

# Memories of the Ely Route: Rediscovering the Scenic Journey through Time

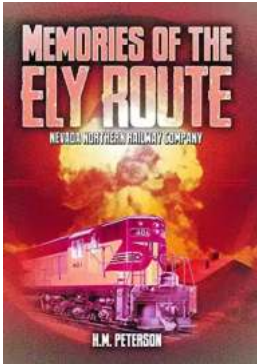
Are you ready to embark on a journey through time, surrounded by picturesque landscapes and experiencing the charm of narrow gauge railways? Unleash nostalgia as we dive into the memories of the legendary Ely Route.



## Rediscovering the Ely Route

The Ely Route, also known as the Ely Valley Railway, holds a special place in the hearts of railway enthusiasts and nature lovers alike. Built in the late 19th century, this narrow gauge railway line connected the small villages nestled within the

stunning Ely Valley, offering residents and tourists a unique and unforgettable journey.



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The route stretched for 12 miles, starting from Kevignock, a small village on the outskirts of Ely, and making its way through picturesque valleys, dense forests, and charming farmlands, all the way to Penarth Harbour, a bustling coastal town. This magical journey showcased the beauty of South Wales like no other.

### The Scenic Beauty

Traversing the Ely Route was a feast for the eyes. The train meandered through lush green hills, carpeted with colorful wildflowers during springtime. The crisp, clean air and the melodic tunes of birds created an atmosphere that was truly enchanting.

The morning mist settling over the valleys added a touch of mystery to the journey, making passengers feel as if they were traveling through a fairytale. As the train chugged along the route, panoramic vistas of rolling hills and serene

rivers unfolded, leaving travelers in awe of the natural beauty that surrounded them.



## **The Iconic Railway Stations**

Throughout the Ely Route, several quaint railway stations dotted the landscape, serving as gateways to a world of nostalgia. One such station was Taff Vale Junction, with its signature Victorian architecture and charming platform awnings. This station often became a postcard-perfect scene, bustling with passengers and ringing with the sounds of excitement and anticipation.

Another notable stop along the route was St. Fagans Halt. Positioned next to the iconic St. Fagans Castle, this station allowed passengers to delve into history, immersing themselves in the rich heritage that surrounded the area. The

enchanting combination of a historic castle and a picturesque railway journey created memories that would last a lifetime.

## **Local Cuisine and Delights**

The Ely Route was not just about the scenic journey; it was also a window into the local flavors and culinary traditions. Along the way, charming tea rooms offered passengers a chance to indulge in freshly baked scones with clotted cream, finger sandwiches with locally sourced ingredients, and a selection of refreshing teas.

Stopping at village markets, passengers had the opportunity to savor homemade jams, chutneys, and traditional Welsh cakes - a sweet treat loved by locals and visitors alike. These culinary delights added an extra touch of pleasure to the already memorable journey.





## **An Era Gone By**

Sadly, the Ely Route faced challenges in the mid-20th century, and as society evolved, the railway line gradually fell into disuse. The last passenger service ran in 1951, marking the end of an era that had etched beautiful memories in the hearts of those who had the pleasure of experiencing it.

Although the railway infrastructure no longer occupies its former glory, the memories of the Ely Route live on. Some remnants of the track have been preserved, and efforts are underway to revive parts of the route, connecting people with the treasured past and the natural wonders it encapsulated.

## **Preserving Memories and Inspiring Future Generations**

To ensure that the memories of the Ely Route aren't lost to time, several organizations have joined forces to document its history, collect photographs, and gather personal stories from those who had the privilege of embarking on this remarkable journey. These efforts aim to preserve the past and inspire future generations to appreciate the beauty of narrow gauge railways and the natural landscape.

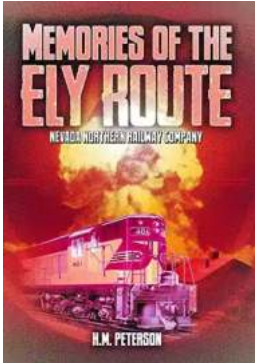
Reflecting on the memories of the Ely Route, it's evident that this scenic journey through time holds a special place in the hearts of all who experienced it. It remains a testament to the power of railway travel in evoking a sense of wonder and connection to the world around us.

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Regarded as the last real general manager of the Nevada Northern Railway. Harold Millard Peterson's personal recollections provide invaluable insight to the history of the railroad. From his childhood in Oakley, Idaho he made his way across three states working for the Western Pacific Railroad before arriving in Ely. His accounts are full of stories about the various challenges and memorable events on the line that he witnessed during his career, as well as life in the Steptoe Valley.



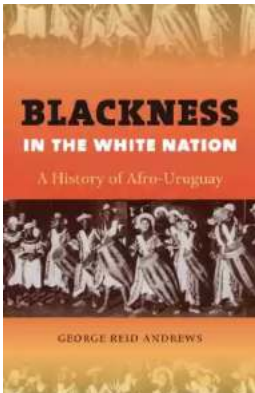
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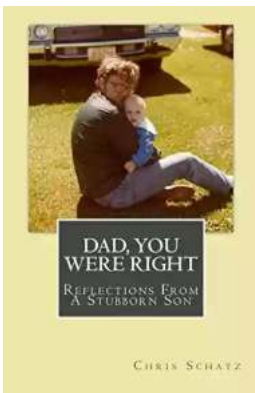
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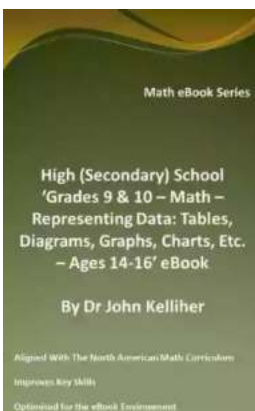
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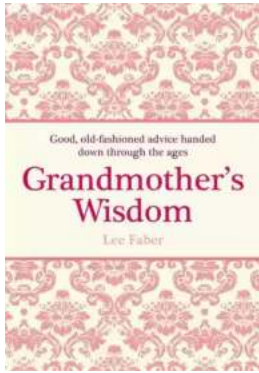
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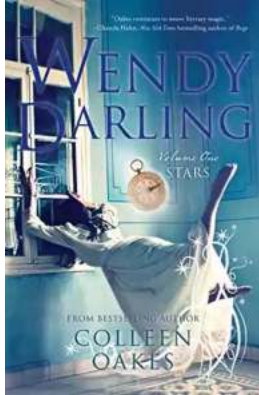
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