



In 1870, one year after the completion of the Central Pacific-Union Pacific transcontinental line, the Central Pacific-owned California Pacific Railroad completed a line connecting the transcontinental end-of-track at Sacramento with the San Francisco Bay port of Vallejo. Also in 1870, the California Pacific completed a 35 mile branch line north from its main line at Davis to Yuba City. In the middle 1870's, the Northern Railway, another Central Pacific subsidiary, commenced construction of a line north from Woodland, 12 miles north of Davis on the California Pacific, through this location at Williams, and reached Tehama in 1882, where the Northern tracks joined another Central Pacific subsidiary, the California & Oregon Railroad (1872). By 1888, the California Pacific and Northern Railway came under the control of the Southern Pacific and became known as the SP's West Valley Line. Today, the California Northern Railroad currently operates over SP's former West Valley Line.

Northward view of the Northern Railway (now California Northern) and an old facility and siding at the agricultural center of Williams.





A different angle of the same view as previous.



Seven miles north of Williams, southward view of the Northern Railway (now California Northern) and a spur to an agricultural facility.