

**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 Chicago and Northwestern Railroad Depot

and/or common The Old Depot

2. Location

street & number 1 Depot Square

NA not for publication

city, town Beresford

NA vicinity of

state South Dakota

code 46

county Union

code 127

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: vacant

4. Owner of Property

name Beresford Community Depot, Inc. (see continuation sheet)

street & number 1 Depot Square

city, town Beresford

NA vicinity of

state South Dakota

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Union County Register of Deeds Office

street & number Union County Courthouse

city, town Elk Point

state South Dakota

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Beresford Survey

has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date August 1980

federal state county local

depository for survey records State Historical Preservation Center

city, town Vermillion

state SD

7. Description

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

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Located one block south of the downtown commercial district, the long rectangular Chicago and Northwestern Railroad Depot is constructed of concrete, brick, and stucco on frame. The hip roof has fared eaves and is topped by a brick chimney. Fenestration includes twelve 6 over 6 sash windows, five double doors, and two single doors. Pediments with decorative half-timbering distinguish the ticket office and washroom sections of the building.

Measuring 24' by 125', the building consists of a freight room (north section), the gentleman's waiting room (middle section), the washrooms and ticket office section, and the ladies' waiting room (south section). The ticket office still has the original safe, ticket windows and desks. Some of the original woodwork throughout the building has been retained. There is a partial basement which contains a furnace. Since it was constructed in 1924, the structure has been connected with the city water and sewer system making indoor plumbing possible.

The Beresford Community Depot, Inc. raised over \$10,000 to purchase the depot from the State and the City of Beresford. The money also went towards a new roof, general maintenance around the building, and replacing and reglazing the twelve windows.

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4. Owner of Property

The Chicago Northwestern Railroad Depot a/k/a The Old Depot, sits on real property that is owned by the South Dakota Department of Transportation, Transportation Building, Pierre, South Dakota, 57501. The Beresford Community Depot, Inc. leases the real property upon which the old depot sits from the State of South Dakota. Beresford Community Depot, Inc. has purchased the depot itself and is thus owner of the physical structure. Ownership is thus both public and private in that the State of South Dakota owns the real property and Beresford Community Depot, Inc. owns the building. Since the building is a fixture upon the real estate it could very well be said for all practical and legal purposes, the the State of South Dakota legally owns the land and the building. The Beresford Community Depot, Inc., however, has a five year lease on the real property as long as the right to continually renew the lease. Beresford Community Depot, Inc.'s ownership of the building is then dependant upon perpetual renewals of the lease with the State of South Dakota and from this perspective, then, Beresford Community Depot has possession rights in the property akin to legal ownership.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1924 **Builder/Architect** Bakken and Anderson Construction Co.

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The town of Beresford owes much of its initial success to the railroad. Representing one of the last vestiges of Beresford's once important rail system, the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad Depot is significant in the area of transportation.

When representatives of the Hawarden-Iroquois Line of the central divisions on the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad revealed the site of their new railroad depot in 1884, the construction of town buildings in what is now Beresford soon began. It was the Chicago-Northwestern Railroad that christened the new station "Beresford". As the town grew and increased its dependence on the railroad, the depot became a hub of activity. It became a popular place to hold early town meetings and religious services until churches could be built.

After the rail service had escalated to the point where the depot became too small to facilitate the volume of business being done, the original depot was torn down and a new, larger facility was erected in 1924 on the same site. Bakken and Anderson Construction Company was chosen to build this new depot. At the peak of the rail service, there were two freight and four passenger trains running on a daily basis. However, with the proliferation of cars and trucks, improved roads, airplanes, and the decline to market centers, the importance of rail transportation began to wane. In July of 1978, the last Chicago and Northwestern train departed Beresford, thus ending 95 consecutive years of service.

The Depot stands today as a reminder of this once important mode of transportation. Consisting of a freight room, the gentleman's and ladies waiting rooms and the ticket office, the building retains many of its original features. The ticket office still has the original safe, ticket windows and desks. Some of the original woodwork throughout the building is intact. Efforts are being made by the non-profit Beresford Community Depot, Inc., to save, restore and readapt the building for use as a community center.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Beresford Centennial Book, 1884-1924, 100 Years of Progress. Beresford Republic, March 6, 1924 Edition, "History of the Town Called Beresford" by H.H. Sturges.

10. Geographical Data

Acree of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name Beresford

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

A

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Zone		Easting				Northing								

B

Zone		Easting				Northing								

C

Zone		Easting				Northing								

D

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Zone		Easting				Northing								

Verbal boundary description and justification

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List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state NA code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

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organization % Beresford Community Depot, Inc.

date November 19, 1984

street & number 1 Depot Square

telephone 605/763-2391

city or town Beresford

state South Dakota

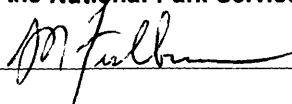
12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state 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



title SHPO, South Dakota

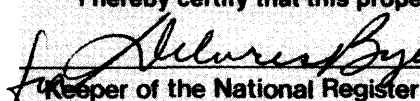
date 12/17/84

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

**Entered in the
National Register**

date 1/31/85


Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundary of the property is contained within the legal description:

Former Chicago and Northwestern Railroad Depot located in the City of Beresford, County of Union, State of South Dakota, situated on the following described real property beginning at a point where the northerly line of Main Street, intersects the westerly boundary line of the LESSOR's station ground property; thence northwesterly along said boundary line 10 feet to the point of beginning of the land to be described; thence northeasterly at right angles 133 feet, more or less, to a point distant 8.5 feet as measured at right angles to the centerline of the LESSOR's main line track, thence southeasterly at right angles parallel to and distant 8.5 feet from the centerline of said main tract 211 feet, more or less, thence southwesterly at right angles 133 feet, more or less, to the LESSOR's westerly boundary line, thence northwesterly at right angles 211 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning.