

# THE MEMORIAL

**This memorial is to illustrate, recognize and preserve some of Cotter's railroad history and to honor railroad workers and their families who lived that history. The railroad's role in Cotter has diminished over the years, but its past influence helped in the establishment (building) and growth of this early 1900s railroad boomtown, which was once the largest town in North Central Arkansas.**

**The memorial is the result and completion of a plan by the non-profit organization Cotter Care Crews; they were determined to preserve Cotter's railroad history with a memorial or museum. This dream was started when the late Gwen Tinnon Derouin donated seed funds for such a project. Cotter Care Crews completed the project after a two year period of raising additional funds and donations, obtaining grant funds, planning and overseeing the project and providing volunteer labor.**

**Gwen Tinnon Derouin, born in Cotter and daughter of past railroad worker Hugh Tinnon, requested that the memorial be dedicated to her father and close family friend Roy Lee Anglin; thus, in their honor and the honor of numerous past and present railroad workers who were a part of Cotter's railroad history/culture, the memorial will be called the Anglin-Tinnon Railroad Workers Memorial.**

**Roy Lee Anglin (1916-1999) retired in 1981 from Missouri Pacific after 45 years of service. He started railroading in 1936 as a laborer in Missouri Pacific's Cotter Shop and as a crew caller. He advanced to locomotive fireman in 1940 and was promoted to engineer in 1947. He lived in Cotter most of his life.**

**W. Hugh Tinnon (1889-1977) was one of the original White River Division ridgerunners; he started his railroad career with the old Missouri Pacific-Iron Mountain in 1910 as a locomotive fireman and then was engineer for Missouri Pacific. He retired in the late 1950s from Missouri Pacific with some 45 years of service. He was a long-time resident of Cotter.**

**Jerry Stude; 05/02/03; article on display at The Anglin-Tinnon Railroad Workers Memorial Information Center at Big Spring Park, Cotter, AR**