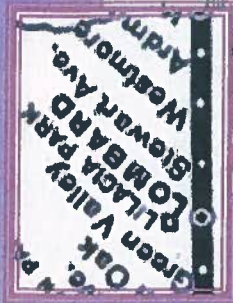


# LOMBARD HISTORIC SITE

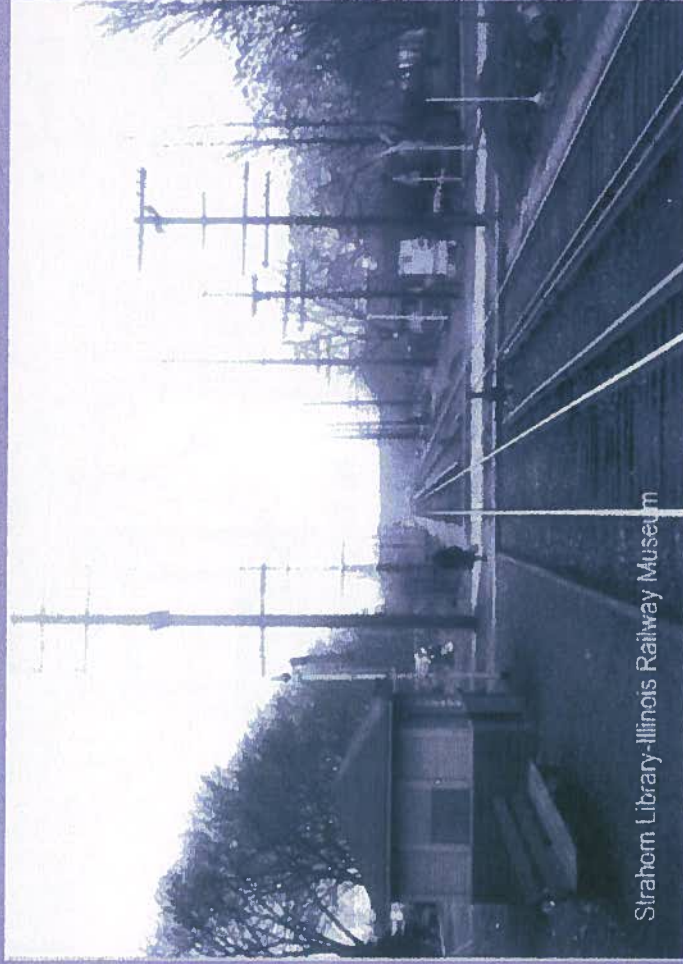
Chicago, Aurora and Elgin Railway (original line) Aurora, Elgin and Chicago Railway was established in 1901

## Green Valley Station

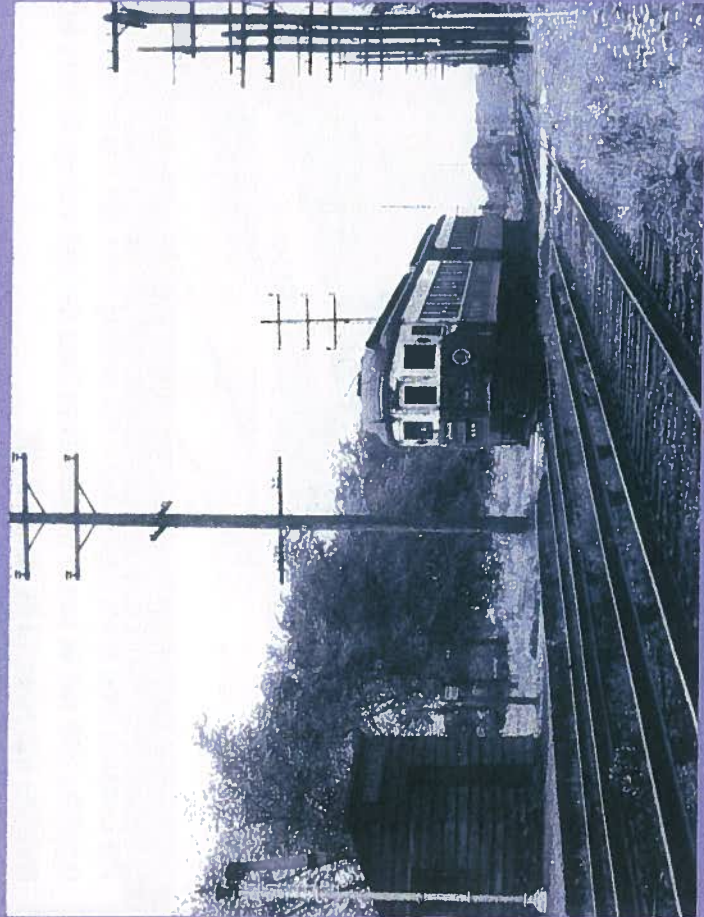


- Originally called "West Lombard" station, this flag stop at Brewster Street was renamed "Green Valley" after Katherine Reynolds' popular novel about Lombard.

- Built before automobiles were common and improved highways were introduced "The Great Third Rail", powered by electricity, provided express service to the Loop far more often than the steam powered commuter trains on the Chicago & North Western.



Sirahom Library-Illinois Railway Museum



- When the line failed and ended freight service, the DuPage County Highway Commission bought the abandoned track bed, devoid of track, signals, and structures for \$750,000 which provided a 2.75 mile section of the "Prairie Path" through Lombard.

Lombard  
Historical  
Commission



There's more to the story!  
Scan the QR code to learn more and visit  
[www.villageoflombard.org/EACRail](http://www.villageoflombard.org/EACRail)

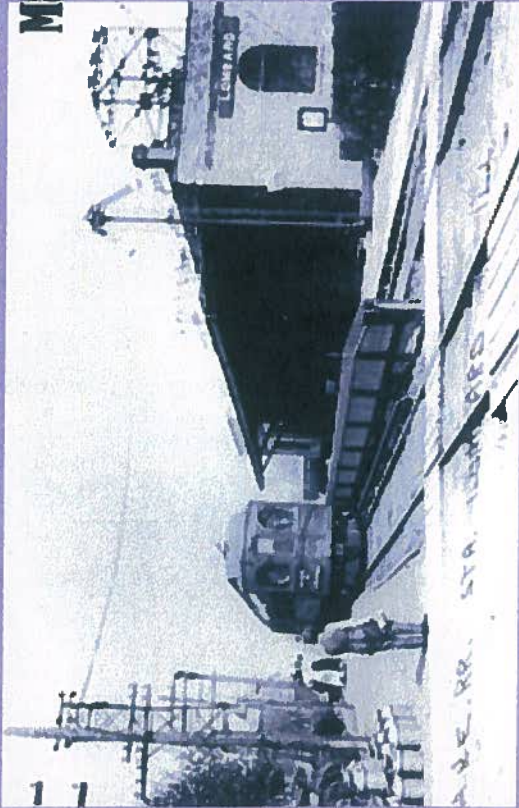


Share your photos!  
#EACRail



# LOMBARD HISTORIC SITE

Chicago, Aurora and Egin Railway (original line) Aurora, Egin and Chicago Railway was established in 1901

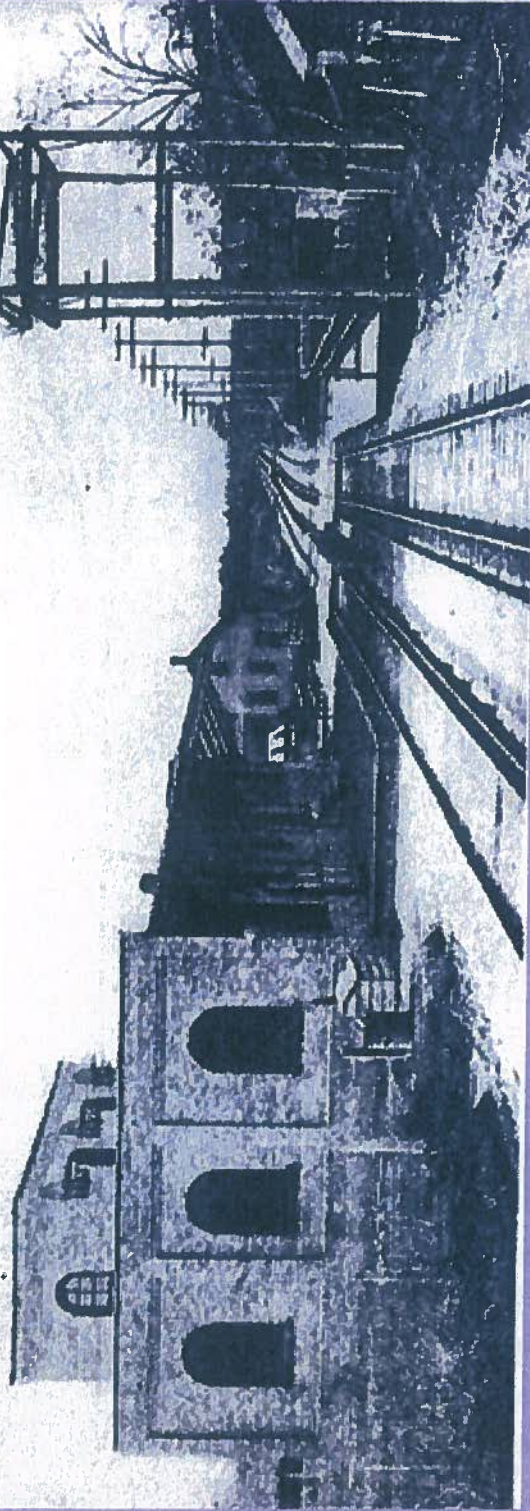


## Main Street Station

- The first service began on August 25, 1902 and ended on July 3, 1957.
- This railway was heralded by the trade press as the greatest single advance in the industry.



The Lombard Main Street Station had a full waiting room and a ticket agent. The building also housed a substation for supplying 600 volt DC power stepped down from the high voltage AC lines on power poles. Unlike traditional trolley lines, the mainline was powered by the third rail.



- All trains passing through Lombard stopped at Main Street, except the "Cannonball". In the 1940's, a mid-day Limited ran the full twenty miles from Chicago to Lombard in 38 minutes with only a few stops.



There's more to the story!  
Scan the QR code to learn more and visit  
[www.villageoflombard.org/EACRail](http://www.villageoflombard.org/EACRail)



Share your photos!  
#EACRail



Lombard  
Historical  
Commission

# LOMBARD HISTORIC SITE

Chicago, Aurora and Elgin Railway (original line) Aurora, Elgin and Chicago Railway was established in 1901

## Stewart Avenue Station

- Fare between the original three Lombard stations was capped at 5 cents by the village.



- This was the eastern most Lombard station when the village boundary was Grace Street and was served only by "Locals" that made all stops. The simple shelter had no ticket office or agent, nor a stove for heat.
- The railway was one of the first third rail interurbans built in America. "The Great Third Rail" provided a greater assurance of not losing a pole connection at high speeds.
- "The Great Third Rail" linked Lombard which was essentially a rural community with the cultural offerings of Chicago.



Larry Plachno, *Sunset lines: the Story of the Chicago, Aurora & Elgin Railroad*, Vol. 1, Tract 302, Richard Aleerman Collection

There's more to the story!  
Scan the QR code to learn more and visit  
[www.villageoflombard.org/EACRail](http://www.villageoflombard.org/EACRail)



Share your photos!

#EACRail



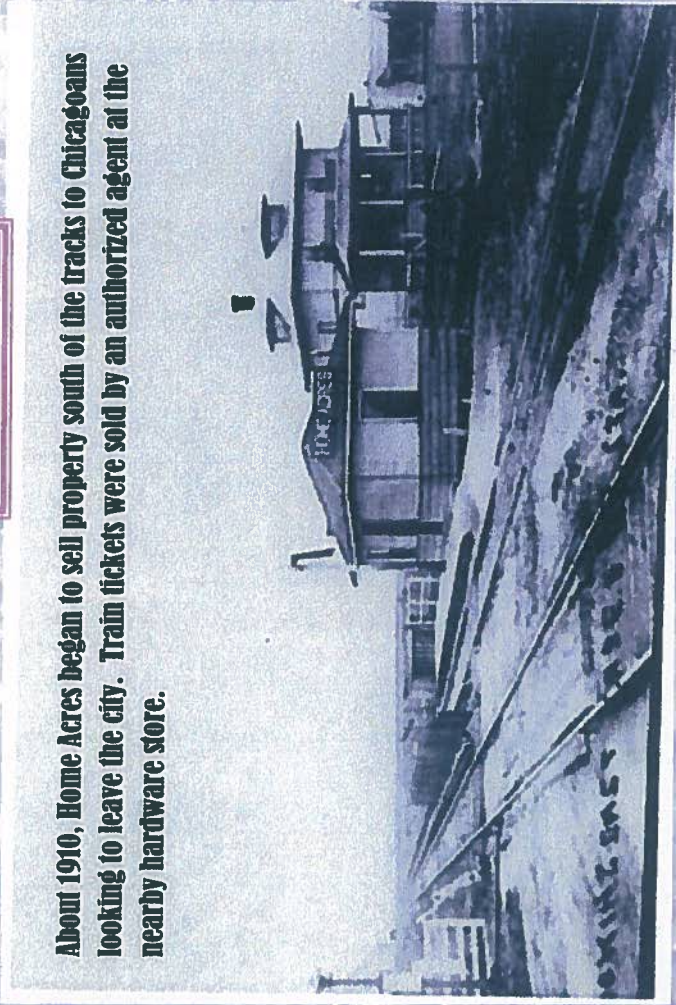
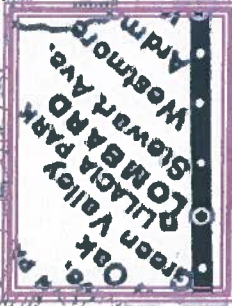
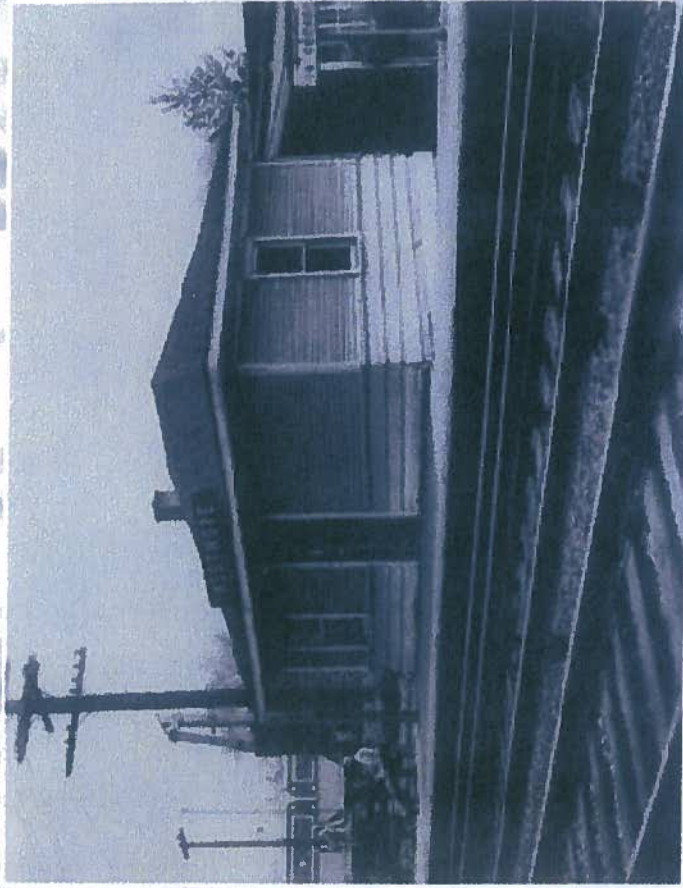
Lombard  
Historical  
Commission



# LOMBARD HISTORIC SITE

Chicago, Aurora and Elgin Railway (original line) Aurora, Elgin and Chicago Railway was established in 1901

## Westmore Station



About 1910, Home Acres began to sell property south of the tracks to Chicagoans looking to leave the city. Train tickets were sold by an authorized agent at the nearby hardware store.

- The Westmore Station opened here in the prairie land east of the Village of Lombard in 1902
- The railroad in the early days had milk trains, outbound newspaper trains, and some Parlor Car service. By the 1930's, there were Express trains, Limiteds, and Locals making all stops.
- Construction of the Eisenhower Expressway caused railway patronage to decline rapidly ending five decades of excellent service in 1957.

Village Park Historical



There's more to the story!  
 Scan the QR code to learn more and visit  
[www.villageoflombard.org/EACRail](http://www.villageoflombard.org/EACRail)

Share your photos!  
 #EACRail