

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Nebraska	
COUNTY: Lancaster	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 11,931,0004	DATE 9/3/71



**1. NAME**

COMMON: Rock Island Depot

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER: 1944 "O" Street

CITY OR TOWN: Lincoln

STATE: Nebraska      CODE: 31      COUNTY: Lancaster      CODE: 109

**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 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 type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME: City National Bank of Lincoln

STREET AND NUMBER: 1330 N Street

CITY OR TOWN: Lincoln      STATE: Nebraska      CODE: 31

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

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

STREET AND NUMBER: 555 South 10th Street

CITY OR TOWN: Lincoln      STATE: Nebraska      CODE: 31

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic Preservation in Nebraska - Preliminary Plan

DATE OF SURVEY: October 1970     Federal     State     County     Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Nebraska State Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER: 1500 "R" Street

CITY OR TOWN: Lincoln      STATE: Nebraska      CODE: 31

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7. DESCRIPTION

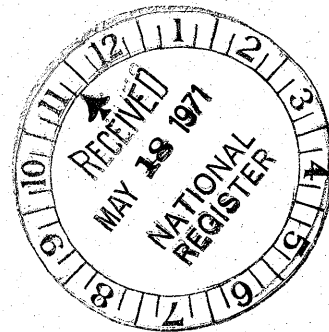
CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

In 1893 the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific system completed a railroad line through Lincoln. During the same year, the building now being nominated to the National Register was completed for use as a passenger depot by this railroad system. The building was begun in October, 1892, and the grand opening of the depot was celebrated on May 7, 1893. The building is located on its original site at the northwest corner of the junction of this railroad line with "O" Street, Lincoln's main street. The present appearance of the depot is virtually identical to the original appearance - - few alterations having been made to the building over the years. The walls are composed of red sandstone and brick, and several contiguous roofs of various shapes and dimensions project upward from the low, bracketed eaves.

The Rock Island system discontinued its passenger service through Lincoln several years ago. Although the Rock Island continues to use its Lincoln trackage for transporting freight, the depot structure was sold by the Rock Island to the City National Bank of Lincoln in 1968. During the following year, the bank invested considerable money in repairing and partially restoring the depot exterior and converting a portion of the interior into a drive-up banking facility. This facility, a branch bank known as the "Citibank Depot Drive-up," celebrated its grand opening on June 23, 1969. Exterior alterations made to the building in 1969 include the removal of wall paint through sandblasting and the installation of new roofing material. The remodeled bank interior retains (and capitalizes on) much of the original decor and includes many railroad furnishings obtained from other old Nebraska depots, including a potbelly stove from the Chicago and North Western depot at Exeter and a waiting room bench from the Burlington depot at Wilbur. In 1970 a portion of the interior unused by the bank was converted into rental space now occupied by a gift shop.

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**6. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century            | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |                                       |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1892-93**

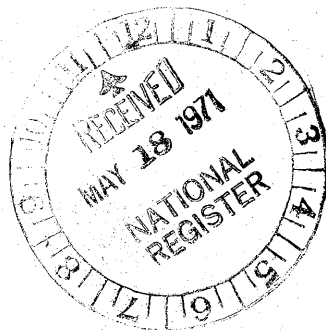
AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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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/Philosophy       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science                   | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture                 | _____   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian       | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater                   | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |   |  | _____   |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Early railroad stations are rapidly disappearing in America - - and Lincoln's Rock Island Depot, despite its modest scale, is viewed as one of Nebraska's finest remaining examples of nineteenth century railroad architecture. The building is also viewed as a fine local example of the Francois I (or Chateausque) style of architecture, as introduced to America from France in the late nineteenth century and reinterpreted and popularized by Richard Morris Hunt and other architects. Few exterior alterations have been made to the depot since its construction in 1892-93. The building was partially restored and adopted to new commercial uses in 1969-70 and stands today as one of Nebraska's most successful examples of a "living" restoration project. During the original construction of the depot, Eugene Woerner of Lincoln served as general contractor. While it is known that plans for the building were prepared under the direction of Chief Engineer R. W. Day of the Rock Island line, it is unclear whether Day should appropriately be referred to as the architect of the structure.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Files, Nebraska State Historical Society.  
Lincoln Daily Call, 1892-93.  
Nebraska State Journal (Lincoln), 1892-93.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

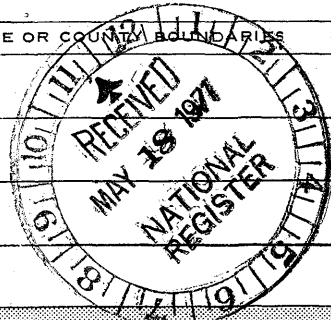
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SE	0	'	"	0	'	"						
SW	0	'	"	0	'	"						

NO  
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:  $\frac{1}{2}$  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: **Persijs Kolberg, Curator of Historic Sites**

ORGANIZATION: **Nebraska State Historical Society** DATE: **May 17, 1971**

STREET AND NUMBER: **1500 "R" Street**

CITY OR TOWN: **Lincoln** STATE: **Nebraska** CODE: **31**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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 Martin O. Kenett

Title Director, Neb. State Hist Soc.

Date May 14, 1971

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

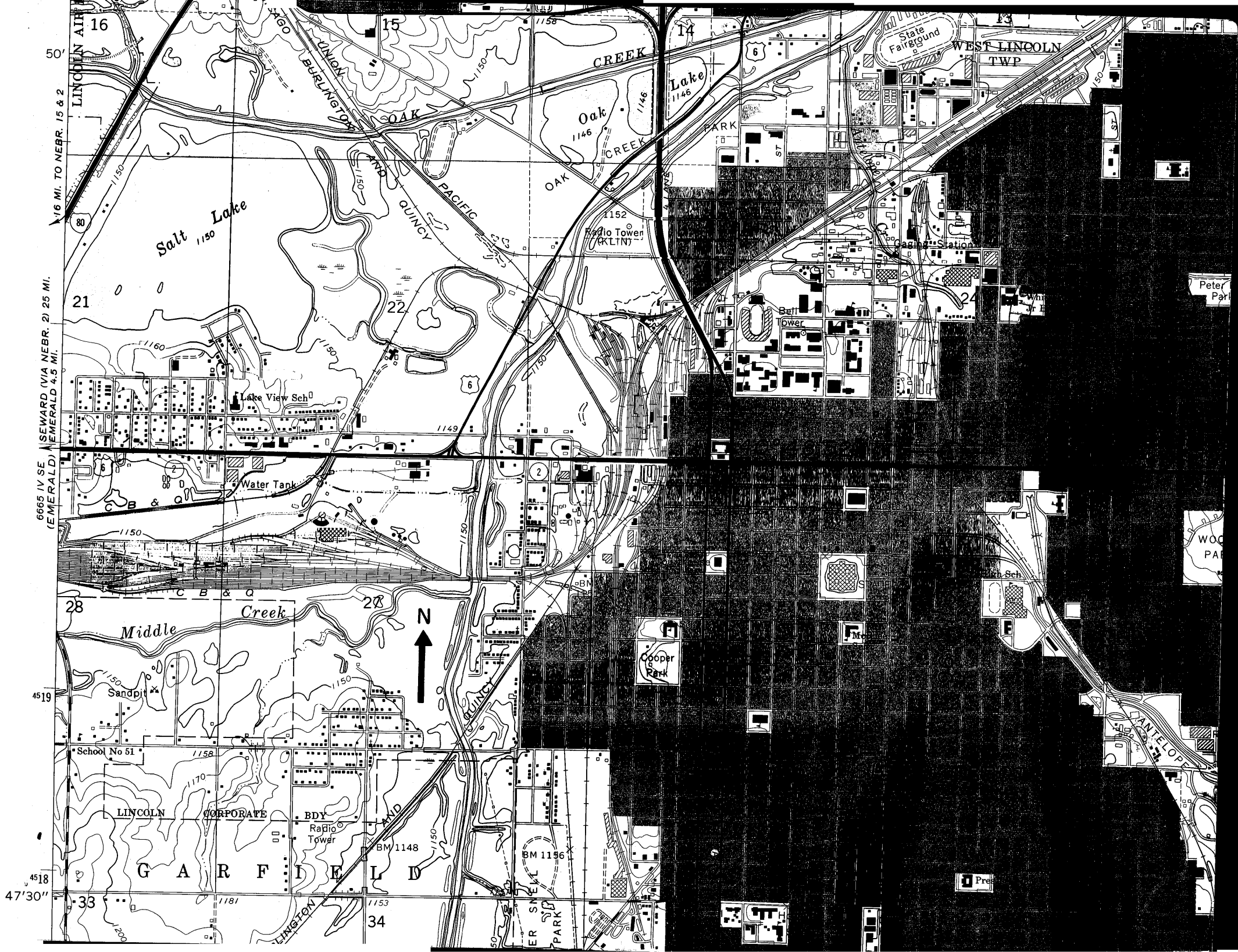
Grant A. Connally  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

SEP 3 1971

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:  
William J. Mumby  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date JUN 30 1971



1/16 MI. TO NEBR. 15 & 2

6665 IV SE SEWARD (VIA NEBR. 2) 25 MI.  
(EMERALD) EMERALD 4.5 MI.

47°30"



Pres

Rock Island Depot  
1944, 0 St.

Form 10-301  
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
PROPERTY MAP FORM**

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Lincoln			
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Nebraska	31	Lancaster	T09
<b>3. MAP REFERENCE</b>			
SOURCE:			
U.S.G.S. 7½', Lincoln quadrangle			
SCALE:			
1:24,000			
DATE:			
1964			
<b>4. REQUIREMENTS</b>			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			

