

U. S. RAILROADS 1826 - 1850

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**The
purpose of**

**this website
is to provide
answers to
commonly
asked
questions
about the**

**early history
of railroads
in the United
States. It
covers
things like
who built a**

**particular
railroad
originally,
when it was
done and
where it
went. This**

**seems to be
the first time
that the
original
builders of a
railroad has
been**

**determined.
It tells you
how many
miles of track
were
constructed
in a given**

**year by
which
railroad and
in which
state. It tells
you what the
accumulated**

**mileage of
track was up
to a given
year. There
is a separate
page for
each railroad**

**as it was
originally
built with a
map of its
location and
a link to see
it displayed**

**in Google™
Maps. Please
allow
Google™
Maps time
after the map
is completed**

**to process
the XML
code
necessary to
plot the
railroad line.
It will show**

**up as a red
line. If the
railroad is in
a state
whose name
is near the
end of the**

**alphabet
(Pennsylvania
a or later), it
will take
longer to
draw the line.
Once it is**

**drawn, you
can change
zoom and
map style
without
waiting for a
redraw.**

**In order to
give some
context to
what the
United States
was like from**

**1830 to 1850,
the
population
data for
states,
counties and
towns is**

**given for the
censuses of
1830, 1840
and 1850 and
the towns for
which there
is 1850**

**census data
are shown on
the detailed
railroad
maps.**

**Remember
that there**

**were no
states with
railroads
west of the
Mississippi
River. Also
West Virginia**

**was still part
of Virginia as
this was
prior to the
Civil War.**