

OLD COLONY RAILROAD



PILGRIM SOCIETY
PLYMOUTH, MASS.

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Dear Dr. Peterson:

Referring to your recent letter:

Davis, in his "History of Plymouth", page 168, says: "The road which now bears that name [i. e. Old Colony] is a consolidation of several lines, the original line, running from Boston to Plymouth, having been chartered March 18, 1844, and opened November 8, 1845. ----- The South Shore Railroad from, from Braintree to Cohasset, was purchased and added October 1, 1876; the Duxbury and Cohasset, from Cohasset to Kingston, October 1, 1878."

I cannot find, off-hand, when this last named road was built.

The Boston Advertiser of November 10, 1845, (on file at the Boston Public Library) has an account of the opening. Also the Hingham Patriot of November 14, 1845. The Plymouth paper probably has an account of the celebration but I haven't looked it up.

Yours very truly,

Henry W. Royal

We have on file typewritten copies of both the Advertiser and Patriot articles if you care to see them.