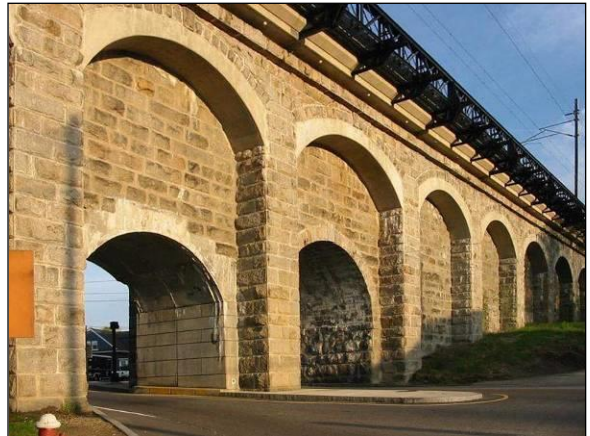


**Historic Documentation**  
**Northeast Corridor Improvement Project: Electrification**  
**New Haven, CT – Boston, MA**  
**Environmental Impact Statement – Historic Resources**

As part of the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement for Amtrak's New Haven to Boston electrification project, AHS Senior Historian Bruce Clouette, Ph.D., conducted a three-state analysis of impacts on National Register of Historic Places-listed and eligible historic resources. The work was undertaken in consultation with the Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Massachusetts State Historic Preservation Offices (SHPOs) and required inventory forms and photographs for historic districts and individually listed or eligible historic buildings and structures, including preparation of Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) forms B (historic buildings) and F (historic structures). The project necessitated impact analysis of the sites of numerous new electrical paralleling and switching substations, in addition to the electrification of the railroad right-of-way itself. In the Boston area, the Boston Landmarks Commission was consulted with regard to Back Bay historic districts and other designated historic sites adjacent to the tracks.



*The Canton Viaduct, listed on the National Register in 1984, was one of the resources inventoried and evaluated for the project. The viaduct was only minimally affected by the project (an upright for the catenary wires can be seen on the right). Peter B. Kingman photograph.*



*The Groton (CT) freight station, one of several trackside buildings recommended as National Register-eligible. It has since been relocated and restored by the Connecticut Eastern Railroad Museum. Robert LaMay photograph.*

The project resulted in the preparation of three technical reports, one for each state. After consultation with the three SHPOs, the technical reports were made part of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. No changes were needed in the historic resource analysis for the Final Environmental Impact Statement.