

# Vicksburg Historical Society

## Vicksburg's Railroad History 1847 - Present

### North-South:

Grand Rapids & Indiana, Pennsylvania Railroad, Penn Central Railroad, Conrail

### East-West:

Peninsular, Grand Trunk Railway, Grand Trunk Western, Canadian National Railway, CSX Corporation



## A Chronology

**1847** - The Grand Rapids & Indiana Railway received a land grant to build a north-south line through Vicksburg.

**1870** - The last rail was spiked between Kalamazoo and Vicksburg, as work from Fort Wayne, Indiana to Vicksburg was completed. A frame depot was erected, which later burned and was replaced by today's structure.



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**1872** - The Peninsular Railroad, later to become the Grand Trunk, put through an east-west line, making Vicksburg a two-railroad town.

**1920** - Grand Trunk operations were taken over by the Canadian National Railway System.

**1922** - The Pennsylvania Railroad purchased the G. R. & I.

**1968** - The last Pennsy passenger train stopped in town, and the Pennsylvania Railroad merged with the New York Central to become the Penn Central.

**1971** - The Last Grand Trunk Western passenger train stopped at the Depot.

**1976** - The Penn Central merged into a new railroad known as Conrail.

**1979** - Conrail discontinues service on tracks from Portage to Sturgis.

**1998** - CSX Corporation acquires Conrail. Today, approximately 60 freight trains pass through Vicksburg during a 24-hour period.

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