



The Kennebec and Portland Railroad (later absorbed by the Maine Central) was extended from Yarmouth to Brunswick via Freeport in 1849. The railroad vitalized Freeport Center linking it to places in Maine and beyond. A 1904 report of rail exports from Freeport included shipments of hay, apples, lumber, shingles, shoes, and Christmas trees. Here, the train is pulling into the first station built near Bow Street. This station burned in 1910.



The second Freeport train station, shown in this c. 1920 photograph, was built in 1911 and served Freeport until passenger service was discontinued in 1960. In 1964 it was bought by the Boothbay Railway Museum and moved to the museum grounds in Boothbay Harbor. The shoe factory with its tower built by E.B. Mallet is in the background.