

Glen Ellen Engine Facility History

First constructed and placed in service August 15 1882 by the *Sonoma And Santa Rosa Railroad* as a narrow gauge line from Sonoma to Glen Ellen California a length of 6.53 miles. Funds for this extension were provided by the *San Francisco And North Pacific Railroad, which* took over this stretch December 19 1888.

SF&NP converted the line to broad gauge on April 9 1890.

In January 8 1907 *SF&NP* and other railroads were incorporated into the *Northwestern Pacific Railroad. (jointly owned by Santa Fe and Southern Pacific until 1929 then owned by Southern Pacific).*

NWP abandoned this section of the line (Madrone to Glen Ellen) January 15 1934.

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5 End of Sonoma Valley Branch at Glen Ellen, 1927. Loco 103 in enginehouse is resting after her customary night job attending to the freight work between here and Ignacio. Engine 9 usually powered the passenger trains out of Sausalito, laying over here between runs and sometimes supplying steam to 109 when it had cooled.

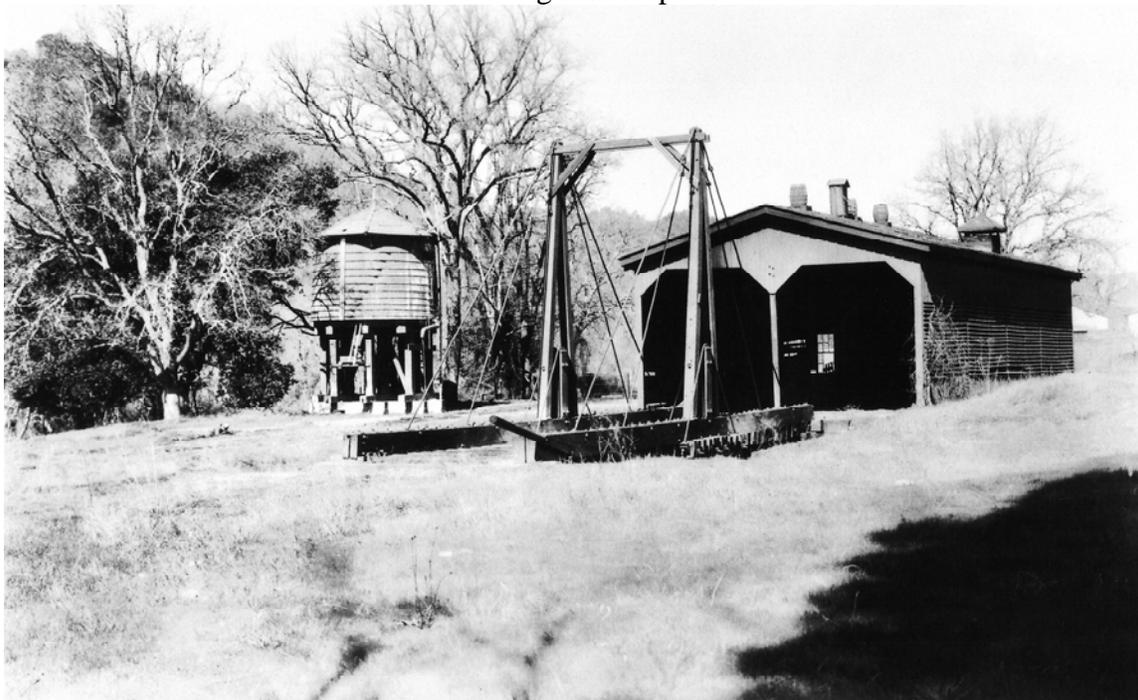
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- Elmore Powell was an engineman on the NWP and also wrote about the NWP See www.nwprrhs.org publications page.

The Tracks are Gone

This picture taken after the 1934 abandonment and removal of the tracks.
Awaiting the scrapers.



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Glen Ellen still had train service on the as *Northwestern Pacific* took over the *Southern Pacific* line at this time installing a switch at Yulapa (Madrone) going thru Glen Ellen and on to Santa Rosa California. This line was cut back to the Glenn Ellen Station (*S.P.* Station) October 10, 1941 and Glen Ellen again became the end of the line. The entire 6.9 miles of the line was abandoned from Sonoma to Glen Ellen September 15, 1942. The rails were re-used on the *Richmond Shipyard Railroad* running from the Richmond Shipyards (Liberty Ships WWII) to Oakland California.



S.P. Glen Ellen Station

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