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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Kansas	
COUNTY:	Sedgwick	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE	
	APR 23 1973	

1. NAME

COMMON: _____

AND/OR HISTORIC: Rock Island Depot

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 729 East Douglas

CITY OR TOWN: Wichita

STATE: Kansas 67202 CODE: 20 COUNTY: Sedgwick CODE: 173

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad Company

STREET AND NUMBER: General Offices
La Salle Street Station

CITY OR TOWN: Chicago STATE: Illinois 60605 CODE: 12

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Register of Deeds

STREET AND NUMBER: Sedgwick County Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN: Wichita STATE: Kansas 67202 CODE: 20

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: NONE

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: _____

STREET AND NUMBER: _____

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Rock Island Railroad station is a rectangular two-story building. It faces the tracks to the west and is approximately 130 feet long and 35 feet wide with an overall height of 25 feet.

The exterior walls are constructed of red brick laid in running bond and trimmed around the first floor windows and doors with rough hewn limestone.

The roof form is a steep pitched hip roof covered with asphalt shingles. The roof splits the building at the first floor line to provide a covered walkway around the structure. This roof is supported by large curved frame brackets. The roof over the second floor is accented by small gables over the second floor windows. The fluting in these metal-covered gables adds an embellishing touch to the east and west facades. A simple cornice separates the roof from the wall below. A brick corbel at the roof line provides decorative treatment and directly below the corbeling a terra cotta design pattern circumscribes the building. A simple brick chimney rises near the south end of the building.

The first floor windows and doors occur in large arched openings. These arches are constructed of rough hewn stone blocks and begin at the window sills. Windows on the second floor are simple rectangles with brick sills and heads.

The building's exterior is in obvious need of paint and repair. Part of the interior has been damaged by fire and closed off; the rest of the interior continues in use as the Rock Island's Wichita freight office.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian | 16th Century | 18th Century | 20th Century
 15th Century | 17th Century | 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1887

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | losophy | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | itarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The Rock Island depot in Wichita was built by the Chicago, Kansas and Nebraska railway company in 1887, the same year that railroad entered the city. The Chicago, Kansas and Nebraska company had been organized in December, 1885, as a subsidiary of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific railroad company, which in July, 1890, took over all holdings of the Chicago, Kansas and Nebraska.

The Rock Island depot was designed by J. T. Long and built by A. R. Ling. Construction of the two-story brick building began sometime in the spring of 1887, and it was scheduled for completion by late October at an estimated cost of \$20,000. The building was used as both a freight and passenger station until the nearby union station was built in 1914; since then the depot has served for freight transportation only.

The depot is situated just east of the central city business district of Wichita for which comprehensive redevelopment planning is now underway. In relation to that planning, adaptive uses of the depot are now being explored by one of the city planning groups. Among the possibilities under consideration is that of a senior citizens' recreation center for the downtown area.

This structure has been a part of Wichita's transportation scene for 85 years. In addition, it is a good example of late nineteenth century, Victorian railroad architecture.



9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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 Gillespie, Frank K., editor, Wichita Journal of Commerce (Wichita, Wichita Board of Trade, 1887), p. 45.
 Hayes, William Edward, Iron Road to Empire (n. p., 1953), pp. 114-116, 125, 126.
The Western Trail (published by Rock Island Railroad), v. 8, no. 6 (June, 1889).

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		37° 41' 08"	97° 19' 43"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: One acre

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Richard Pankratz, Planner
Charles L. Hall, Architectural Consultant

ORGANIZATION: Kansas State Historical Society DATE: December 7, 1972

STREET AND NUMBER: 120 West Tenth Street

CITY OR TOWN: Topeka STATE: Kansas 66612 CODE: 20

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name Nyle H. Miller
 Nyle H. Miller

Title Executive Director, Kansas State Historical Society

Date February 6, 1973

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Robert P. Utley
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 4/23/73

ATTEST: [Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

Date 4 18 73

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9. Wichita Morning Eagle, October 2, 1952.
Wichita Weekly Eagle, March 4, September 9, 16, 1887; January 27,
February 3, July 13, 1888.
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Smith Corporation (Wichita, 1972).

