

Charles L. English Museum



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Details —

The rails and ties are gone, although portions of the rail bed still remain. The old neglected and deteriorating depot is a relic of the past, a silent reminder of more glorious days of an era gone by. The shrill whistles of the steam engines and the rumble of trains passing through the valley are but faded memories of a time when the railroad enhanced the economy of our community. The history of the iron rails through Windsor began in 1853. A company was formed for the purpose of constructing a railroad from Albany to Binghamton. During the Civil War years it was completed as far south as Oneonta. After the war the work progressed and reached Nineveh. During the war Nineveh served as a federal army recruiting depot. Overcoming obstacles, the last forty or so miles of the road were completed in January of 1869 to Binghamton. The A & S Railroad passed into the possession of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company. In 1872 the D & H constructed a branch rail line from Susquehanna, PA. through the towns of Windsor and Colesville, to a junction with the Albany line in Nineveh. At the turn of the century, eight passenger trains, stopped at the Windsor depot. The railroad brought with it a new era of prosperity. In addition to its lumber, livestock, dairy and agricultural products, Windsor shipped by rail its most famous products, Windsor Whips. Whips were shipped around the world. A local whip company maintained offices in New York City and in San Francisco. In return, the railroad delivered all types of commodities to the Windsor area as finished goods and raw materials for local industries. The decline of the mighty iron horse began in the 1960's. It was followed by the closing of the Windsor Depot. There is new life at the old Windsor Train Depot. Come and visit the Charles L. English Museum.