

INDIVIDUAL DATA SHEET

Property Name Bentonville Train Station Property Owner Train Station, Inc.
Location 414 S. Main Street, Bentonville Address 414 S. Main Street
Construction Date c 1925 Survey No. 0404 Bentonville, AR

DESCRIPTION

The Bentonville Train Station is a one-story rectangular structure facing south parallel with the rail line. Exterior brick bearing walls and brick columns of the original drive-under canopy have been finished with gray portland cement stucco with a rough texture. A bay window projects from the track-side center of the building affording trainmen visual control of the tracks. Four-over-four double-hung windows are spaced regularly around the building. Two wide freight doors provide access to the freight handling spaces in the west end of the station. A flat roof spans the structure and is surrounded by a parapet wall topped by a continuous white capstone. Interior finish is plaster on wood framing with wood trim.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Criterion: A, CArea of significance: Architecture & Transportation

The Bentonville Train Station, built in 1925, was an efficiently planned replacement of an earlier frame building serving its function inadequately. Railroad service to Bentonville was a branch of the Frisco Line with connections to that line at Rogers seven miles east. Soon after World War II the Bentonville station ceased to function and slowly deteriorated from abandonment and neglect. In the early 1980's Train Station, Inc., formed by a concerned senior citizen's organization, acquired title to the property and after rehabilitating the building leased it to the Bentonville Chamber of Commerce. It now houses offices of the Chamber of Commerce and a well designed assembly room for civic organizations. The rehabilitation of the building demonstrates well the possibilities of adapting old buildings for new uses. It is significant as a typical example of Frisco depot architecture, and as a representation of the railroad which was so important in the growth and development of Benton County.

Acreage less than 1 acreVerbal Boundary Description Lots 13 and 16, Block 1, Smarth's AdditionQuadrangle Name Bentonville South, Ark. Quadrangle Scale 1:24000UTM Reference: Zone 15 Easting 391520 Northing 4025130

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Benton County MRA
State Benton County, ARKANSAS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

Cover

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2. Linebarger House

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3. Siloam Springs City Park

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4. Adar House

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5. Alden House

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6. Bank of Gentry

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7. Banks House

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8. Bartell, Fred, House

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9. Beasley Homestead

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10. Benton County Courthouse

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Bentonville Train Station (Benton County MRA),
Benton County
ARKANSAS

Substantive Review

Working No. DEC 14 1987
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/7/89
Date Due: 1/14/88 - 1/28/88
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 1-28-88
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

- ☐ resubmission
☐ nomination by person or local government
☐ owner objection
☐ appeal

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☒ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

*Property Significant in
transportat history of Bentonville
Cover form disc impact of RR (in L. 1944)
and its later development in the years
+ 205.*

Recom./Criteria Accept A, C
Reviewer Aschlaug
Discipline Arch Hist
Date 1/28/88
☐ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: ☐ technical corrections cited below
☐ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

7. Description

Condition	Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	
	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	
	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- ☐ summary paragraph
☐ completeness
☐ clarity
☐ alterations/integrity
☐ dates
☐ boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

- ☐ summary paragraph
- ☐ completeness
- ☐ clarity
- ☐ applicable criteria
- ☐ justification of areas checked
- ☐ relating significance to the resource
- ☐ context
- ☐ relationship of integrity to significance
- ☐ justification of exception
- ☐ other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

____ national ____ state ____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title _____ date _____

13. Other

- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Photographs
- ☐ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



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Bentonville Train Station - 0404

Benton County MRA

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Negatives on file at AHPP

Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

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