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## Bybee, Illinois

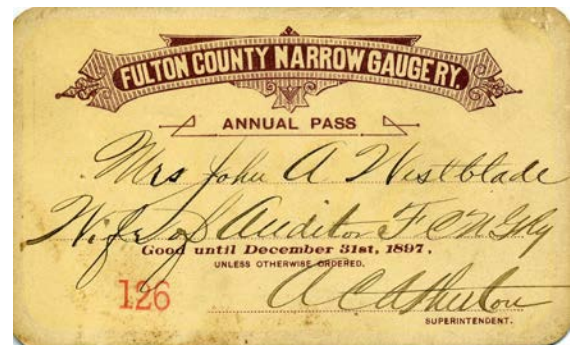
Bybee is a former settlement in Fulton County, Illinois. The small settlement was about 2.7 miles south-southwest of Fairview and 7 miles west-northwest of Canton.



The community named for David Bybee who donated land for construction of a station on the Fulton County Narrow Gauge Railway about 1880 and operated into the 1920s. There was a school, store, and the train station on the narrow gauge rail. The Post Office was established on September 29, 1881 and William Bybee was the Postmaster for the first two years.

The Fulton County Narrow Gauge Railway was turned into standard gauge around 1910. In 1905, two trains per day passed through Bybee but by 1913, only one train ran per day.

The track was torn out of this area when the narrow gauge company discontinued service between Galesburg and Fairview, Illinois.





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There is a small cemetery, named Bybee Cemetery (aka: Hipple Cemetery), near where this community used to exist.





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*Left side MARGARET BYBEE (1821-1865) - Right side DAVID (1816-1884)*