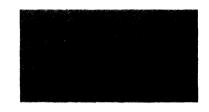
United States Department of the Interior Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

# National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form



See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Nam	e				
historic ATCHIS	ON, TOPEKA, AND SANT	A FE RAILROAD DEPO	OT.		
and/or common					
2. Loca	ation u.s 8	<u>5</u>			
street & number	Highway 85, 0.9 mi	les south <b>ɗinters</b> e	ction with Highway 6	_ not for publication	
city, town Los	Lunas	vicinity of	congressional district	2	
state New Mexi		35 county	Valencia	code 61	
3. Clas	sification				
Category  district _XXbuilding(s) structure site object	Ownership public private both Public Acquisition in process being considered	Status  occupied  XX unoccupied work in progress Accessible  XX yes: restricted yes: unrestricted no	Present Use agriculture commercial educational entertainment government industrial military	museum park private residence religious scientific transportation characters	
4. Own	er of Proper	ty			
	P. O. Box 13	Association			
city, town Los	Lūnas	vicinity of	state Ne	w Mexico	
5. Loca	tion of Lega	l Descripti	on		
courthouse, regis	stry of deeds, etc.	lencia County Cou	rthouse		
street & number					
city, town Los Lunas			state New Mexico		
6. Repr	esentation i	n Existing			
title State Re	gister of Cultural F	Propertieshas this pro	operty been determined eleg	ible? ✓ yes no	
date March 31	1070		federal XX_ state	county local	
	., 1970			county local	
	rvey records New Mexico	State Historic P		total	

## 7. Description

Condition excellent goodxxfair	deteriorated ruins unexposed	Check one unaltered altered	Check one original site moved date June 1976

#### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The A. T. & S. F. depot at Ios Lunas is a one story, frame structure with a shingled gable roof. It has board and batten siding, now painted yellow. The fenestration includes freight doors on both the track and street sides and at the south end, a waiting room door on the street side near the center, and double hung sash windows. There is also a small bay window at the center of what was on the track side. Along the eaves of the street and track sides are braces which extend from the edge of the roof to just below the fenestration top. The interior of the rectangular plan structure includes a waiting room at the north end, a station master's office in the center, and a freight room at the south end. The only furniture remaining in the building is the Station Master's desk set in the bay window, the switching levers, and the ticket office grille and counter.

The depot was moved in 1976, one year after being retired by the A. T. & S. F. The structure was cut in half and reassembled after the move. Originally, it was located along the tracks on the west side of Highway 85 nearer the center of Los Lunas. As with many Santa Fe Railroad structures, this station had to be moved or it would have been destroyed. Currently the depot is vacant; except for a small amount of vandalism it remains basically intact. The Los Lunas Business Association, which bought and moved the structure, is committed to renovating the structure at a future time. The present location is on the south side of an existing park and the future use is to tie into the park.

# 8. Significance

Period prehistoric 1400–1499 1500–1599 1600–1699 1700–1799X1800–1899XX1900–		heck and justify below community planning conservation economics education engineering exploration/settlement industry invention	Iandscape architecture Iaw Iiterature Iiteratury Implication Indication Indic	religion cup science cup sculpture cup social/ humanitarian cup theater xx transportation cup other (specify)
Specific dates	Constructed in 1879	Builder/Architect		

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Ios Lunas A. T. & S. F. Depot is significant because it is one of the earliest remaining depots in the state. The Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe came to Albuquerque in 1879 and from there headed south, reaching Belen in 1880. Sometime late in 1879 or early 1880, the tracks reached Ios Lunas. According to information in the files of the Santa Fe Railroad, the depot at Ios Lunas was constructed in 1879. Thus it was built at nearly the same time as the tracks themselves.

This construction date of 1879 indicates that the Ios Lunas Depot is one of the oldest depots in New Mexico. Architecturally it is of a standard type used by the A. T. & S. F. throughout the latter part of the nineteenth century. Though there are a number of examples of this type of frame depot throughout the state, the Ios Lunas Depot appears to be the earliest of the remaining examples.

The Santa Fe Railroad files indicate that the depot was originally 118 feet and six inches long; also, that the freight room was expanded in 1886 and then in 1942 a 30-foot portion of the freight room was removed. In 1975, the depot was retired and in 1976 it was purchased and moved. Electricity was installed in 1927, and in 1953 gas heat replaced two coal stoves.

Although the depot has been moved, it remains an important architectural landmark and a symbol of the important social and economic effect which the railroad had on towns such as Los Lunas.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

New Mexico's Railroads:

Myrick, David.

Letter to Mr. William E. Honey from E. C. Honath, Assistant General Manager, AT&SF, May 25 1978 **Geographical Data** 10. Acreage of nominated property less than 1 1:24000 Quadrangle name Los Lunas Quadrangle scale **UMT References** Verbal boundary description and justification Beginning at the south edge of Daniel Fernandez Park, proceed south along the west edge of Highway 85 for 150 feet; proceed west from this point for 100 feet; proceed north 150 feet to the south edge of the park; proceed east for 100 feet along the south edge of the park to the starting point. List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries state code county code code state county code Form Prepared By name/title Ellen Threinen, Architectural Historian organization State Historic Preservation Program May 11, 1979 date telephone (505) 827-2108 street & number P. O. Box 1629 New Mexico Santa Fe city or town state **State Historic Preservation Officer Certification** The evaluated significance of this property within the state is: X state national local As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service. State Historic Preservation Officer signature State Histories 5-25-79 title date For HCRS use only I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register hulled date Keeper of the National Register date

An Historical Survey.

Golden, Colorado, 1970.