

1<sup>st</sup> railroad town on Puget Sound was Tacoma - 1873

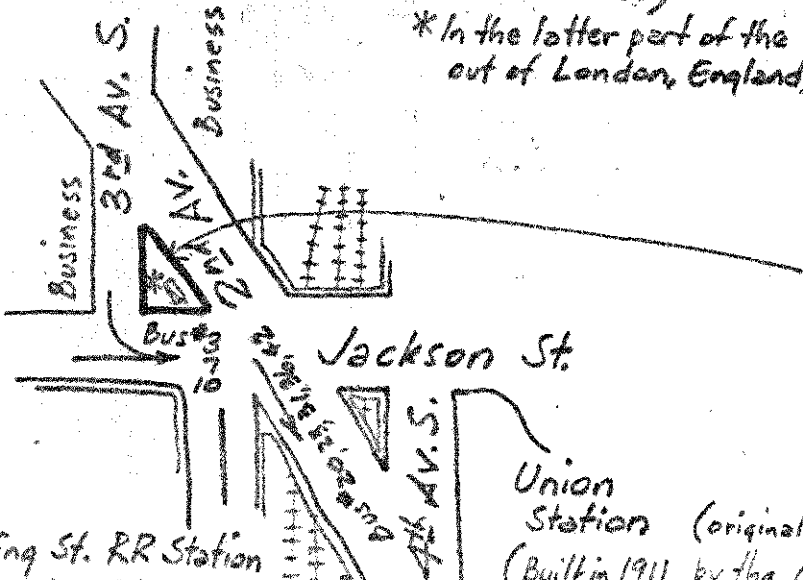
(1<sup>st</sup> railroad in Seattle was from south end of Lake Union, along valley - Westlake Av. - to coal bunkers @ foot of Pike St. Great Northern<sup>golden spike</sup> railroad "arrived" in Seattle in 1891,

1<sup>st</sup> transcontinental line completed in 1869) thru efforts of Judge Thos.

Hill's efforts Burke and James J. Hill, "the Empire Builder," (only man to build trans. RR w/out Fed. \$) also established trade with Japan and China in 1896. Plans for creating a main line railroad along the waterfront were defeated by Hill and City Engineer R.H. Thomson and the 5,142 ft. long tunnel under the city center was built in 1904, for \$2,348,765. The first train station was at the foot of Marion St, replaced by the present stations. Merged in 1970 with other roads to become Burlington Northern, Inc., serving 17 States + Canada = 24,489 mi. system.)

(G.N. Steam Locomotive #1246 + tender [1907-1952] and N.P. Caboose #1313 [1913-1961] are on display in Woodland Park.)

\* In the latter part of the 19<sup>th</sup> C. there was a train running out of London, England, known as The Great Northern Ry.



King St. RR Station (built 1906 by Gt. Northern, Northern Pacific, Canadian Pacific & Chicago, Burlington and Quincy RRs. Clock tower designed after Campanile in Venice, 240 ft. high. 51<sup>st</sup> Historic Honor Award in 1972. Not Registered Hist. Places 1974.)

King St. named in 1852 by "Doc" Maynard to honor Wm. Rufus King, ambassador to France, Vice-President in 1853. (King County named for him also by Oregon Legislature in 1853) Maynard also named Jackson St. to honor the 7<sup>th</sup> President.

1600 sq. ft.  
Transf. Jurisd. 1929  
lawn, Bus-stop shelter  
Evergreen tree

Union Station (originally called "Oregon-Washington Pass. Sta.") (Built in 1911 by the Oregon-Washington RR and Navigation Co. and the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railways building and trackage cost one million dollars.)\* The diagonal 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. was cut thru in 1928, taking out a 7 story building at 3<sup>rd</sup> & Jackson, leaving a triangular street area, named after transfer: 1930 Annual Rpt. Jackson St., 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> + others in this area had been "elevated" as viaducts in 1911. (4<sup>th</sup> + 6<sup>th</sup> continued southward on trestles across the reclaimed Duwamish Tidal flats - until 1930's?) [First Gas Co. plant built in 1873 on tide flats on site of Union Station: founded by A.A. Denny + Dexter Horton: used wooden tank + fir log pipes.] Passenger service "taken over" by the National RR Passenger Corp. ("Amtrak") upon authority by Congress, on May 1, 1971, in an effort to end rising deficits, duplication + to increase revenue by improving conditions. Many trains went out of service including "The Empire Builder" \* Electrification began in 1917 to become the first long distance electrification in No. America + the longest electrified lines in the world. Phased out in 1974.

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