This railroad line (belonging to the New Haven Railroad) was built in 1882, and extended from Danbury (and points east) through Brewster and Patterson. The line continued into Dutchess County, through Hopewell Junction northwest to Poughkeepsie, across the historic Poughkeepsie Bridge to Maybrook in Orange County. A branch line also ran from Hopewell Junction southeast to Beacon and another from Hopewell Junction northeast to Millerton.

Passenger service existed along this line until 1927, but ridership was very low. This line was double tracked in 1906, and the secondary track was removed in 1962. This freight line prospered well until the Poughkeepsie Bridge burned in 1974.

Today, the line is owned by Metro-North Railroad and extends from Danbury to Beacon, connecting all three of the MNR lines. Of historic note, the Maybrook connected to the Putnam Division in Brewster (Putnam Junction) via a huge trestle over the Harlem line. The trestle was 116' long and 18' high, and existed from 1882 to 1907 when it burned.

The Maybrook was later connected to the Harlem also at-grade just east of Putnam Avenue, and west of North Main Street. In 1976, Conrail installed a better connection between the Maybrook and the Harlem at Dykemans, just south of Ice Pond.

For more information about the trailway system, call the Putnam County Department of Planning at (845) 878-3480 or write Putnam County Planning Department, 841 Fair Street, Carmel, NY 10512 or visit our web site at: www.putnamcountyny.com

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