original railroad that operated the earliest mail carrying operations. This is followed by railroad name changes and names of other railroads that the routes were continued on to their destination.

A short synopsis of the towns that the route operated through follows with the assigned Route Number. The heading "markings" lists the types of markings that can be expected to be found for this route, namely: RR, Station, Agent or RPO. Also noted will be Civil War Interruption, steamboat or ferry portions, Star Routes and changes to Highway Post Office Routes.

The Route Agent and RPO operations are listed in their proper order with current revised dates of operation. If the listing is preceded by an *, it means that this postmark has not been found and therefore no tracing is in the society's files.

Each state directory will be followed by an alphabetical route listing giving the page where it can be found and a full page map of each state.

The first section contains all railroad routes, followed by sections on waterway operations (steamboat, ferry and mail boat), city street cars and Highway Post Office routes.

Each mailing section of the book will be constructed as a complete section so that there are no continuations into the next mailing section, therefore an index will be produced at the end listing the published order.

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John L. Kay at work, April 1977
Coming up the road on N.Y. & Wash. R.P.O. TR. 4

BALTIMORE & OHIO RAILROAD

Jersey City to Bound Brook, Philadelphia, Wilmington, Baltimore,
Washington and Grafton

Ferry: New York City to Jersey City

Note: under USRA orders route was changed to Bound Brook to Newark and
New York City via Lehigh Valley R.R. and Pennsylvania R.R. from April,
1918 to August 26, 1926

Route 206 markings: Station, RPO

*Philadelphia, Upland, Pa. & Baltimore, Md. RPO -

Jul 1, 1887 to Apr 5, 1888

Philadelphia, Pa., Aiken & Baltimore, Md. RPO -

Apr 5, 1888 to Jan 21, 1893

note: Short Run of N.Y., Balt. & Wash. RPO after Jan 21, 1893

New York, N.Y., Baltimore, Md. & Washington, D.C. RPO -

Apr 11, 1891 to Oct 20, 1895

Oct 4, 1912 to Dec 22, 1934

Dec 16, 1935 to Apr 27, 1958

New York, N.Y. & Grafton, W.V. RPO - Oct 20, 1895 to Oct 4, 1912

Dec 22, 1934 to Dec 16, 1935

note: Eastern Division - New York City to Washington

DELAWARE RAILROAD (PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD)

Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore R.R., Eastern Shore R.R.,

New York, Philadelphia & Norfolk R.R.

Philadelphia to Wilmington, Townsend, Dover, Wyoming, Seaford, Salisbury,
Kings Creek and Cape Charles Branch: Kings Creek to Crisfield

Steamboat: Cape Charles to Old Point Comfort and Norfolk

Route 260 markings: RR, Agent, RPO Civil War Interruption

*Wilmington & Dover, De. Agt - Jul 10, 1856 to Dec 18, 1856

*Wilmington & Seaford, De. Agt - Dec 18, 1856 to Apr 18, 1861

*Wilmington, De. & Salisbury, Md. Agt - Apr 18, 1861 to Nov 15, 1865

note: service interruption - Oct 9, 1861 to Nov 21, 1861

*Wilmington, De. & Jacksonville, Md. Agt - Nov 15, 1865 to Feb 13, 1868

*Wilmington, De. & Crisfield, Md. Agt - Feb 13, 1868 to 1869

Philadelphia, Pa. & Crisfield, Md. Agt - 1869 to Aug 1, 1882

Philadelphia, Pa. & Crisfield, Md. RPO - Aug 1, 1882 to Nov 16, 1900

Philadelphia, Pa. & Cape Charles, Va. RPO - Nov 16, 1900 to Aug 22, 1901

Nov 21, 1905 to Jan 1, 1917

Aug 1, 1955 to Jan 10, 1958

Philadelphia, Pa. & Norfolk, Va. RPO - Aug 22, 1901 to Nov 21, 1905

Jan 1, 1917 to Aug 1, 1955

Philadelphia, Pa. & Delmar, De. RPO - Jan 10, 1958 to Apr 25, 1964

note: also operated as Short Run of Philadelphia & Crisfield RPO
between 1891 and 1892

Philadelphia, Pa. & Dover, De. RPO - Short Run of Philadelphia &
Crisfield RPO between 1892 and 1901

Philadelphia, Pa. & Wyoming, De. Agt - cancels known 1885-86, probable
Short Run of Philadelphia & Crisfield RPO

DORCHESTER & DELAWARE RAILWAY (PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD)

Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore R.R.

Seaford to Federalsburg, Hurlock and Cambridge

Route 264 markings: RR, Agent, RPO

Seaford, De. & Cambridge, Md. Agt - Nov 24, 1869 to Aug 1, 1882

Seaford, De. & Cambridge, Md. RPO - Aug 1, 1882 to Apr 23, 1949

JUNCTION & BREAKWATER RAILROAD (PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD)

Breakwater & Frankford R.R., Worcester R.R., Delaware, Maryland &

Virginia R.R., Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore R.R.

Harrington to Milford, Ellendale, Georgetown, Berlin and Franklin City

Branch: Georgetown to Lewes

Route 265 markings: RR, Agent, RPO

Harrington & Lewes, De. Agt - Feb 4, 1870 to Aug 1, 1882

Harrington & Lewes, De. RPO - Aug 1, 1882 to Oct 12, 1903

*Georgetown & Frankford, De. Agt - Jan 19, 1875 to Dec 2, 1875

*Georgetown, De. & Stockton, Md. Agt - Dec 2, 1875 to Aug 1, 1876

*Georgetown, De. & Greenbackville, Va. Agt - Aug 1, 1876 to Mar 13, 1880

*Georgetown, De. & Franklin City, Va. Agt - Mar 13, 1880 to Aug 1, 1882

Georgetown, De. & Franklin City, Va. RPO - Aug 1, 1882 to Oct 12, 1903

Harrington, De. & Franklin City, Va. RPO - Oct 12, 1903 to Jul 9, 1949

Lewes & Georgetown, De. RPO - Mar 4, 1904 to Sep 7, 1917

KENT COUNTY RAILROAD (PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD)

Baltimore & Delaware Bay R.R., Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore R.R.

Townsend to Massey and Centreville

Route 261 markings: RR, Agent, RPO

Townsend, De. & Centreville, Md. Agt - Oct 25, 1871 to Aug 1, 1882

Townsend, De. & Centreville, Md. RPO - Aug 1, 1882 to May 5, 1936

KENT COUNTY RAILROAD (PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD)

Baltimore & Delaware Bay R.R., Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore R.R.

Townsend to Massey and Chestertown

Route 263 markings: RR, Agent, RPO

*Townsend, De. & Chestertown, Md. Agt - Aug 3, 1872 to 1874

Clayton, De. & Chestertown, Md. Agt - 1874 to Aug 1, 1882

Clayton, De. & Chestertown, Md. RPO - Aug 1, 1882 to Dec 1, 1902

Townsend, De. & Chestertown, Md. RPO - May 5, 1936 to Apr 6, 1949

MARYLAND & DELAWARE RAILROAD(PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD)

Delaware & Chesapeake R.R., Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore R.R.
Clayton to Hartly, Ridgley, Easton and Oxford

Route 262 markings: RR Agent, RPO

*Clayton,De. & Hillsborough,Md.Agt - Aug 1,1868 to Jul 31,1870

*Clayton,De. & Easton,Md.Agt - Jul 31,1870 to Jun 19,1873

Clayton,De. & Oxford,Md.Agt - Jun 19,1873 to Aug 1,1882

Clayton,De. & Oxford,Md.RPO - Aug 1,1882 to Sep 4,1882

Oct 16,1934 to Jul 31,1949

Clayton,De. & Easton,Md.RPO - Sep 4,1882 to Oct 16,1934

NEW YORK, NEW HAVEN & HARTFORD RAILROAD + PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD

Boston to New York, New Brunswick, Philadelphia, Wilmington, Baltimore
and Washington

Route 70 markings: RPO

Boston,Ma. & Washington,D.C.RPO - Apr 26,1965 to Apr 30,1971

PENNSYLVANIA & DELAWARE RAILROAD(PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD)

Delaware City to Newark, Laudenburg, Avondale and Pomeroy

Route 171 markings: Agt

*Pomeroy,Pa. & Delaware City,De.Agt - Apr 11,1874 to 1878

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD + PHILADELPHIA, WILMINGTON & BALTIMORE RAILROAD +
BALTIMORE & OHIO RAILROAD

Jersey City to Newark, New Brunswick, Trenton, Philadelphia, Wilmington,
Baltimore and Washington

Ferry: New York City to Jersey City

New York City to Newark after tunnel opened 1910

Route 238 markings: RPO, special designations

Washington,D.C. & New York,N.Y.RPO - Oct 14,1864 to 1866

New York,N.Y. & Washington,D.C.RPO - 1866 to Jun 30,1977

special designations include Postal Railway(PR), Postal Railway
Car(PRW Car), Fast Mail and Day/Night Line

PHILADELPHIA, WILMINGTON & BALTIMORE RAILROAD(PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD) +
 BALTIMORE & WASHINGTON RAILROAD(BALTIMORE & OHIO)
 New Jersey R.R. & Trans.Co., Camden & Amboy R.R., Phila. & Trenton R.R.
 Jersey City to New Brunswick, Trenton, Philadelphia, Wilmington,
 Baltimore and Washington
 Ferry: New York City to Jersey City
 Route 239 markings: RR, Agent, RPO

*Philadelphia,Pa. & Washington,D.C.Agt - Jan 1,1838 to Nov 17,1862
 note: P,W & B RR cancelled contract from Jan 1 to Mar 1,1840
 *New York,N.Y. & Washington,D.C.Agt - Nov 17,1862 to 1866
 Philadelphia,Pa. & Baltimore,Md.Agt - 1861 to 1862
 1866 to 1868
 1871 to Aug 1,1882
 Philadelphia,Pa. & Baltimore,Md.RPO - Aug 1,1882 to Jan 21,1893
 note: Short Run of New York & Washington RPO after Jan 21,1893
 Philadelphia,Pa. & Wilmington,De.RPO - Jul 28,1896 to Nov 20,1916
 note: operated as Short Run of New York & Wash RPO

QUEEN ANNE'S RAILROAD(MARYLAND & DELAWARE COAST)
 Maryland, Delaware & Virginia R.R., Phila.,Wilmington & Baltimore R.R.
 Lewes to Ellendale, Greenwood, Denton, Queenstown and Love Point
 Steamboat: Love Point to Baltimore
 Route 267 markings: RPO

Ellendale,De. & Queenstown,Md.RPO - Aug 24,1897 to Apr 4,1898
 *Lewes,De. & Queenstown,Md.RPO - Apr 4,1898 to Apr 9,1902
 Lewes,De. & Baltimore,Md.RPO - Apr 9,1902 to May 29,1916
 Lewes,De. & Love Point,Md.RPO - May 29,1916 to Jul 16,1923
 *Greenwood,De. & Love Point,Md.RPO - Jul 16,1923 to Apr 25,1924

WILMINGTON & READING RAILROAD(READING RAILROAD)
 Wilmington & Northern R.R.
 Reading to Birdsboro, Suplee, Coatesville, Chadds Ford Jct and Wilmington
 Route 189 markings: RR, Agent, RPO

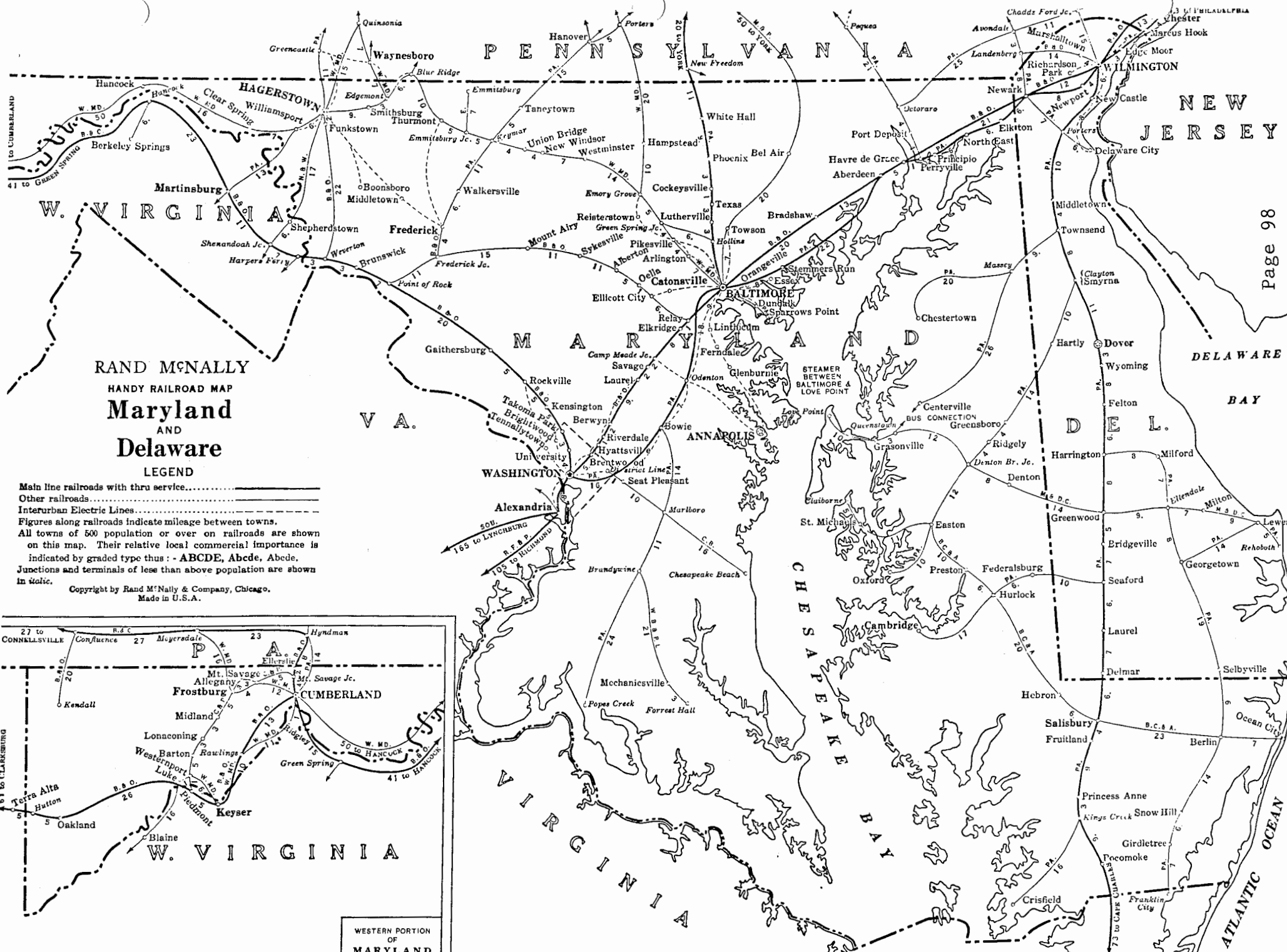
*Birdsborough,Pa. & Wilmington,De.Agt - Jan 1,1871 to Mar 12,1880
 *Reading,Pa. & Wilmington,De.Agt - Mar 12,1880 to Aug 1,1882
 Reading,Pa. & Wilmington,De.RPO - Aug 1,1882 to Jun 18,1932

WILMINGTON & WESTERN RAILROAD(BALTIMORE & OHIO)
 Delaware Western R.R.
 Wilmington to Marshalltown and Landenburgh
 Route 266 markings: RR, Agent, Station, RPO

Wilmington,De. & Landenburgh,Pa.Agt - Aug 11,1872 to Feb 15,1879
 Sep 23,1880 to Aug 1,1882
 *Wilmington,De. & Pomeroy,Pa.Agt - Feb 15,1879 to Sep 23,1880
 Wilmington,De. & Landenburgh,Pa.RPO - Aug 1,1882 to Apr 27,1917

STATE DIRECTORY: DELAWARE ALPHABETICAL LIST

Birdsborough & Wilmington Agt	92	Philadelphia & Baltimore Agt RPO	92
Boston & Washington RPO	91	Philadelphia & Crisfield Agt RPO	89
Clayton & Chestertown Agt RPO	90	Philadelphia & Cape Charles RPO	89
Clayton & Easton Agt RPO	91	Philadelphia & Delmar RPO	89
Clayton & Hillsborough Agt	91	Philadelphia & Dover RPO	89
Clayton & Oxford Agt RPO	91	Philadelphia & Norfolk RPO	89
Ellendale & Queenstown RPO	92	Philadelphia & Washington Agt	92
Georgetown & Frankford Agt	90	Philadelphia & Wilmington RPO	92
Georgetown & Franklin City Agt RPO	90	Philadelphia & Wyoming Agt	89
Georgetown & Greenbackville Agt	90	Phila., Aiken & Baltimore RPO	89
Georgetown & Stockton Agt	90	Phila., Upland & Baltimore RPO	89
Greenwood & Love Point RPO	92	Pomeroy & Delaware City Agt	91
Harrington & Lewes Agt RPO	90	Reading & Wilmington Agt RPO	92
Harrington & Franklin Cy RPO	90	Seaford & Cambridge Agt RPO	90
Lewes & Baltimore RPO	92	Townsend & Centreville Agt RPO	90
Lewes & Georgetown RPO	90	Townsend & Chestertown Agt RPO	90
Lewes & Love Point RPO	92	Washington & New York RPO	91
Lewes & Queenstown RPO	92	Wilmington & Crisfield Agt	89
New York & Grafton RPO	92	Wilmington & Dover Agt	89
N.Y. & Washington Agt RPO	91,92	Wilmington & Jacksonville Agt	89
New York, Baltimore & Washington RPO	89	Wilmington & Landenburgh Agt RPO	93
		Wilmington & Pomeroy Agt	93
		Wilmington & Salisbury Agt	89
		Wilmington & Seaford Agt	89



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HANDY RAILROAD MAP
Maryland
 AND
Delaware

LEGEND

Main line railroads with thru service.....
 Other railroads.....
 Interurban Electric Lines.....
 Figures along railroads indicate mileage between towns.
 All towns of 500 population or over on railroads are shown on this map. Their relative local commercial importance is indicated by graded type thus: - ABCDE, Abcde, Abcde.
 Junctions and terminals of less than above population are shown in *italic*.

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