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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Colorado and Southern Railway Depot

AND/OR COMMON

Loveland Depot

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

405 Railroad Avenue

NA NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Loveland

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

4

STATE

Colorado

CODE

08

COUNTY

Larimer

CODE

069

NA VICINITY OF

CLASSIFICATION

<u>NA</u> DISTRICT	<u>NA</u> PUBLIC	<u>NA</u> OCCUPIED	<u>NA</u> AGRICULTURE	<u>NA</u> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<u>NA</u> UNOCCUPIED	<u>NA</u> COMMERCIAL	<u>NA</u> PARK
<u>NA</u> STRUCTURE	<u>NA</u> BOTH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<u>NA</u> EDUCATIONAL	<u>NA</u> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<u>NA</u> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<u>NA</u> ENTERTAINMENT	<u>NA</u> RELIGIOUS
<u>NA</u> OBJECT	<u>NA</u> IN PROCESS	<u>NA</u> YES: RESTRICTED	<u>NA</u> GOVERNMENT	<u>NA</u> SCIENTIFIC
	<u>NA</u> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<u>NA</u> INDUSTRIAL	<u>NA</u> TRANSPORTATION
		<u>NA</u> NO	<u>NA</u> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Keith Titus

STREET & NUMBER

436 N. Cleveland Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Loveland

STATE

Colorado 80537

NA VICINITY OF

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

County Clerk and Recorder

STREET & NUMBER

200 W. Oak

CITY, TOWN

Ft. Collins

STATE

Colorado 80521

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Colorado Inventory of Historic Sites

DATE

Ongoing

NA FEDERAL STATE NA COUNTY NA LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Colorado Historical Society, 1300 Broadway

CITY, TOWN

Denver

STATE

Colorado 80203

7 DESCRIPTION

~~NA~~ EXCELLENT
 GOOD
~~NA~~ FAIR

CONDITION

~~NA~~ DETERIORATED
~~NA~~ RUINS
~~NA~~ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
~~NA~~ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
~~NA~~ REMOVED DATE NA

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Colorado and Southern Railway Depot, commonly called the Loveland Depot is located at 405 Railroad Avenue in the west end of the downtown area of Loveland, Colorado. It is a single detached structure which parallels the railroad track in a long narrow rectangle. The strongly horizontal character of the building is emphasized by its hipped roof. The material of the structure is buff-colored brick.

The depot is actually two buildings, one for passengers and one for freight, with an open porch between the two. The roof unifies the three elements into a simple but strong and pleasing whole. The passenger depot, the largest of the three parts, contains what was once a ladies' waiting room, a men's waiting room, and the station office. The office has a hardwood floor, while the rest of the floors in the building are cement.

The building is Romanesque Revival in its detailing with the arch used within and without as a decorative motif. The main entrance to the passenger depot is on the South end of the building through an open vestibule with arched openings on three sides. The exit from the waiting rooms to the tracks is through an arcade and the doors to the station office both at the track side and the street side have an arched opening. The exterior arches are all similarly decorated with a stepped molding and a shallow, dentil-like pattern of bricks, resting on a horizontal decorative molding. Elliptical eyebrow dormers in the hipped roof echo these arches and lend a feeling of continuity and balance to design of the building. Arches are used in the interior of the passenger depot as openings between rooms and as decorative elements. Some of the interior arches are adorned with Ionic details.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW					
NA PREHISTORIC	NA ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	NA COMMUNITY PLANNING	NA LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	NA RELIGION	NA SCIENCE	NA SCULPTURE
NA 1400-1499	NA ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	NA CONSERVATION	NA LAW	NA LITERATURE	NA MILITARY	NA SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
NA 1500-1599	NA AGRICULTURE	NA ECONOMICS	NA LITERATURE	NA MUSIC	NA PHILOSOPHY	NA THEATER
NA 1600-1699	NA ARCHITECTURE	NA EDUCATION	NA MILITARY	NA MUSIC	NA PHILOSOPHY	NA TRANSPORTATION
NA 1700-1799	NA ART	NA ENGINEERING	NA MUSIC	NA PHILOSOPHY	NA POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	NA OTHER (SPECIFY)
NA 1800-1899	NA COMMERCE	NA EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	NA PHILOSOPHY	NA POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	NA OTHER (SPECIFY)	NA OTHER (SPECIFY)
NA 1900-	NA COMMUNICATIONS	NA INDUSTRY	NA INVENTION	NA OTHER (SPECIFY)	NA OTHER (SPECIFY)	NA OTHER (SPECIFY)

SPECIFIC DATES 1902

BUILDER/ARCHITECT C. B. Martin

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Loveland Depot is important both architecturally and historically. Loveland is a town which was built because of the railroad, and its depot stands as a monument to those origins. Architecturally, the depot is an excellent example of the station architecture of the period, a period when each community wanted their railroad station to be important and unique.

The city of Loveland was founded in 1877, and named for its founder, William Austin Hamilton Loveland, president of the Colorado Central Railroad. W. A. H. Loveland's Railroad, founded in Golden, Colorado, in 1876, already had a network of rails in several parts of Colorado much of which fed into the Union Pacific lines. In 1877, the feeder railroad, with help from the Union Pacific, was involved in the expansion of the rails from Longmont, Colorado, to Wyoming. There was a need for a station north of Longmont, and the site where Loveland now stands was chosen. The railroads benefited from the considerable number of farmers already in the Thompson Valley, and the farmers from the proximity of a trade center.

Tracks were completed from Golden to the Valley by fall of 1877 and a depot, consisting of tents, was set up for the station master and the section gang. A small red brick depot was completed the following year. Demand for railroad service continued to grow along with the number of settlers in the area. The greatest period of expansion began toward the end of the century with the introduction of sugar beet cultivation. The newly organized Great Western Sugar Company built a factory nearby in 1901.

By that time it had become evident that Loveland needed a larger railroad station. Newspaper articles of the day pointed to the fact that passengers had to compete with pigs, chickens, and other livestock and freight for space inside the building. Most passengers did not care to go inside because of the dirt and confusion. The Colorado and Southern Railway, successor to the old Colorado Central, and owner of the station, issued a statement in 1901 that officials were fully aware that a new building was needed and believed that a new station would very soon be commenced.

Early in 1902 a survey for the new depot was made. Charles B. Martin, an architect employed by the railroad, designed the building, and it was completed at a cost of \$19,949 by the end of November, 1902. The old depot was torn down and the brick used to pave the walks and platform for the new depot. Loveland's small, but grand and sophisticated depot, with its classical lines and details, was erected only twenty-five years after the founding of the town by the same railroad.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Loveland-Big Thompson Valley Centennial 1877-1977

Loveland Reporter-Herald

Loveland Register

ORIGINAL NOT VERIFIED
COPY NOT VERIFIED

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Less than 1

QUADRANGLE NAME Loveland

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES

A 1,3 49,36,0,0 4,47,15,2,0

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION Beginning at the intersection of the Easterly Right of Way of the Colorado and Southern Railroad and the Northerly Right of Way of Fourth Street, Loveland, Colo. Thence along said Railroad right of way North 353.00 feet; thence South 89°20'00" West 50.00 ft.; thence along said Northerly Right of Way North 89°20'00" East 50.00 feet to the point of beginning.

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
NA			
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
NA			

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Lee Morrow

ORGANIZATION

West America Funding, Inc.

STREET & NUMBER

532 W. 4th St.

CITY OR TOWN

Loveland

DATE

January 25, 1980

TELEPHONE

669-9325

STATE

Colorado 80537

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL NA STATE NA 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 National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

DATE

William H. Braxton
TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

May 6, 1982

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

William H. Braxton
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 6.14.82

ATTEST:

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE