

Historic Name: Chicago & North Western Railroad-Depot		County: Redwood 80002135
Common Name:		Community: Lucan
Owner's Name and Address: Lucan Historical Society Lucan, Minnesota 56255		Address/Legal Desc.: First Street, East of Main Street
Classification:		Acreage:
Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure _____ Object _____ District _____		
Condition:		Verbal Boundary Desc.:
Excellent _____ Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair _____ Deteriorated _____		See continuation sheet
Open to the Public:	Visible from the road:	
Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____	
Occupied:	Present Use:	
Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____	Museum	
History:		UTM Reference:
Date Constructed: 1902	Original Owner: Railroad	15/308155/4920110
Architect/Builder: Railroad	Original Use: Depot	Lucan Quad. 7.5
Description:		Level of Significance:
<p>The Chicago and North Western Railroad Depot in Lucan is a small rectangular three-room (waiting room, office, freight room) frame building. It has a gabled, slate-shingled roof. The exterior walls, like those of other area railroad structures built at the same time, are of shiplap. Access to the freight and waiting rooms are by doorways at either end of the structure. The wood interior sheathing of the office and waiting room is intact; the freight room has been covered with plywood.</p> <p>The building has been moved to a trackside site near its original location by the Lucan Historical Society, which has preserved the structure. It currently houses several railroad artifacts and a small community history display.</p>		Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State _____ Nation _____
Significance:		Status:
<p>Also see: Minneapolis and St. Louis Railroad Depot</p> <p>Except for Redwood Falls, the beginning of all surviving urban settlement in Redwood County was coincident with the designation of siding sites by the railroad. Railroad officials determined site locations - and, in later communities, the town plats - and railroad crews built not only the tracks but the railroad buildings as well. The combination passenger and freight depot was the only railroad-constructed building in many communities. Others also had a railroad-owned section house for the use of the section foreman and his family and a few other auxiliary buildings.</p> <p>Today only the Minneapolis and St. Louis Depot at Belview and the Chicago North Western Depot at Lucan remain in well-preserved condition at trackside locations. The earlier and more elaborate Belview structure was built several years after the tracks were laid; a box car had been used at the siding until after private landowners had platted the town in 1892. The Lucan building was the smaller of two depot plans used in the six communities created on the Minnesota Western Branch Line in 1902. (see continuation sheet)</p>		Survey _____ Date _____ Local _____ 1977 _____ State _____ Nat'l. Reg. _____ Nat'l. Land. _____ HABS/HAER _____
		Theme/s:
		Primary <u>Transportation</u>
		Secondary <u>Settlement</u>
		Other _____
		Local Contact/Org.:
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Description:**Significance:**

The depots are significant as the most readily identifiable symbols of a means of transportation that 1) played a central role in the area's agricultural settlement and development by providing a means of product shipment and 2) determined the urban settlement distribution of the county through the location of the points of shipment.

Verbal Boundary Description:

Tract 50' x 140' on S. side of RR in NW, NW 22-111-38, as follows: Beginning 120' East of the intersection of the N. side of First Street and E. side of Main Street, village of Lucan. Thence East 140', North 50', West 140', South 50' to POB.

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