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RR Name	Chicago & Iowa Railroad						
RR Abbr	Chicago & Iowa Railroad				Commodity		
RR Code	C&IA	AAR	Business Type	RR	Common Carrier	Curr RR Code X-	
RR Parent	BNSFR-BNSF-BN-CB&Q-C&IA						
Current	BNSFR	2005 -	BNSF Railway Company				
Parent 2	BNSF	1996 - 2005	Burlington Northern & Santa Fe Railroad				
Parent 3	BN	1970 - 1996	Burlington Northern Railroad				
Parent 4	CB&Q	1855 - 1970	Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad				
Parent 5	C&IA	1869 - 1899	Chicago & Iowa Railroad				
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HQ Street Address				Zip3	Country		
HQ City, State, Zip Country							
HQ Telephone/EMAIL							
Slogans	C&I Line						
Corporate HQ Web site							
References For further Research see: X-InfoS: RR+Title							
1. "Hinckley's Railroad Empire" http://dig.lib.niu.edu/ISHS/ishs-1954winter/ishs-1954winter-361.pdf							
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4. https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=mdp.39015021319341 (Corporate History of the CB&Q see pp 56-63)							
5. http://industrialscenery.blogspot.com/2018/10/cb-chicago-iowa-railroad.html							
Archives							
Maps - Route - System							
https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=mdp.39015021319341 (pp 56)							
Timetables (TT)							
TT, Map Note:	If Map or TT data missing, see OfficialRyGuide or Timetable in Bibliography					X-InfoS: Maps #258 (by	X-InfoS: Timetable Menu
Stock Certificate							
Immediate Predecessors of this railroad				State	MM	DD YYYY	
How Formed	Chartered				3	30 1869	
Construc Complete	Construction completed-Date opened			Predecessor = Class I ("X")	1	1 1872	
Railroad Names							
Subsidiary of, Controlled, Leased, or Operated by							
Owned, leased, or Chicago, Burlington & Quincy (1881) controlled by							
Disposition/Successors				MM	DD	YYYY	
Reason	Merged into			5	20	1899	
RR Code	CB&Q						
Successor RR Name	Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad						
Principal Cities	City	State	County Name Srch	Country	Zip3		
Line Begins	Aurora	IL	Kane		605		
Line Ends	Forreston	IL	Ogle		610		
Operating HQ							
Syst Miles (Peak)	101	Mileage as of (Yr)	1899	Orig Gauge		#Workers	
AAR Class	Grade (Max%)	Elevation-Ft		Switchback?			
Significance and Importance: Biggest, Largest, Longest, First, Highest....							
The Chicago & Iowa Railroad was the first link in the main line of the Chicago, Burlington & Northern (Chicago, Burlington & Quincy) between Aurora and St. Paul. The line ran west from Aurora to Shabbona, and then northwest to Rochelle, Oregon, Morris and Forreston, where a connection with the Illinois Central was made. The portion of the line from Oregon and Rochelle was chartered as the Ogle & Carroll County Railroad, reaching Oregon in 1871. The Chicago, Rockford & Northern was built from Flagg Center to Rockford in 1874. Both of these segments became consolidated as the Chicago & Iowa Railroad. In 1885 the Chicago, Burlington & Northern was							
History/Comments	Comment length	1,352	Date Hist/comments Reviewed + Updated	4/14/2022			
The line was operated in receivership from Aug 1877 to July 1882, when the line was sold to the CB&Q, and was formally merged on May 20, 1899.							
The Burlington's Aurora - Savanna line has always been known to railroaders as the C & I line. The original C & I was a stagecoach line that ran from Chicago to Galena. This road is a link between the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad at Aurora, and the Illinois Central Railroad at Forreston.							
Chartered, 3/30/1869. Opened, 1/1/1872. Operates Chicago, Rockford & Northern Railroad as a branch. Leased Chicago, Rockford & Northern Railroad for 20 years from 1874. The charter of the Rockford Branch is owned by this company. Road sold March, 1878. Sale was set aside and now waiting adjustment, William H. Holcomb was appointed receiver, 8/1/1877.							
Historic?	Chicago & Iowa Railroad						
Historic (UNESCO, etc) comments							
Electrified?	Electrified Mileage						
Electrified Route(s)							
Marine = x	Reference						
Marine comments							
Land Grant Acres: Millions							