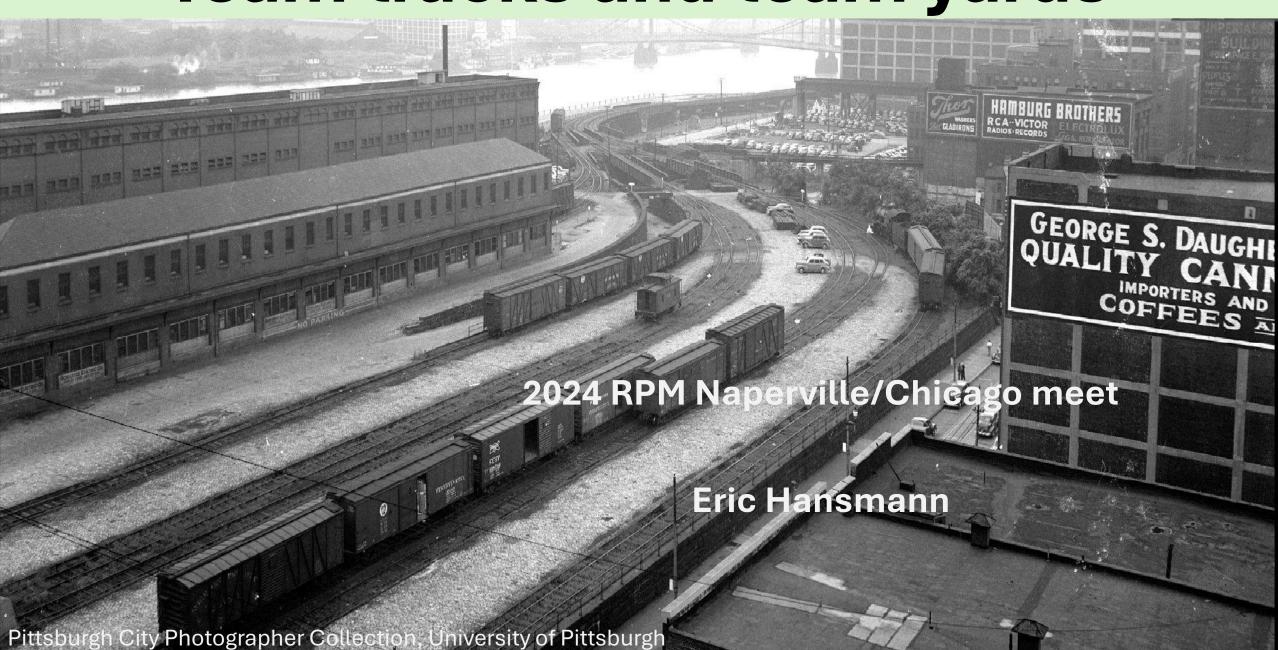
Team tracks and team yards



Dray yards, or team tracks, are usually in or close to the business centers of cities and have usually to be laid out to conform to the size and shape of the property available which is rarely adapted to an ideal layout.

J. A. Droege, Yards and Terminals and Their Operation, p 227, 1906

The 1906 and 1925 editions are both available as downloads via a Google search.

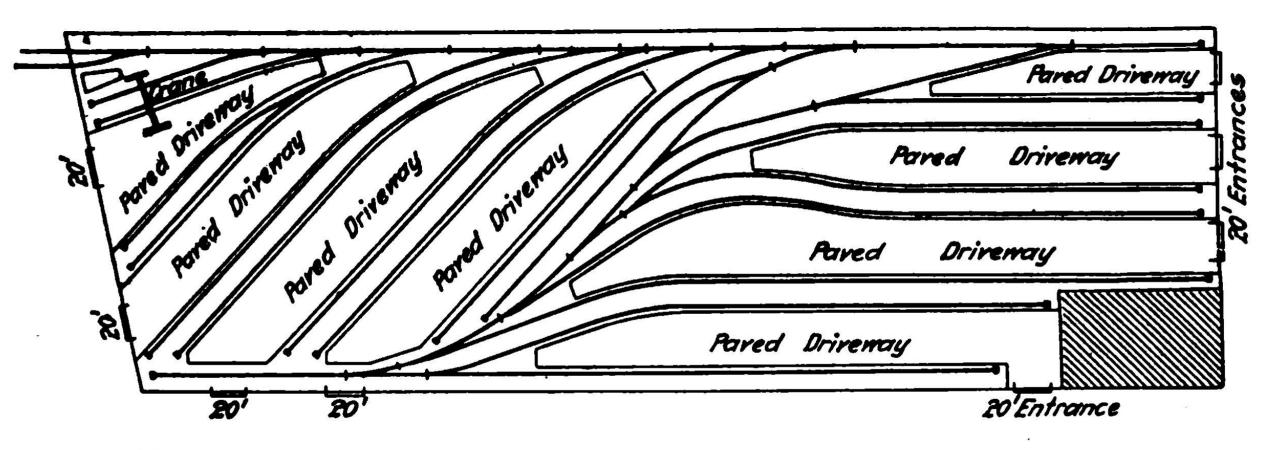


Fig. 48 — Lehigh Valley Freight Yard at West 27th Street, New York.

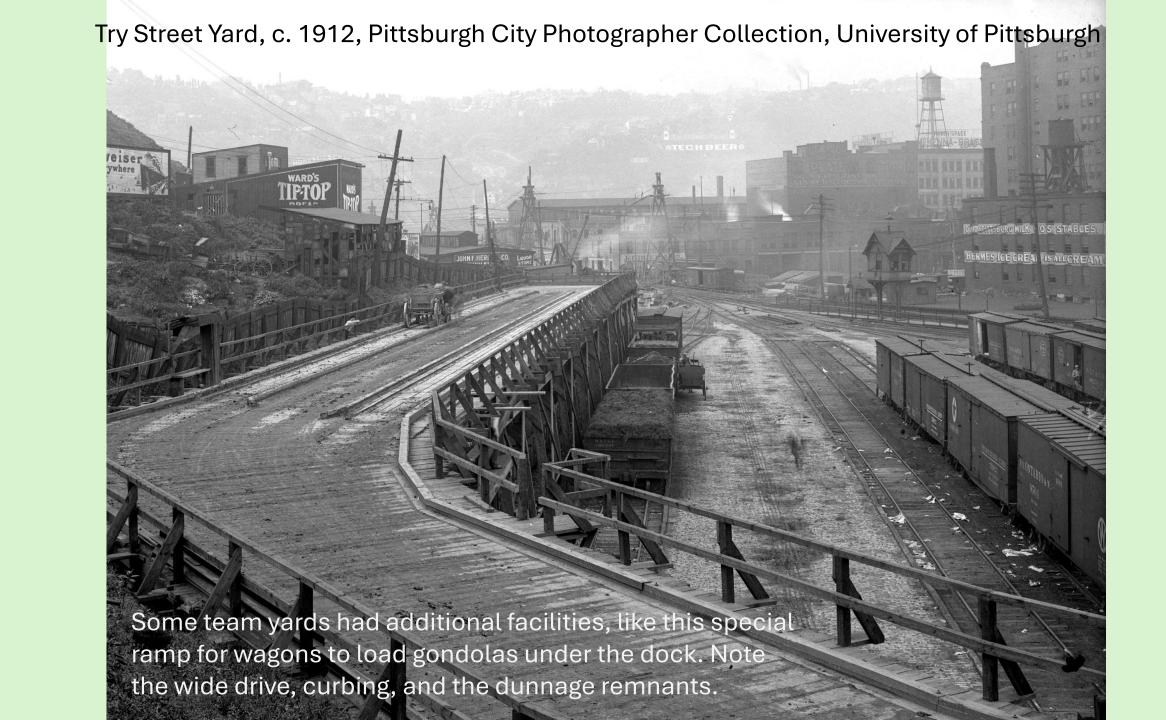
This drawing from Droege's book has been used in hobby publications over the years. It illustrates how these compact yards can be modeled in a limited space.



B&O West 27th Street freight terminal, NYC

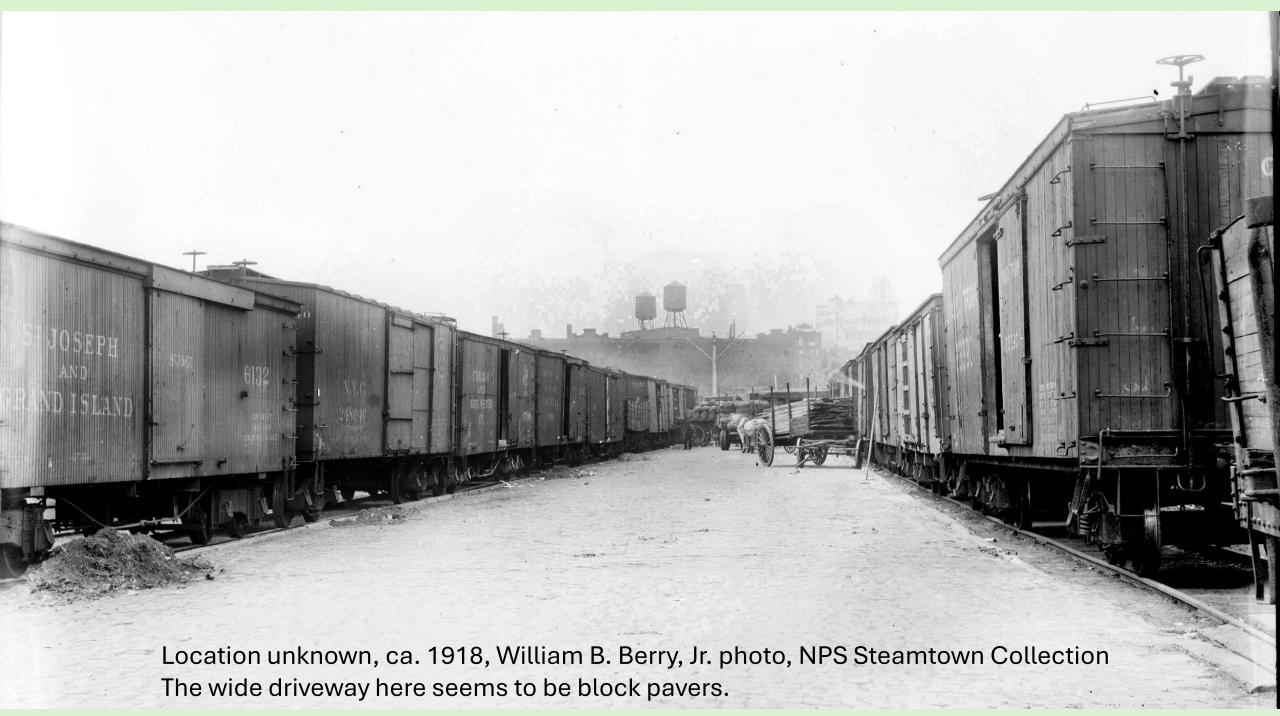
Recommended planning and design practices in 1909

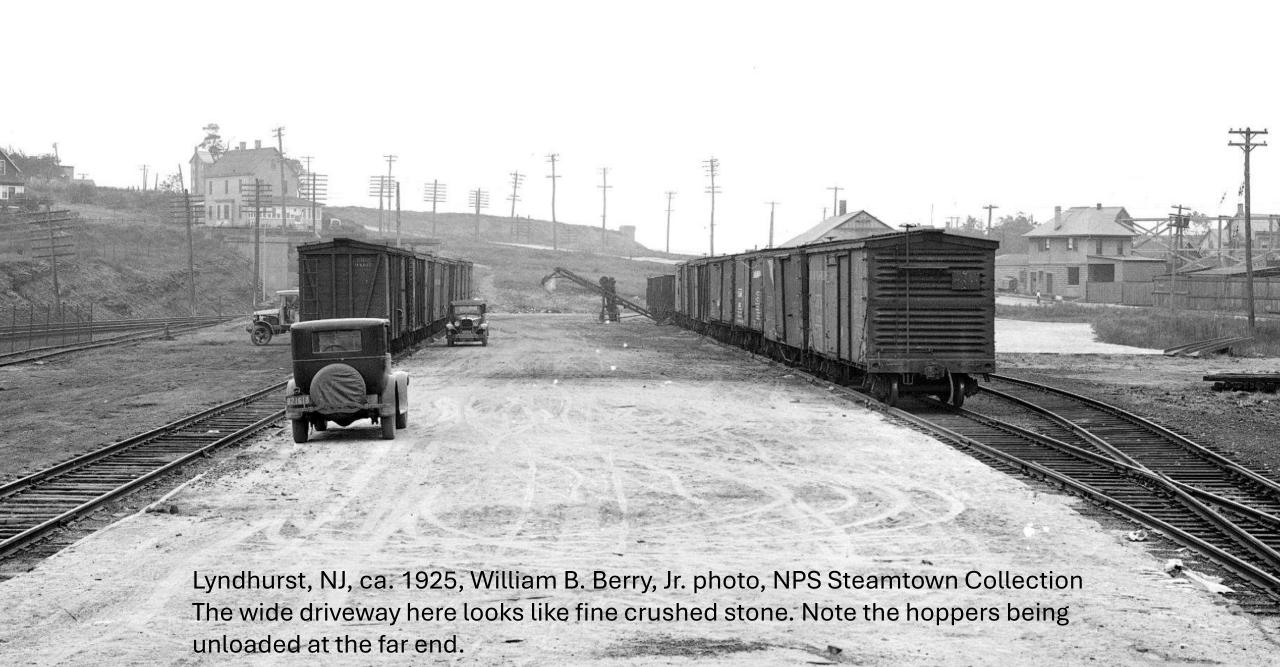
- Tracks with 10-15 car capacity
- Pairs of track laid parallel on twelve-foot centers
- Roadway space of 35-40 feet for teams to line up wagons perpendicular to the freight cars
- Less roadway space is needed as motor trucks become common
- Roadway should be paved with adequate drainage
- Locate scales and transfer cranes near the yard entrance
- Hand or electric operated bridge cranes that straddle a track and adjacent roadway



Harris & Ewing, photographer. *U.S. CAPITOL. DOME FROM RAILROAD YARDS IN SOUTHEAST SECTION*. Washington D.C. United States Washington D.C. District of Columbia, 1917. Photograph.





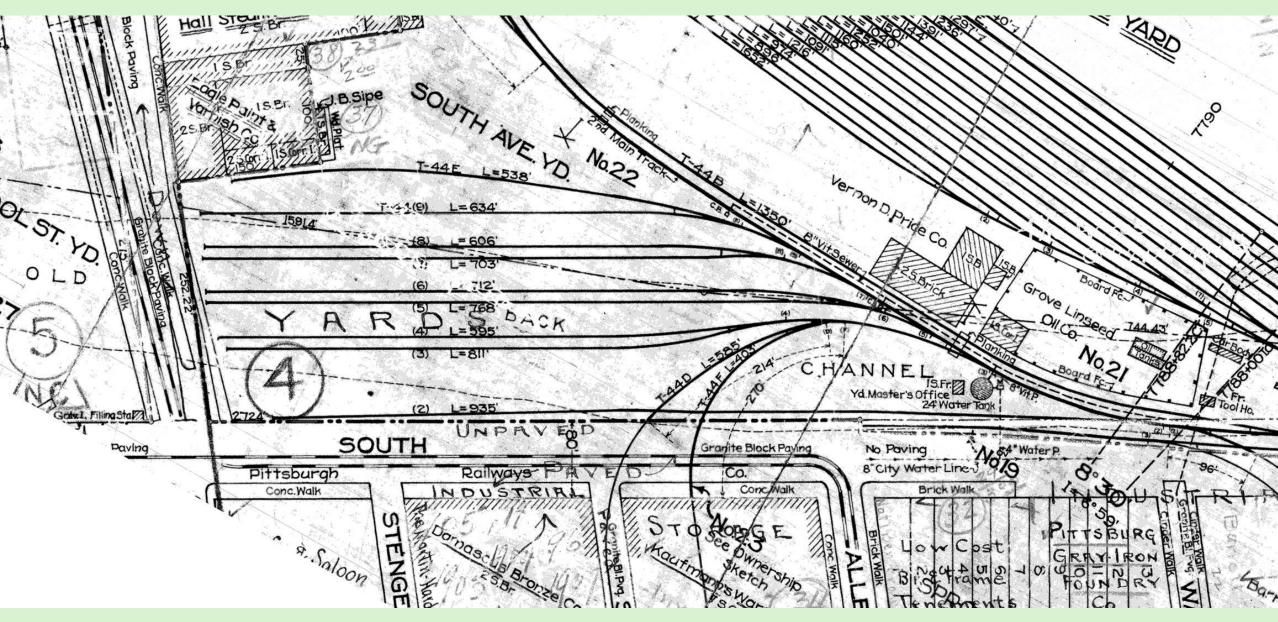






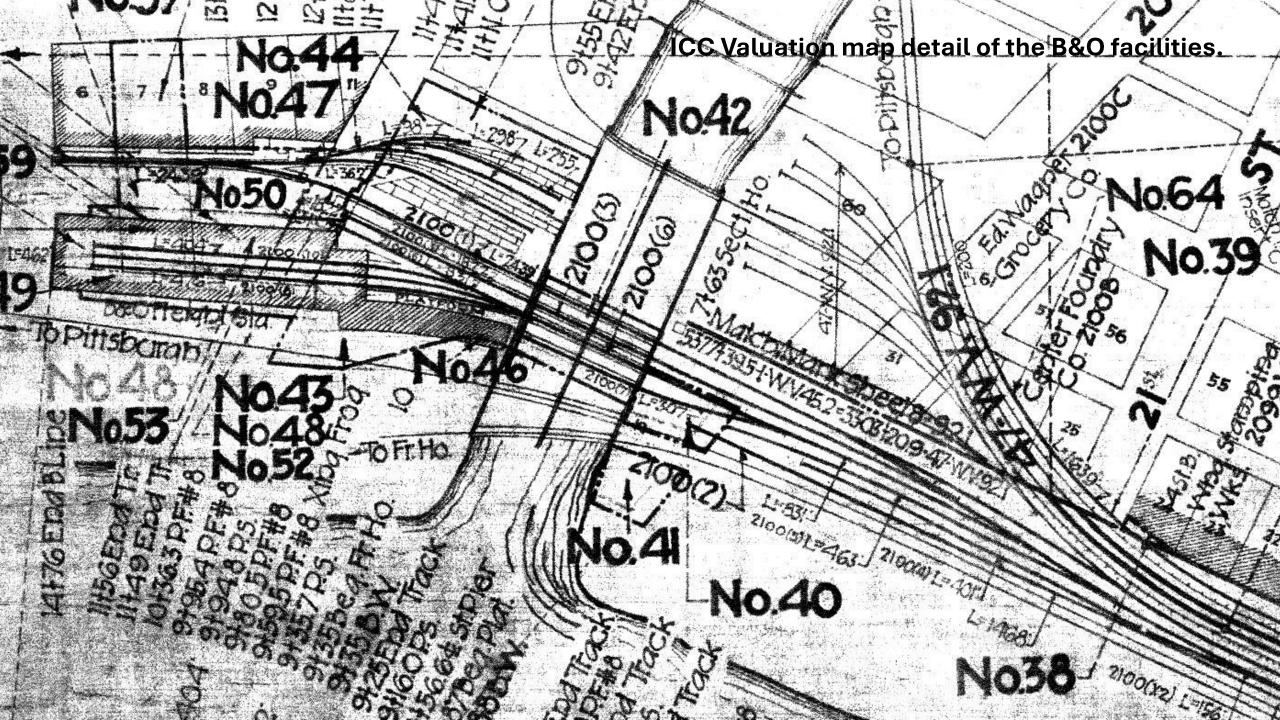
Freight cars of many types can be found in team yards.

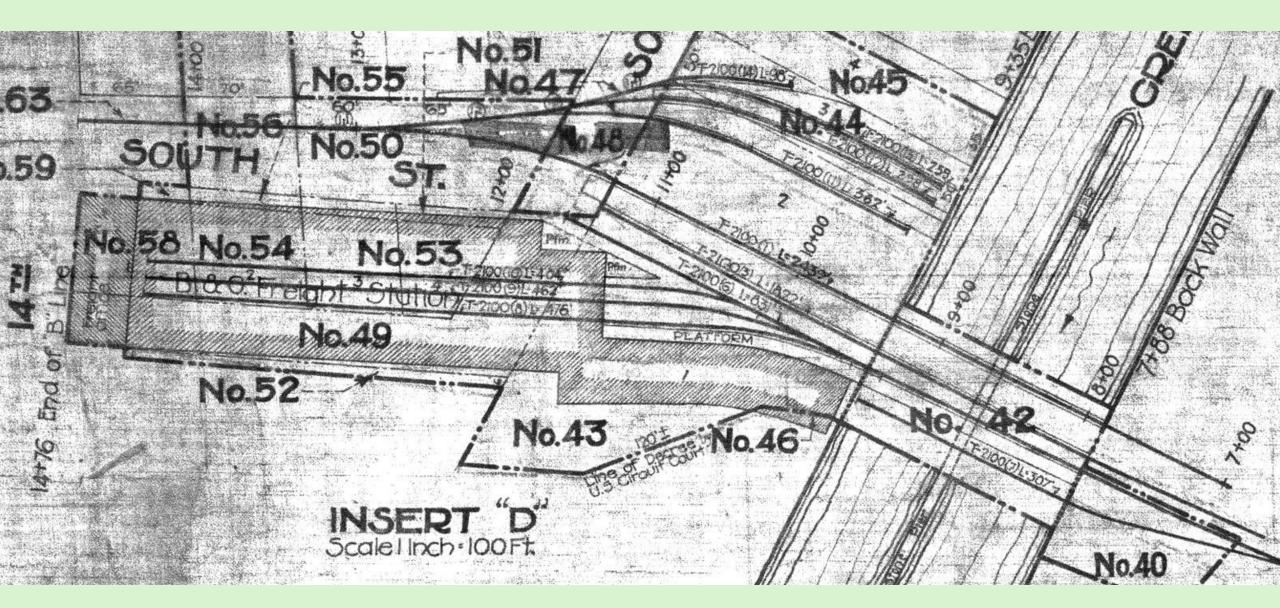




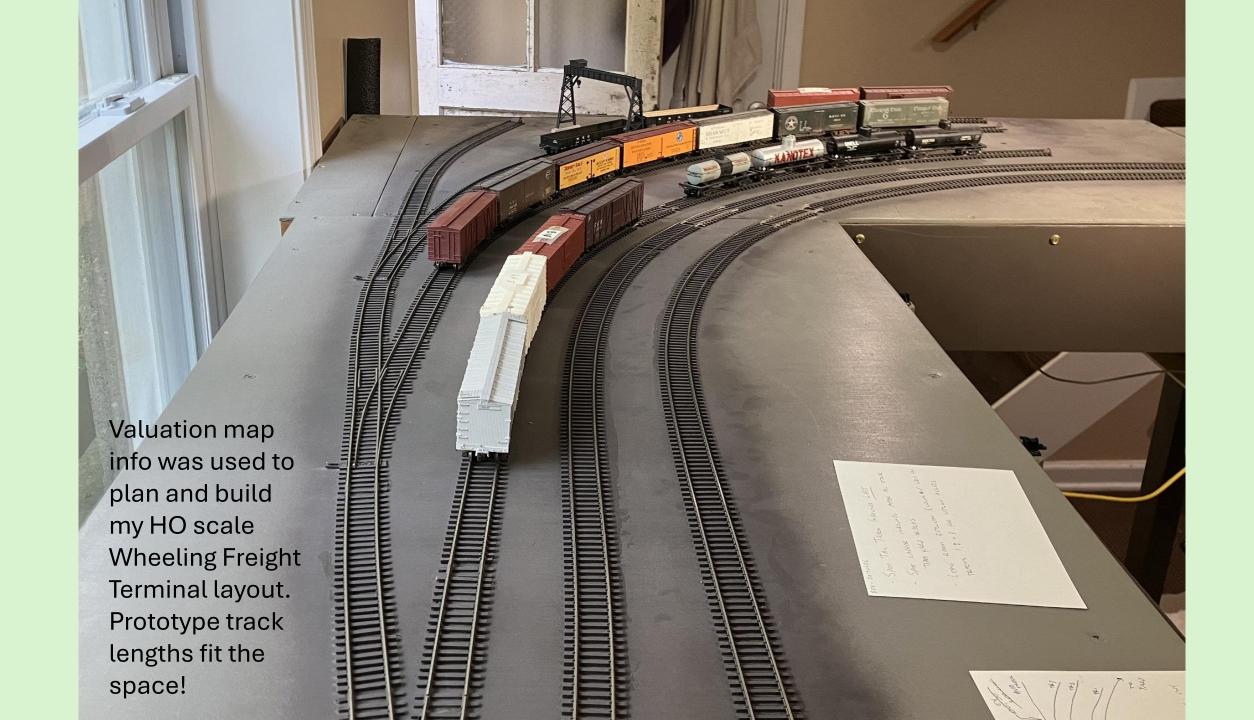
South Avenue team yard adjacent to the Smoky Island yard on the B&O Allegheny Yard branch. Valuation map edit. Note the wide driveway areas between paired tracks.





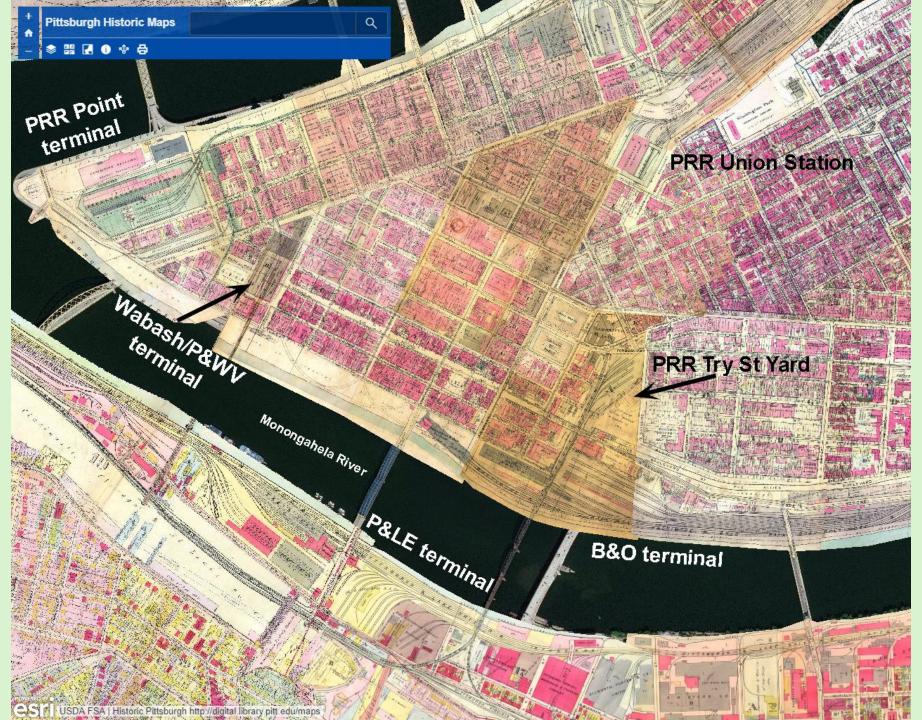


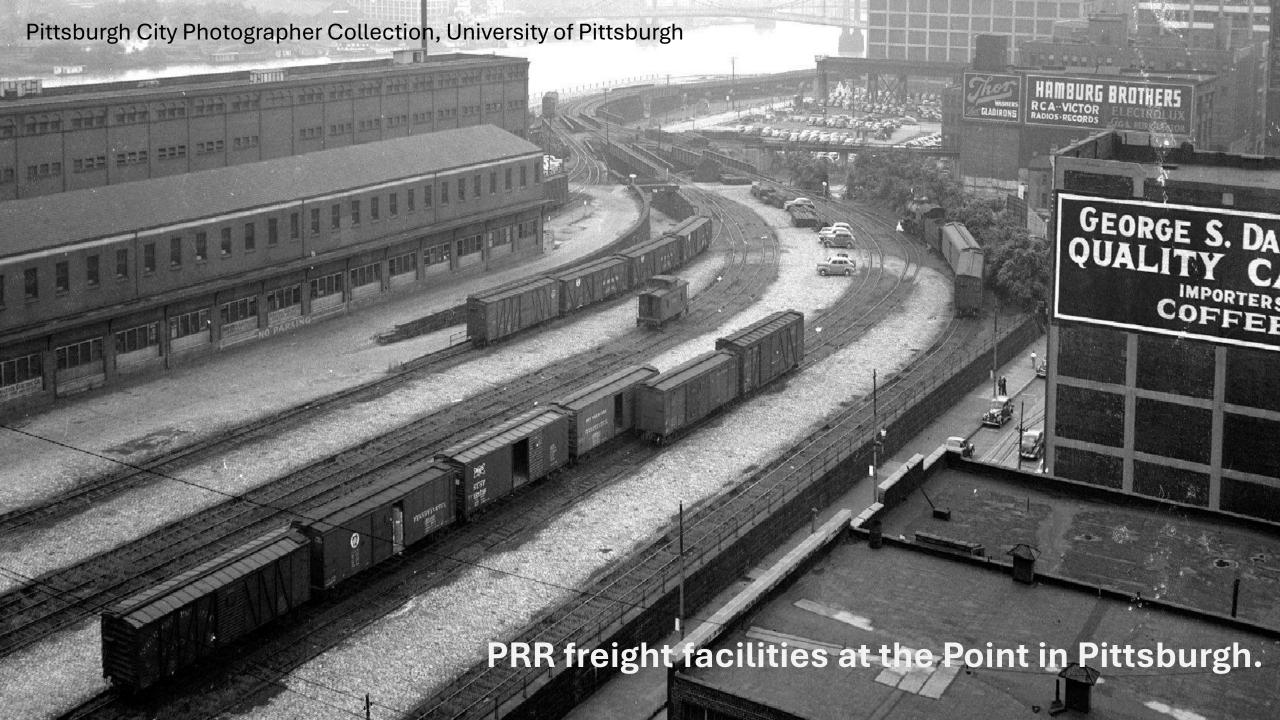
Additional detail from an insert on the ICC Valuation map.



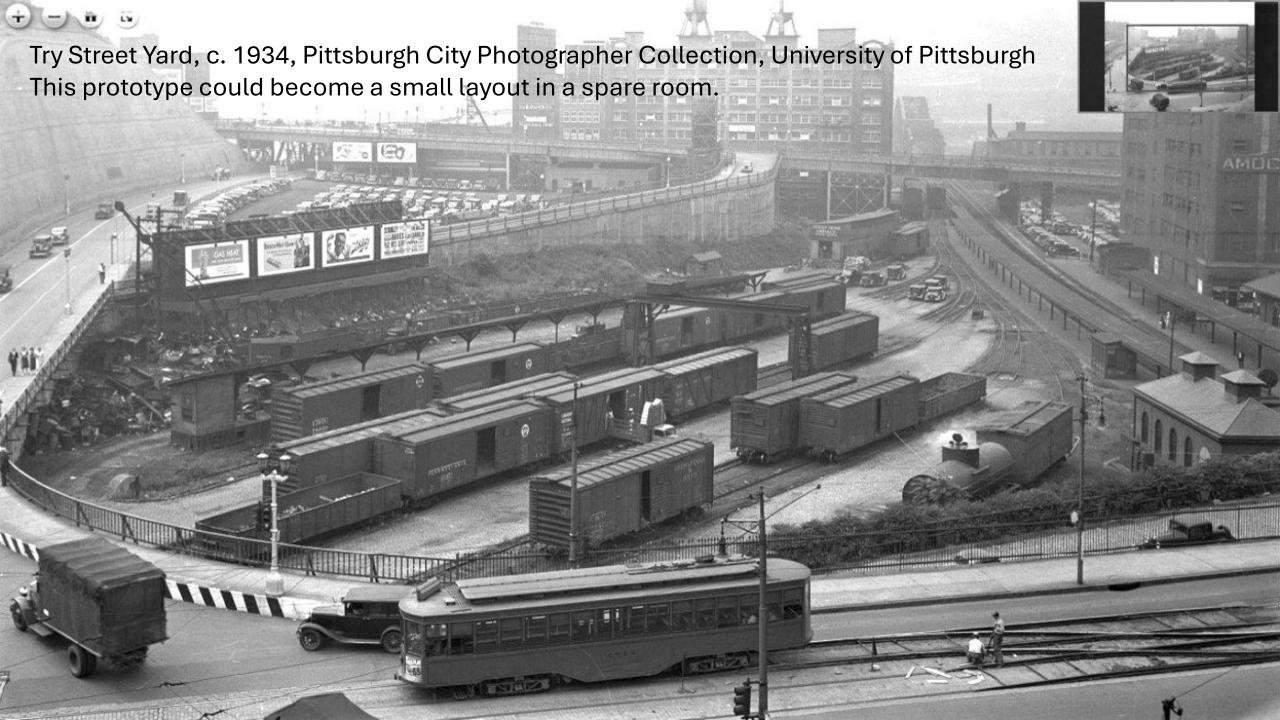


Pittsburgh, circa 1923, illustrating the setting of the downtown area and several freight facilities on the B&O, P&LE, P&WV, and PRR.

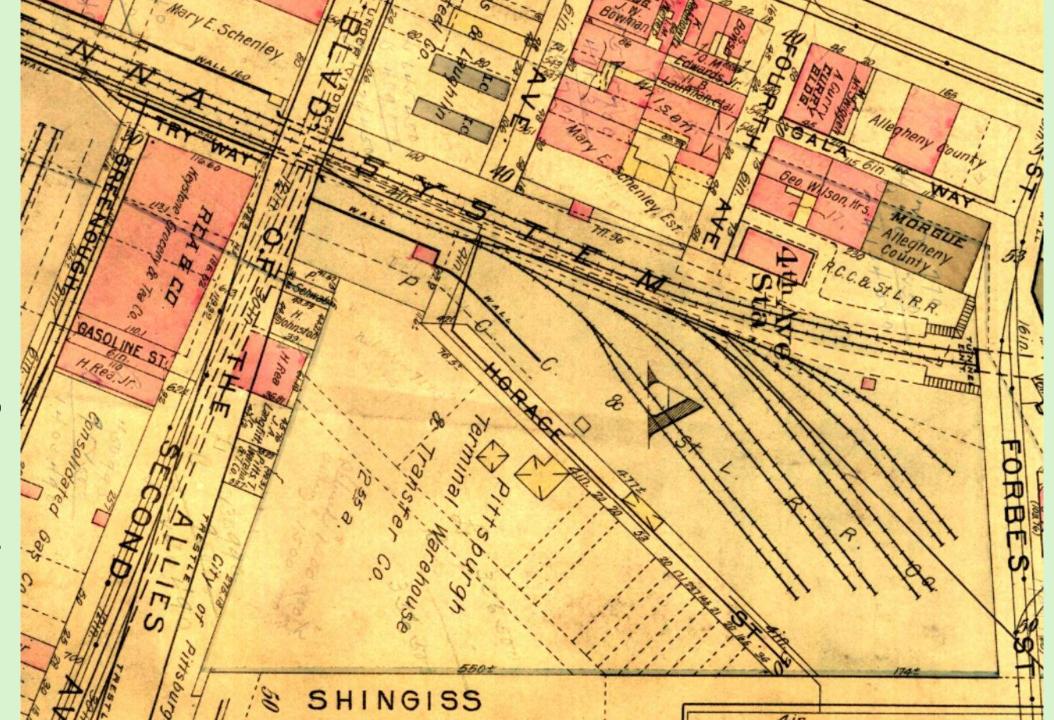




Try Street Yard, c. 1912, Pittsburgh City Photographer Collection, University of Pittsburgh



Hopkins & Company Maps Collection, University of Pittsburgh **Try Street yard** 1923,



Inbound loads

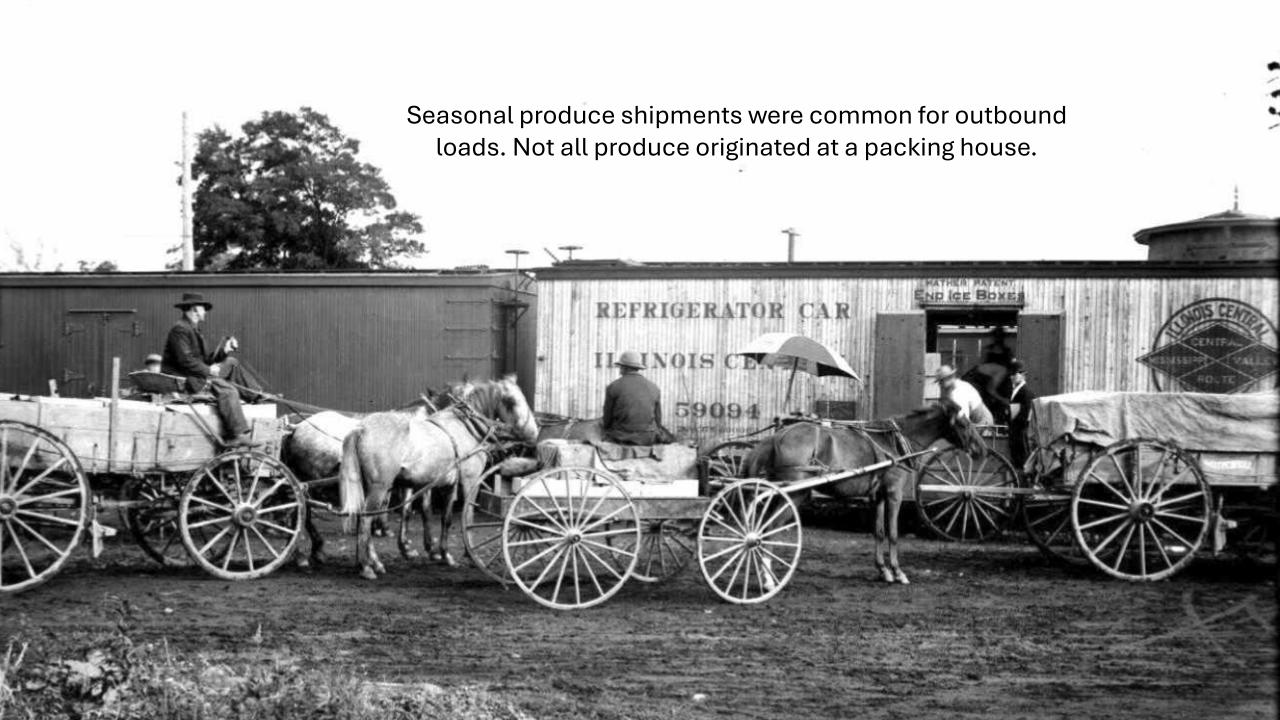
- Goods for local retailers and wholesalers
 - LCL and partial car shipments
 - Hardware, fabric, notions, shoes
 - Some groceries, canned or boxed
 - Produce
 - Printed matter
- Fuel Coal or oil
- Construction material and supplies
- Automobiles and trucks
- Medical supplies

Outbound loads

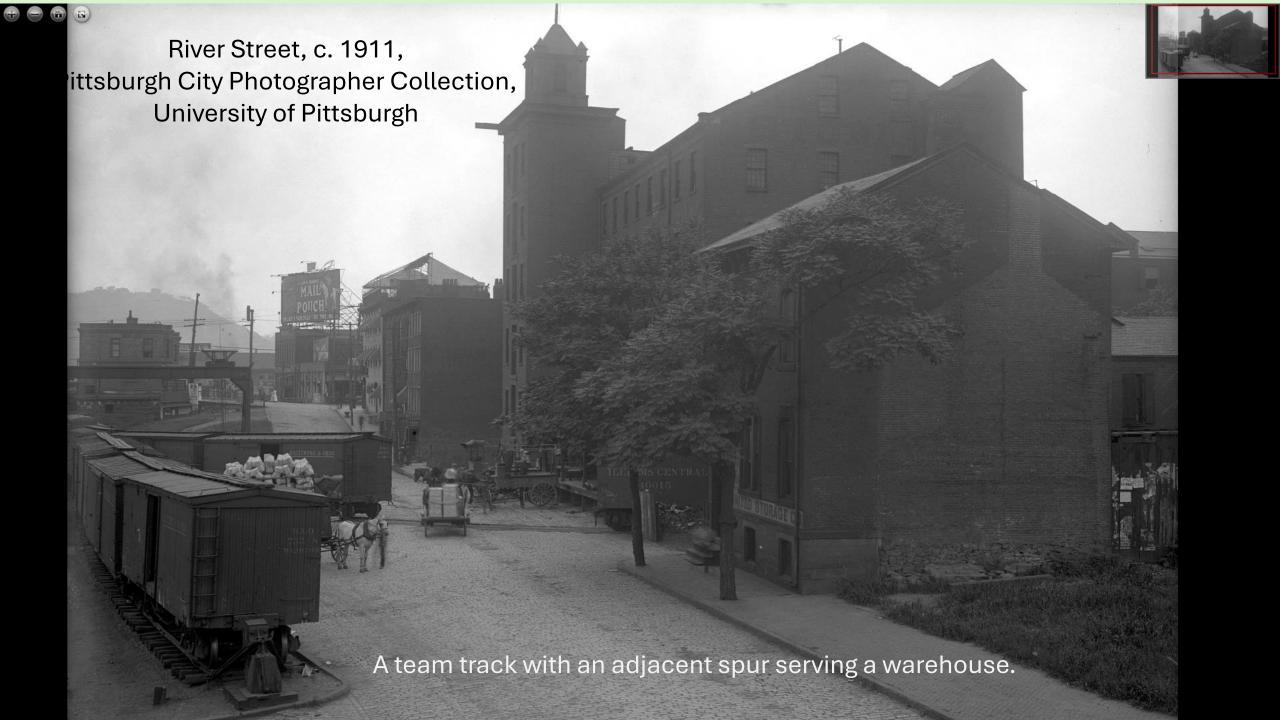
- Boxed and barreled goods from local small manufacturers
- Newspapers, magazines
- Scrap and recycled material for a war effort
- Produce or other agricultural products

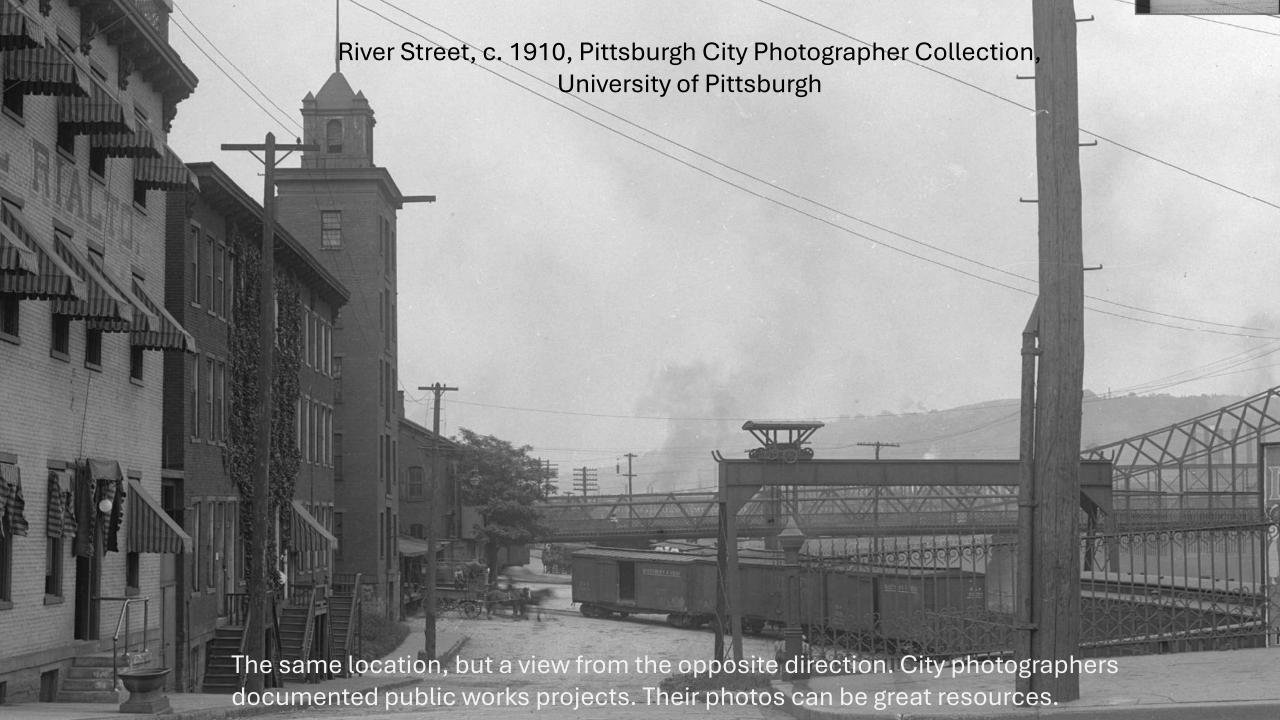












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Loading tomatoes from the Long Brothers Packing Company.

Near Westover, Maryland July 1940. Jack Delano photographer.

Farm Security Administration - Office of War Information Photograph Collection (Library of Congress)



Scranton, PA, ca. 1910, Watson B. Bunnell photo, NPS Steamtown Collection This is near the beginning of the team yard ladder.



Cropping the image illustrates the possibilities of a single team track serving local businesses.









Steve Salotti's HO scale Susquehanna

Kelly Regan's HO scale B&O Georgetown Branch Some branchline terminals were set up as team yards.

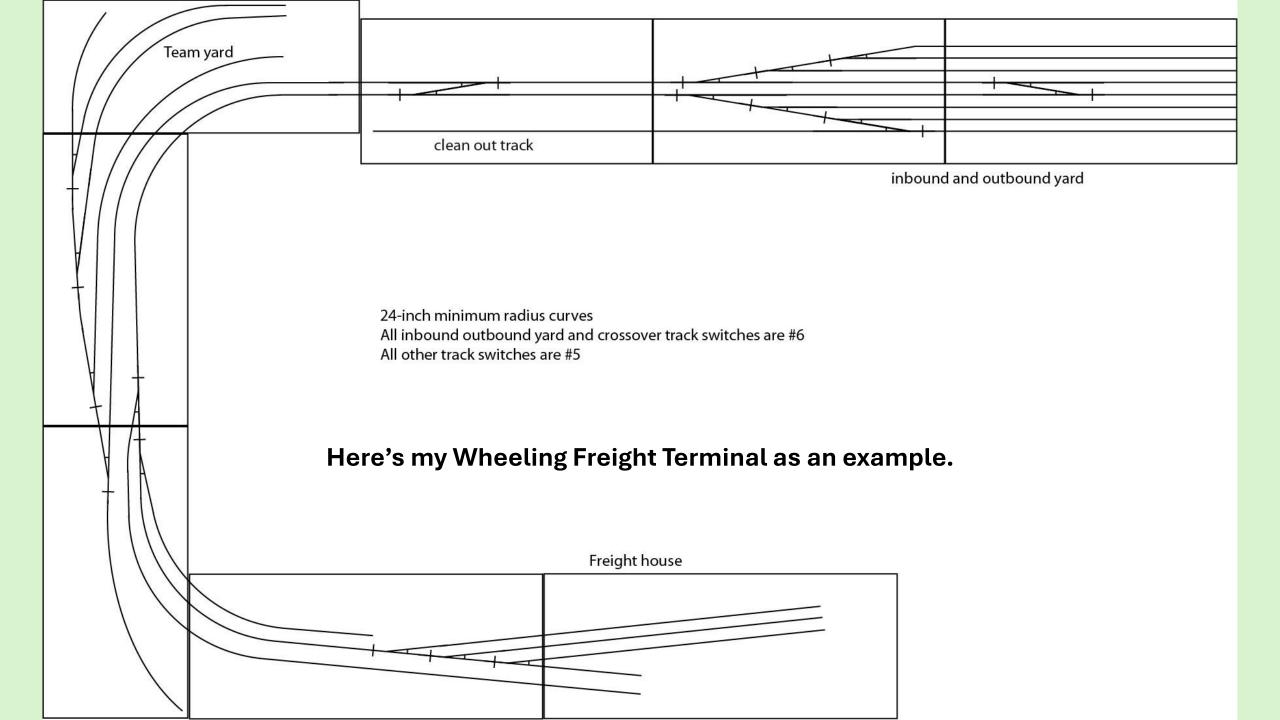




Dave Ramos built this HO scale terminal following the West 28th Street facilities the Erie operated on



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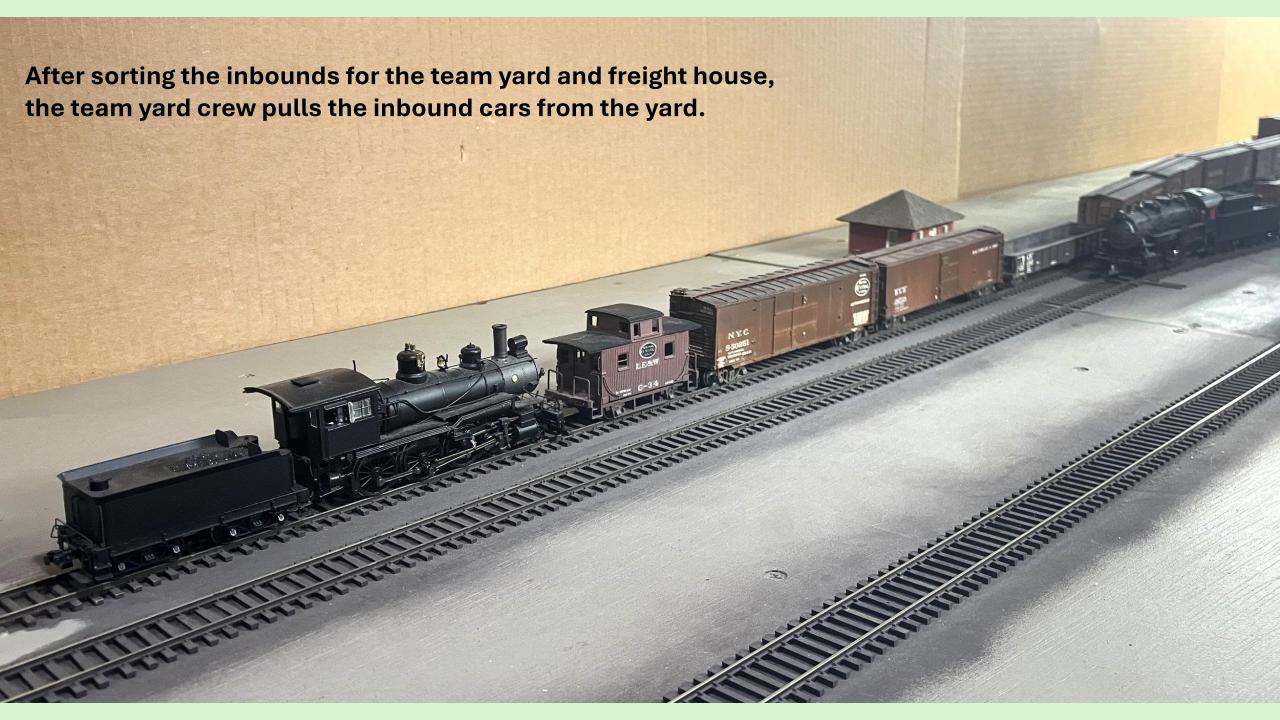


A list of inbound cars is complied by the clerk (me).

Inbound cars arrive in random order and need to be sorted out by the two crews.

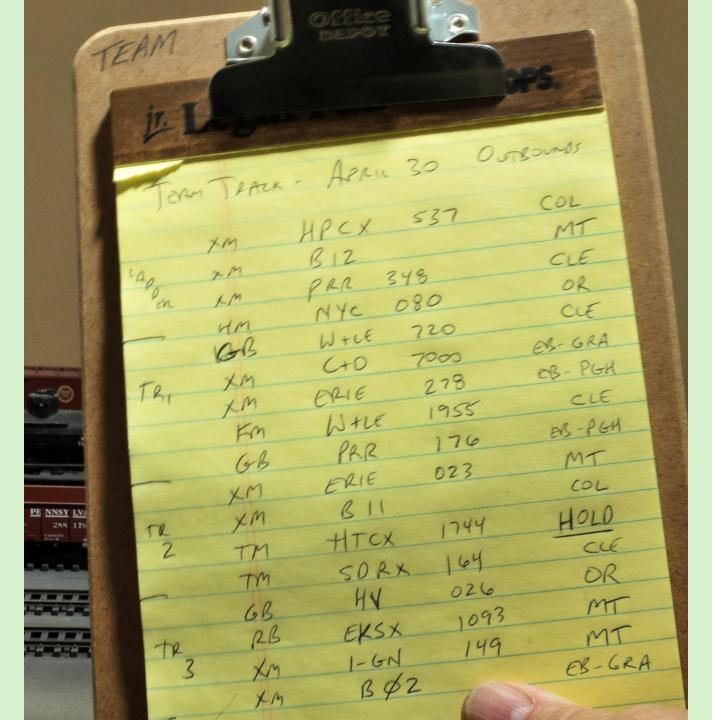
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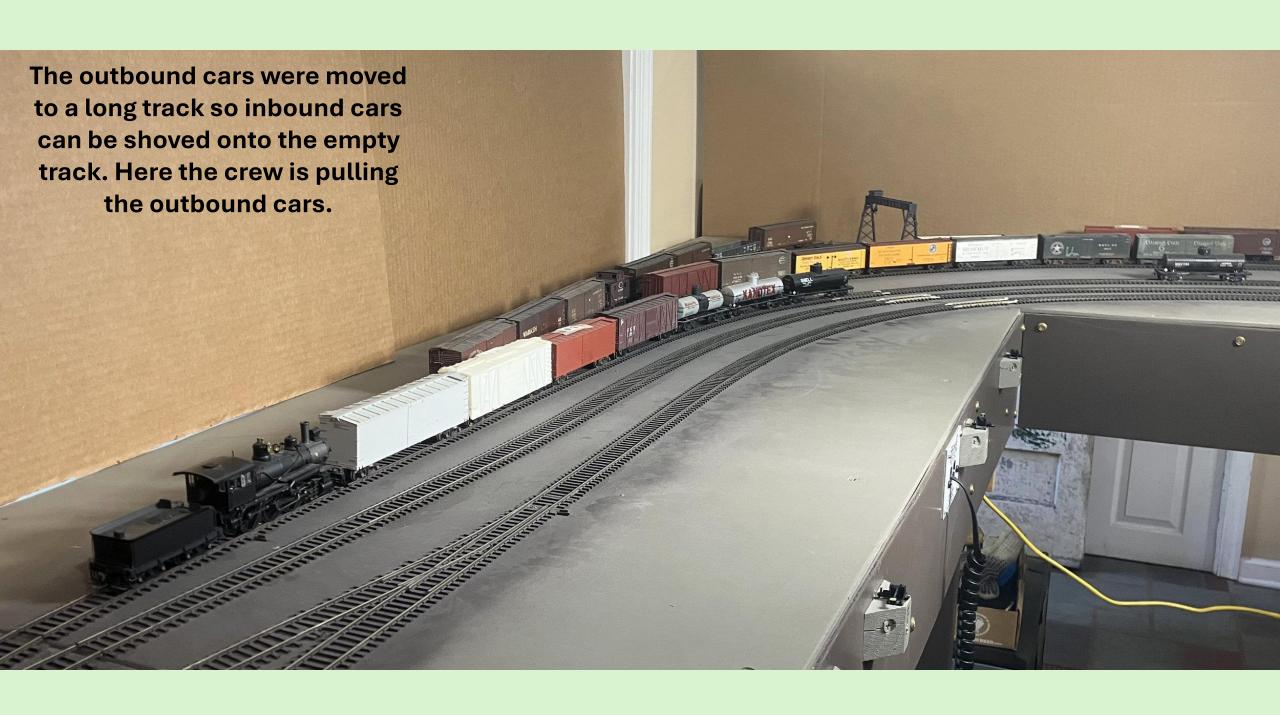
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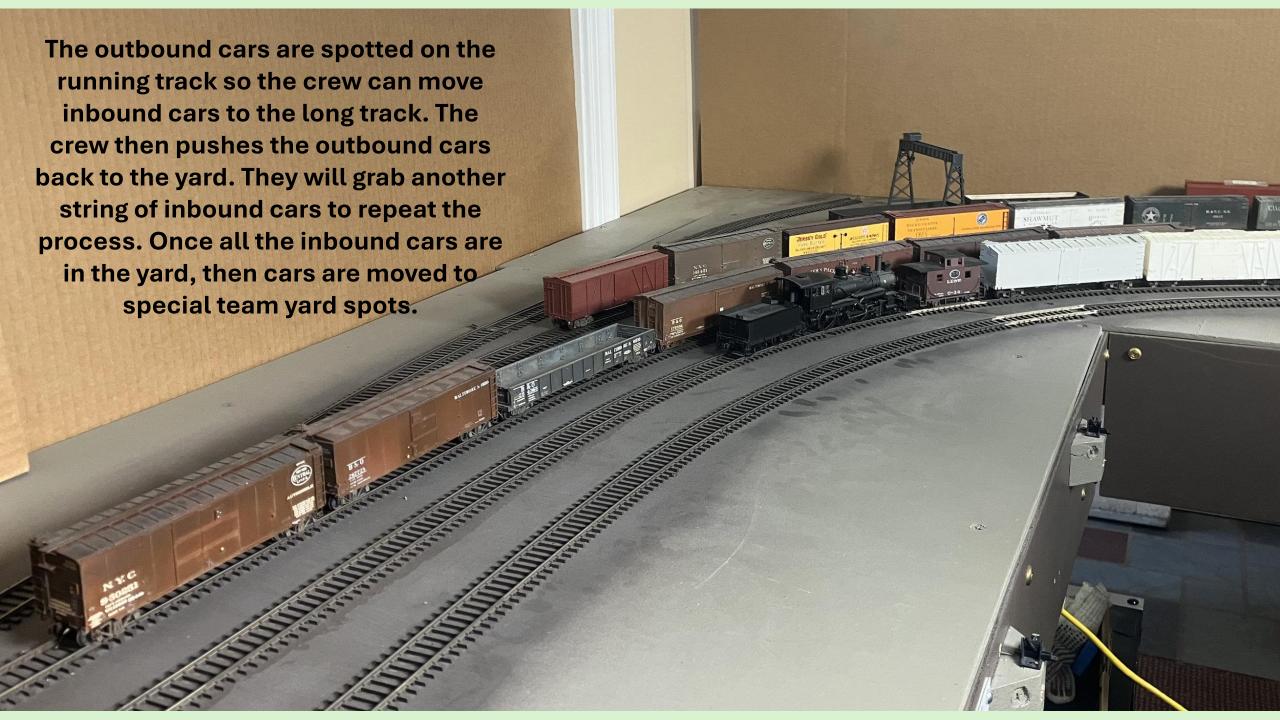




The crew needs to check the outbound list first. A car might be marked as HOLD and not be pulled.







Team yard and team track summary

- Can be one track or several
- Can "conform to the size and shape of the property available"
- Often near the city business center
- A delivery hub for goods needed by the local population
- Nearby small manufacturers generate outbound loads
- Possible adjacent rail-served industries
- A team yard can be the focus of a small layout
- A great opportunity for two-person operating crews
- In use later than expected, but with lower volume
- Modern railroads have revived the concept as Transload Yards
- A universal industry

Seasonal traffic can offer many operational possibilities.



NYC West 30th Street team yard, circa 1920. Walter Kierzkowski photo.

