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

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

1 NAME

HISTORIC **RAYMOND BOSTON & MAINE RAILROAD DEPOT**

AND/OR COMMON
RAYMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street

— NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Raymond

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

21

STATE

New Hampshire

CODE

33

COUNTY

Rockingham

CODE

015

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME **Raymond Historical Society, Inc.**

STREET & NUMBER
Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Raymond

— VICINITY OF

STATE
New Hampshire

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. **Rockingham County Courthouse**

STREET & NUMBER
Register of Deeds

CITY, TOWN

Exeter

STATE
New Hampshire

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE **Historic American Engineering Record, New England: An Inventory of Historic Engineering and Industrial Sites**

DATE **1974** FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS **National Park Service
Department of the Interior**

CITY, TOWN

Washington

STATE
District of Columbia

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input 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 in the center of Raymond along the tracks of the Boston and Maine Railroad, the station constitutes a finely-preserved example of late 19th century railroad architecture. It consists of the station proper and attached roofed-over areas on either side which are supported by square posts with chamfered corners and sawn braces. The one-story station is rectangular in plan with central bay projections on the northwest and southeast elevations and a bow projection on the southwest facade. Clapboards sheathe the wall surface from the brick foundation to the window sills; the remaining wall treatment is of imbricated scalloped shingles. Sawn braces support the eaves which are embellished by exposed rafter tails. The hip roof is punctuated by a brick chimney stack on the northwest elevation and by the semaphore signaling equipment on the southeast. Door and window heads are molded. The stenciled window boxes are a recent addition.

Two related buildings are located behind the station and west of the tracks and are in excellent condition. One is a section car house which is now used to store a fire engine belonging to the historical society. The other is a small waiting station which was moved from East Candia, New Hampshire, and is used as a tool shed. Near the station's west corner is a brass bell cast in 1859 by Henry N. Hooper and Company. The bell once hung in the Raymond Town Hall which was destroyed in the fire of 1892.

The interior of the depot is equally well-preserved and retains many original features. The baggage room, now used for museum space, is separated from the central ticket area by the original gates. The ticket office has its ticket windows and semaphore signaling equipment intact. In the waiting room there is much of the original seating.

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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input 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 1893

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In a time when many railroad stations are threatened with demolition or suffer from severe structural deterioration, the Raymond depot is outstanding not only because of its well-preserved condition, but as a typical example of late 19th century railroad architecture. Almost in its exact original condition, it maintains a reference to the town's earlier history.

The railroad was extremely important to Raymond's economy. It brought in raw materials for the manufacture of shoes and other products and shipped out finished goods from local shops and mills. It was also vital in transporting the town's summer tourists who came annually and stayed in Raymond's many fine boarding houses and inns.

This is the third in a succession of railway depots on this site. The Portsmouth and Concord Railroad constructed the first in 1850, but it burned in 1878. A new station was constructed soon after and was destroyed in 1892, in a fire which leveled most of the center of Raymond. This structure was built in 1893 and two years later the property was purchased by the Boston and Maine Railroad.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Shirley Jones Barnard. History of Raymond, New Hampshire, (Capitol Offset Company of New Hampshire, 1963).
 Interview with Ruth Hoffman, July 21, 22, 23, of 1977.
 Interview with William Prince, July 22, 1977.
 Interview with Mrs. Luie Morse, July 22, 1977.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY one

QUADRANGLE NAME Mt. Pawtuckaway, NH: 15' series QUADRANGLE SCALE _____

UTM REFERENCES

A	19	322300	4766900	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Tax Records, Raymond, NH: Map 23, Lot 137

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Mrs. Elisabeth Marshall

ORGANIZATION

Raymond Historical Society

DATE

August 8, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street

TELEPHONE

603-895-4488

CITY OR TOWN

Raymond

STATE

New Hampshire

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

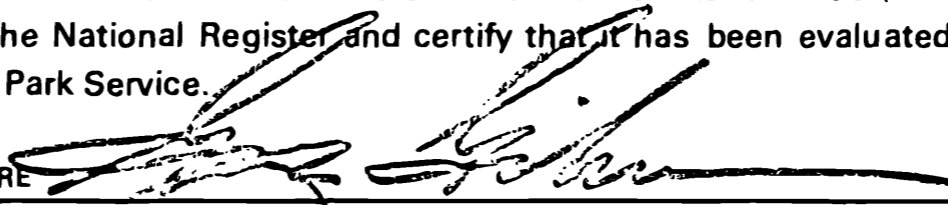
NATIONAL

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 Commissioner, NH Department of Resources & Economic Development
NH State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE 12-16-77

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER



DATE 5/16/79

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:



DATE 5/16/79

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION