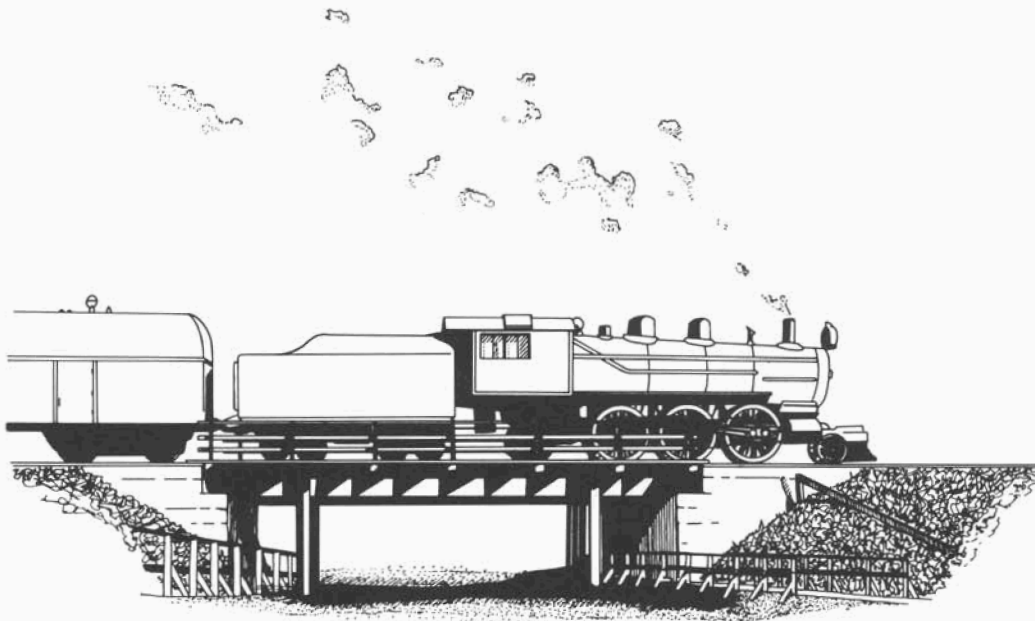
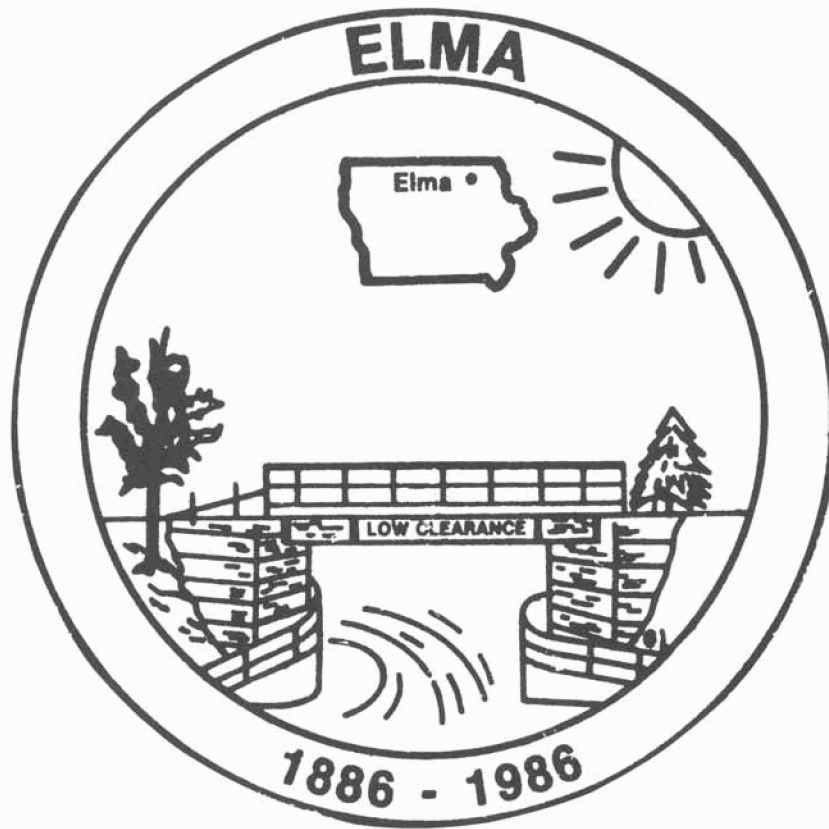


# Those Were The Days



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# FOREWORD

The history book committee wishes to thank all who contributed material for this book, and who donated many hours of their time to bring this book to completion.

It is believed the information contained will be both interesting and informative to all who have roots in Elma.

Errors may be found, contradictions and omissions may occur. Family names have undergone spelling changes through the years. We have used the name or fact based on the best evidence we could find. As many photographs as possible were used, and all photos were appreciated, although space and suitability limited using them all.

Our goal was to reflect on the past and treasure it. Many hours were spent reading notes, records, yearbooks, newspapers, scrapbooks, history books, and searching the memories of the past. Elma holds memories of the past and Elma has hopes for the future, yet Elma lives just as she has always lived—in the hands of the present.

Long live Elma!

The centennial logo was selected in 1984. A contest was held to choose a logo, and the winning logo was drawn by Gert Lentz. It has been used on many of our souvenirs and begins this book also. The logo designs not used have been placed on the pages dividing the chapters, with the artist's name stated on the page.

The title for the book was also selected from entries in a contest. The winning title was submitted by Mrs. Linus (Elsie) Lentz.

And now let's reminisce about Elma.

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