

Subject	Notes on information that can be obtained	Source	Coverage
Line & station opening dates	Tomlinson <i>The North Eastern Railway</i> (1914 and reprint 1967) Hoole <i>Railway Stations of the North East</i> (1985) Cook & Hoole <i>North Eastern Railway Historical Maps</i> (1991)	KHSC	Good
Published photographs of a given station	Website with an index of published photographs of British (and Irish) stations with information up to the mid 1990s: <a href="http://www.mulehouse.myzen.co.uk/stations/index.htm">http://www.mulehouse.myzen.co.uk/stations/index.htm</a>		
Closing dates: to passengers, goods, re-naming of stations	Hoole <i>Railway Stations of the North East</i> (1985) Branch Line Society <i>A Guide to Closed Railway Lines in Britain 1948-75</i> Website <i>Disused Stations</i> <a href="http://www.disused-stations.org.uk/">http://www.disused-stations.org.uk/</a>	KHSC	Good
NER station & siding diagrams	Also known as "white prints", these are small track diagrams covering stations, sidings and junctions, c1903 to early 1960's (includes H&BR from 1924) - updated/reissued with engineering changes.	KHSC; TNA; NRM	Good
Civil engineer's station surveys	Very detailed plans at 33ft to 1in or 40ft to 1in scales, c1870 – 1960s. Those at CROs can mostly be viewed on microfilm. Some drawings retained by Network Rail who do not accept non-business enquiries.	TNA or CROs	Patchy
Parliamentary plans & sections	Prepared for proposed new lines submitted for Act of Parliament.	HLRO, TNA or CROs	Varies
Line diagrams	Strip plans giving exact location of stations, junctions, signal cabins, points, bridges, water columns, etc c1904, partially updated to BR era. Based on the re-measurement of the entire NER system and accurate to 1 link (approx. 8in).	NERA Publication; NRM has many originals	Good
Large scale Ordnance Survey maps	Detailed maps showing all lines and sidings with buildings. Issued periodically between the 1880s and 1950s. 6in and 25in to 1 mile; some town plans at 10ft to 1 mile	Internet; CROs; Main Libraries	Good
On line map resources	<a href="#">Old Maps online</a> based on OS maps (charge levied for higher resolution) National Library of Scotland OS and other maps (includes "georeferencing" to modern aerial photos): <a href="https://maps.nls.uk/os/">https://maps.nls.uk/os/</a> <a href="#">Durham County Council's "Keys to the Past" Service</a> allows viewing maps of a given site over time, within Co. Durham.		Good
Gradient profiles	All lines covered (except H&BR), 1905. Some gradient information also on the line diagrams, see above.	NERA Publication	Complete
'Lines & Stations'	Listing of stations and junctions on line-by-line basis with diagrams of major locations.	NERA Publication	Complete

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Private siding agreements & plans	These usually cover the terms of the agreement and a scale plan of the siding, c1870 – 1930s. The bound volumes of agreements at TNA (RAIL 527/xxx) are indexed. The NER issued a publication 'Traffic to and from Collieries, Depots and Sidings' every few years that also provides a list of names of sidings, locations and the traders name	TNA and private collections.  NERA Publication	Good
Architectural drawings	The surviving drawings (1840s to 1950s) are split between archives. Those at CROs can mostly be viewed on microfilm. Other drawings are still retained by Network Rail who do not accept non-business enquiries.  <i>Fawcett A History of North Eastern Railway Architecture</i> (3 vols) details the history and development of railway buildings in the North East.	TNA and CROs  NERA Publication	Varies
Civil Engineering Standards	Drawings of standard designs for lineside & station furniture, fencing, foundations, etc.	NERA Publication	Complete

**Abbreviations:** KHSC - Ken Hoole Study Centre, Darlington ; TNA - The National Archives, Kew; CRO – County Record Offices; HLRO – House of Lords Records Office; NRM – National Railway Museum (Search Engine); HMRS – Historical Model Railway Society; SRS – Signalling Record Society; OS - Ordnance Survey.