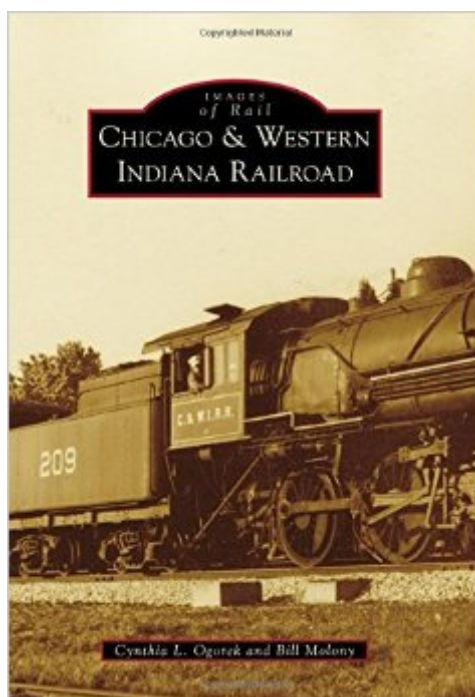


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The Chicago & Western Indiana Railroad was a short line running 16 miles from downtown Chicago to Dolton, Illinois, the first suburb south of Chicago, with another line running southeast from Eighty-First Street to the Indiana state line. Built in the 1880s, it was owned by five trunk line railroads that used it as an efficient and inexpensive route into downtown Chicago. Like many 19th-century railroads, the C&WI reached its traffic peak in the middle of the 20th century. After World War II, passenger travel and shipping moved to airlines and over-the-road trucking. The need for rail access into downtown Chicago declined, and the C&WI ended its service in 1994.

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the book was loaded up with lot's of unknown fact and figures regarding the c.w.i. , however one could get overloaded with pic's of the same steam engines, their were 3000 employees at one time working for this company and by the time is dissolved it was probably 125. i was the last switchtend/trainman hired in 1979 & the last towerman as well re assigned in 1980. my memories as a employee will be good ones, i made friends with the supervisors who were old school steam engine guys, they were gruff when they had to be and great friends as long as the union was not involved or they could cover your track if you got in trouble.

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