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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

NATIONAL REGISTER

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms (National Register Bulletin 16).

1. Name of Property

historic name Southern Railroad Freight Depot other names/site number Southern Railroad Freight Depot (BL-4)

2. Location

street & number Along the Southern Railroad right-of-way between N/A not for publication city, town Sevierville Rd. & Washington Ave. in Maryville - Maryville N/A vicinity state Tennessee code TN county Blount code 009 zip code 37801

3. Classification

Table with 3 columns: Ownership of Property, Category of Property, and Number of Resources within Property. Includes checkboxes for private/public ownership and building/site/structure/object categories.

Name of related multiple property listing: Hist. & Arch. Resources of Blount Co.

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet. Signature of certifying official: Herbert L. Hays, Deputy SHPO, Tennessee Historical Commission. Date: 6/13/89.

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet. Signature of commenting or other official: Date: State or Federal agency and bureau:

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- Entered in the National Register. See continuation sheet.
determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.
determined not eligible for the National Register.
removed from the National Register.
other, (explain:)

Signature of the Keeper: Allouez Byrum Entered in the National Register Date of Action: 7/25/89

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

TRANSPORTATION/Rail-related

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE/Business

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

OTHER/20th Century Railroad

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brickwalls OTHER/Shiplap

roof Asphaltother Wood

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Southern Railroad Freight Depot is a one-story frame, three bay, rectangular plan train depot built ca. 1912. The building is no longer used as a freight depot and has been remodeled into an office building. The building has a hipped roof of composition shingles, shiplap siding, and a brick foundation. The building has wide eaves with large diagonal braced support brackets. The main entrance is on the southwest facade and features original double doors of five panel frame design. Above the doors are transom openings which have been enclosed. Windows are one-over-one and fixed single light design added in 1981. Secondary doors on the northwest and northeast facades were added in 1981 and are five panel frame.

Extending on all facades is a frame platform and railing added in 1981 which replaced an original railing and platform at this location. The interior has been remodeled with new frame partition walls, oak paneling and carpeting. No original detailing is extant. The building is sited adjacent to the city's main railroad lines on an urban lot in a commercial section of Maryville.

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8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G N/A

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Transportation

Period of Significance

ca. 1912 - ca. 1939

Significant Dates

ca. 1912

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Southern Railroad Freight Depot is significant under criterion A as the only example of a railroad associated building in the county remaining on its original site. The building was constructed ca. 1912 to serve as the freight depot for the Southern Railroad and served in this capacity throughout much of the early to mid-20th century. Rail traffic was an important aspect of Blount County economic growth during this period and railroad buildings were constructed in many communities. No passenger stations survive in the county with the exception of the Walland Depot which was moved in recent years to a new location at Townsend and is no longer eligible for the National Register. The Southern Railroad Freight Depot is the only existing railroad building once used for shipping and freight purposes.

Efforts to construct railroads through Maryville began in the early 19th century but it was not until 1868 that rail service was extended south from Knoxville. This first railroad was originally known as the Knoxville and Charleston Railroad and in 1879 was renamed the Knoxville and Augusta Railroad. A combination freight and passenger depot was built during this period along the railroad right-of-way between Sevierville Road and Washington Avenue. This rail connection with Knoxville brought new industries into the community such as the Mize Planing Mill, Southern Coffin and Casket Company, and Litterer Brick Company, all of which were located adjacent to the railroad.

In the 1900s, the construction of new lines and extensions into the mountains resulted in increased rail activity and commerce. The increase in logging efforts and plant facilities at Alcoa resulted in the construction of many lines of tracks and new passenger and freight depots across the county. Between 1909 and 1917, the Southern Railroad realized the need for improved facilities in Maryville and razed the original combination freight and passenger depots and built separate buildings for each use. The freight depot was a large one-story frame building with wide eaves and was built in a design typical of train depots of the period. A large platform for the loading and unloading of goods extended

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on all four sides of the building. The passenger depot which stood adjacent to the freight depot has been razed.

The Southern Railroad Freight Depot was owned and operated by the company throughout the early 20th century. During these years it was the center for freight traffic in the community and was a center of local commerce. With the decline of rail traffic after World War II and a reliance on other modes of transportation, the need for the depot gradually ceased. In 1979, the building was conveyed to the City of Maryville and it was purchased by the present owner and remodeled into its present appearance. Changes to the windows, replacement of the platform around the building, and interior remodelings render the building ineligible under criterion C, however it still retains integrity of association, feeling, and location to be eligible under criterion A.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Blount County Deed Records. 1800 - 1989. Blount County Courthouse, Maryville, Tennessee.

Blount County Historic Trust. Back Home in Blount County: An Illustrated History of Its Communities. Salem, West Virginia: Walsworth Press, 1986.

Burns, Inez E. History of Blount County, Tennessee: From War Trail to Landing Strip. Tennessee Historical Commission, Mary Blount Chapter DAR, 1957.

Maryville-Alcoa Daily Times. 1960-1989, Maryville, Tennessee.

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Previous documentation on file (NPS): N/A

preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested

previously listed in the National Register

previously determined eligible by the National Register

designated a National Historic Landmark

recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____

recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

State historic preservation office

Other State agency

Federal agency

Local government

University

Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acres of property Less than 1 acre.

UTM References

A 17 2311940 3961015
Zone Easting Northing

B _____
Zone Easting Northing

C _____

D _____

Maryville Quad

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Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary for the Southern Railroad Freight Depot is illustrated on accompanying Blount County tax map 58-A, lot 17.02, which is drawn at a scale of 1" = 100'.

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Boundary Justification

The boundary for the Southern Railroad Freight Depot includes the building and adjacent lot which is the entire property which is presently associated with the property.

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Photographs

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Hist. and Arch. Resources of Blount Co.

Southern Railroad Depot
Washington Ave., Maryville, Blount County, TN
Photographs By: Thomason and Assoc.
Date: Fall, 1988
Location of Neg: THC

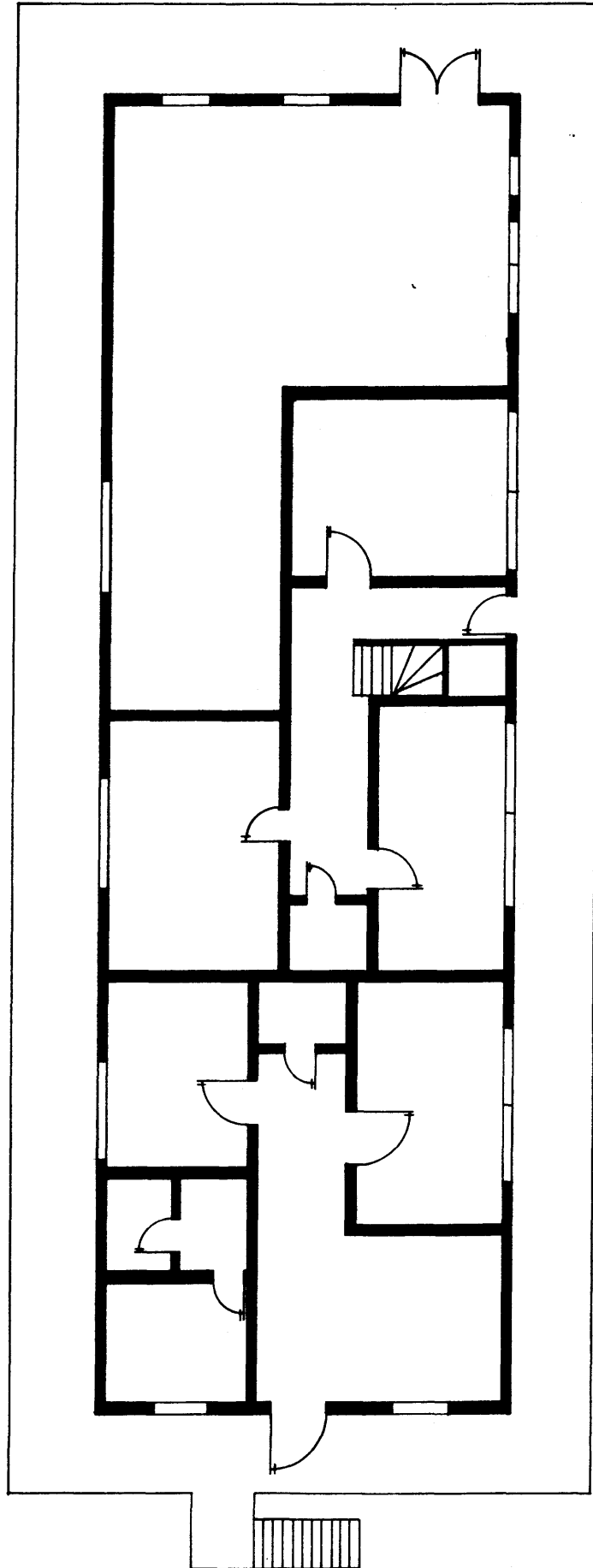
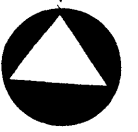
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Photo # 1

View: East and north facades.
Photo # 2

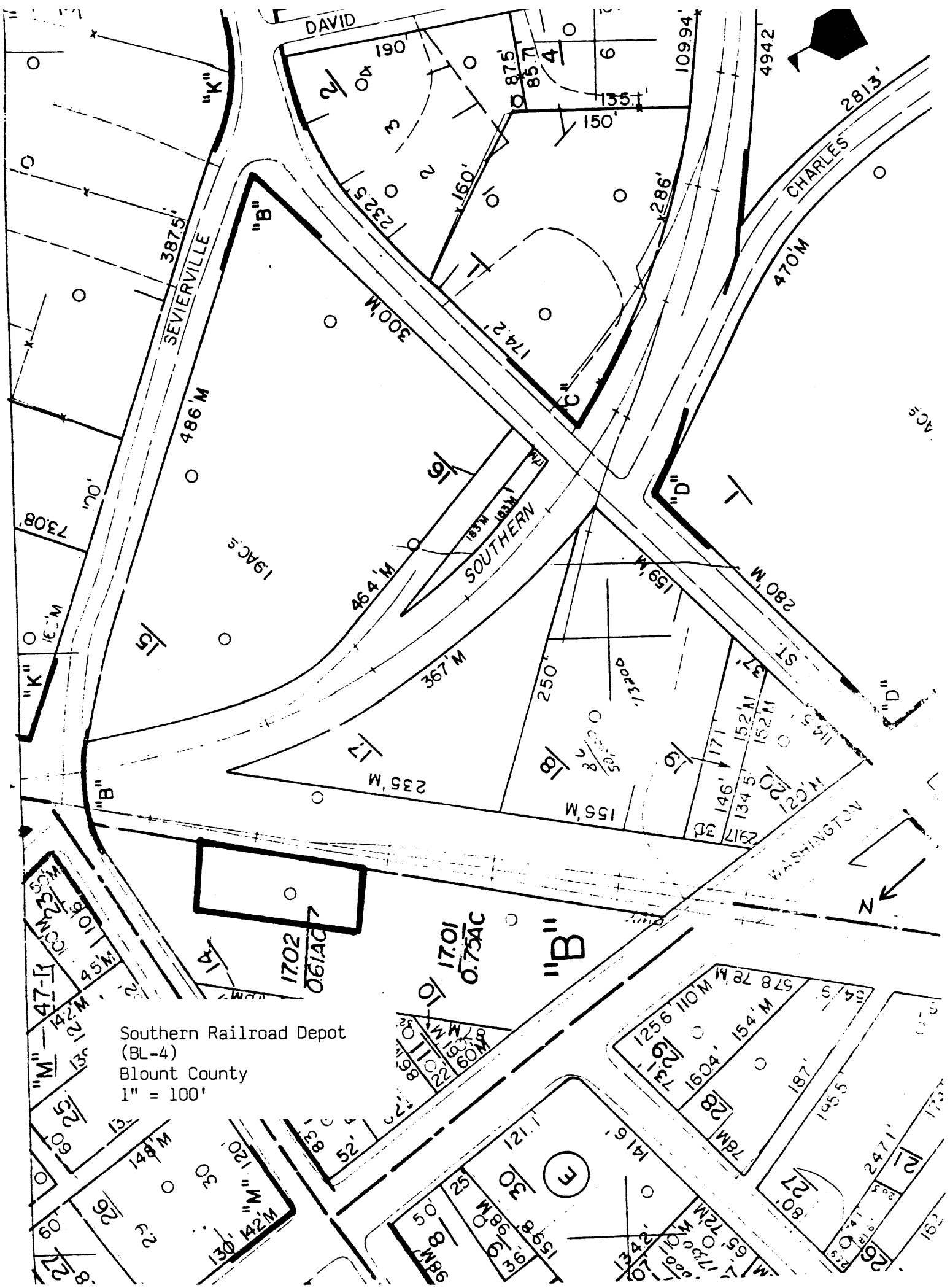
View: West facade.
Photo # 3

View: Interior.
Photo # 4

#4 - SOUTHERN
RAILROAD DEPOT



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SURROUNDED BY A
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