

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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

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

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Henderson, Louisville and Nashville Railroad Depot

AND/OR COMMON

Same

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

300 Clark Street

— NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Henderson

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

2

STATE

Kentucky

— VICINITY OF

CODE

021

COUNTY

Henderson

CODE

101

3 CLASSIFICATION

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Land: c/o Mr. R. A. Irvine, Vice-Pres. for Real Estate, Illinois Central Gulf
Railroad, 233 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60601

STREET & NUMBER Bldg: c/o Mr. K.C. Dufford, Vice-Pres.-Operations, L. & N. Railroad,
P.O. Box 32290, Louisville, Kentucky 40232

CITY, TOWN

STATE

— VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Henderson County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Henderson

STATE

Kentucky 42420

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Survey of Historic Sites in Kentucky

DATE

1979

— FEDERAL STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Kentucky Heritage Commission

CITY, TOWN

Frankfort

STATE

Kentucky

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR
 DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Located in an industrial area on the eastern edge of Henderson, Kentucky (population 22,976), the Henderson L. & N. Depot is a single-story, brick structure measuring approximately 120' x 36' and highlighted by classical details. The most notable features are the projecting square tower and the elaborately detailed entrance. This entrance embodies a stone, round arch opening resting on pairs of squat, red marble columns with foliated stone capitals. A simple stone entablature forms the impost of the massive arch which is set in a "traceries" stone wall. Recessed panels containing a flower accent the intrados. A single-story porch supported by iron posts and brackets shelters the entrance. Stone buttress-like elements at the sides of the entrance form the base of the tower which rises above the vestibule. Brick pilaster strips capped by foliated, stone capitals reinforce the corners of the tower, the sides of which are pierced by slender apertures. A stone band encircles the tower just below the point where stone piers rise to support the slate roof. The linear section of the structure is sheltered by a low-pitched, overhanging roof supported by wooden brackets. All of the original stained glass windows have been removed.

The vestibule gives access to the general waiting room on the north and the smaller waiting room on the south formerly reserved for blacks. At the extreme northern end is the ladies waiting room with its projecting, semi-circular bay. The interior is richly embellished with classical moldings and trim consisting of pilaster strips capped by Corinthian capitals and a complete entablature encircling the waiting room. The cornice displays dentils while the frieze reveals an anthemion motif. Doors are set in round arch openings with egg-and-dart moldings. The light fixture is suspended from a plaster relief medallion with anthemion designs. Much of the mosaic tile floor remains intact.

A small brick storage shed is located just south of the depot. The nomination of approximately two acres is designed to include the brick storage shed located south of the depot and sufficient space to ensure site integrity.

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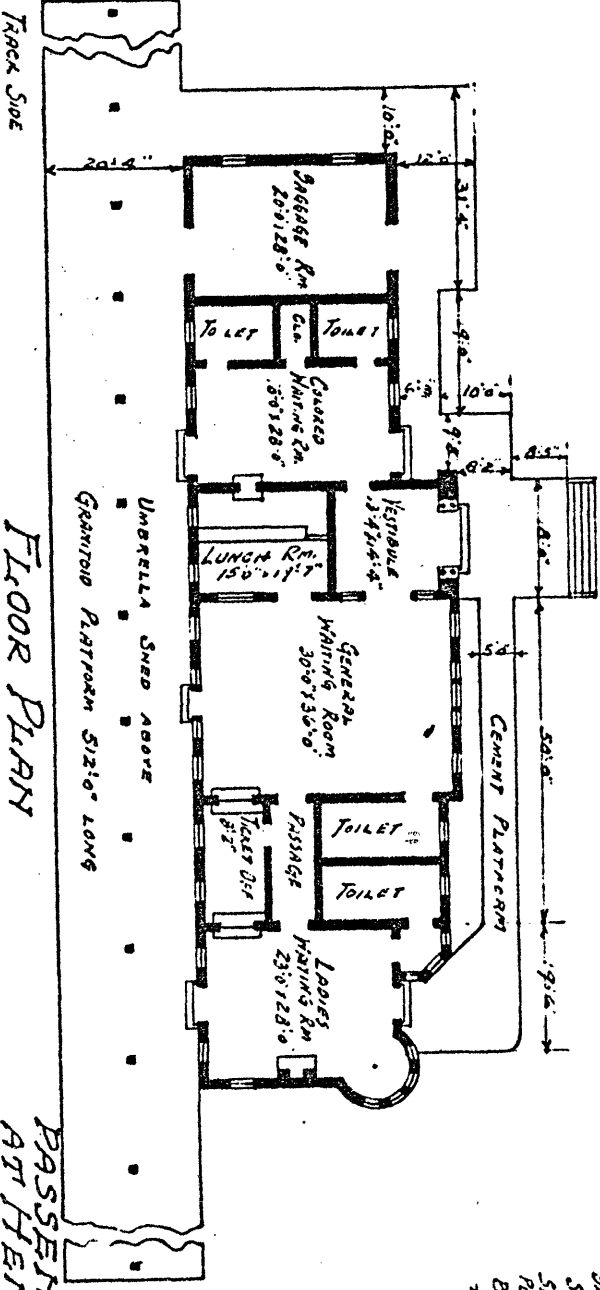
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Although the names of the actual builders of the depot are not known, it has been established that the chief engineer of the railroad at that time approved all plans which were used. Therefore, Richard Montfort (1854-1934), the first chief engineer of the L. & N. Railroad Company was at least partially responsible for its design. Montfort had been born and educated in Ireland and after coming to the United States, he was employed by the Louisville Bridge and Iron Company. In 1880 he entered the service of the L. & N. as bridge engineer, becoming engineer in 1883. In 1887 Montfort was appointed the first chief engineer in the history of the company. In 1905 he sought relief from the duties of chief engineer and was made consulting engineer. He continued in that capacity until 1930.

Although passenger service no longer exists at Henderson, and the depot has not been used since 1978, there are still a great many people in this area who recognize the significance of the station. The structure remains an historical and architectural landmark to the railroad industry, as well as a remembrance of passenger service, now a passing phase of the first of the colossal transportation giants in the history of this nation.



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FLOOR PLAN

PASSENGER STATION
 AT HENDERSON, W.V.
 FILE # 598 & 8970 C1450

CURT 1901
 BRICK
 STOVE TILES
 SLATE ROOF
 PLASTERED INTERIOR BAGGAGE ROOM
 BUILDING USED BY I.C.R.R., L.M.
 + ST. L., N.W. L. & N.