



A passenger snapped this photo of the Nuttall station from his railcar window in 1935. Notice the station's name, Nuttall. The C&O Railway named its depot "Nuttall," but the post office was "Nuttallburg."

At 11 A.M. . . . the fast train from the East came downriver with the mail. . . . the clerk [inside the mail car] . . . tossed out the incoming sack which bounced and rolled as it hit the rails and ties of the sidetrack in front of the station. Nothing but the written or printed word could survive its arrival at Nuttallburg by mail.

John Nuttall II, grandson of Nuttallburg's founder, John Nuttall

Connecting to the World

Nuttallburg's train depot and post office stood along the tracks below here. The post office was directly behind the depot; the two were inseparable. Roads were few and of poor quality, and the mail arrived by train. If there was no railroad, there was no mail. Like most places, mail was eagerly anticipated in Nuttallburg.

Because of the railroad, New River mining towns were surprisingly well-connected to the outside world. Aboard the C&O Railway, a person departing the Nuttall station could be in Chicago within a day, and major newspapers like the *New York Times* and *Chicago Tribune* arrived daily. Residents could even receive fresh seafood from Norfolk, Virginia.

By the mid 1950s the post office had moved to the nearby town of Winona. The mine closed for good in 1958. The C&O retired the Nuttall depot in 1962.

