Horse drawn omnibuses operated in the mid 1800s between the railroad station and the center of downtown. Proprietors of the Westport Hotel used a horse-drawn omnibus to ferry people from the center of town to Compo Beach until rail lines which serviced the railroad trolley were extended to the beach. In 1896, the electric trolley made its debut in Westport and operated until 1924. After that time, the only trolley service in town was provided by the inter-city line which stretched from Norwalk through to Bridgeport and that service would continue until September of 1935 when buses took over the routes.