

23 TON DIESEL SWITCHER

This four-wheel switching locomotive was built in 1941 by the General Electric Company for the Wickwire Brothers Inc. mill in Cortland, NY, a manufacturer of wire screen, industrial wire cloth, nails, and fencing. A fire ended operations at the plant in 1970, and the company ceased to exist a year later. The locomotive sat idle on the site for many years until it was purchased by John Blair, a member of the CNY Chapter of the NRHS. The locomotive has been on loan to the Central Square Station Museum since 1995.

The switcher is powered by a Cummins 150 hp engine, which drives a generator feeding electricity to a traction motor located between the wheels. The NYO&W lettering is Mr. Blair's homage to a favorite railroad that once ran through Central Square, but has no particular significance to this locomotive.



BUILT: 1941

WEIGHT: 23 Tons (46,000 pounds)

BUILDER: General Electric Co.

