

Dry Bridge

A switch extension was built from the local railway terminal to the granite quarry in 1891. The Woodroffe brothers, then owners of the quarry, extended the railroad line to their quarry which resulted in the well-known North Main Street “cut” and the “Dry Bridge” that spanned it. The line extension enabled the heavy granite to be shipped across North Carolina and eventually across the United States as well. The Woodroffes would ride the train from Main Street home near the Dry Bridge to the quarry each morning and then ride it back again after the work day was over.

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Woodroffe home on Main Street. □