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

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STATE:	COLORADO
COUNTY:	BOULDER
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ENTRY DATE	DEC 9 1974

1. NAME

COMMON:
LYONS RAILROAD DEPOT

AND/OR HISTORIC:
LYONS RAILROAD DEPOT

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
400 BLOCK BROADWAY

CITY OR TOWN:
LYONS

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
NUMBER FORTY-NINE

STATE: COLORADO CODE: 08 COUNTY: BOULDER CODE: 013

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Acquisition: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input 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) <input type="checkbox"/> Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
JACOBSON-LYONS STONE Co. INC. SEE ATTACHED NOTE

STREET AND NUMBER:
524 4TH AVE.

CITY OR TOWN:
LYONS

STATE: COLORADO CODE: 08

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
TOWN HALL

STREET AND NUMBER:
432 5TH AVE.

CITY OR TOWN:
LYONS

STATE: COLORADO CODE: 08

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

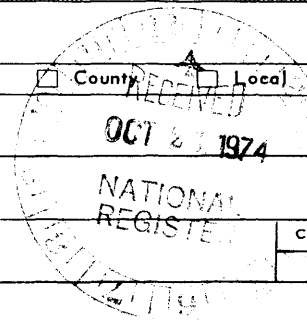
TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:



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COUNTY: Boulder

ENTRY NUMBER: 1974

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7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

THE ARCHITECTURE OF THE LYONS DEPOT WAS TYPICAL OF THE LATE 19TH CENTURY: SIMPLE IN LINES, WITH THE CONVENTIONAL BAY WINDOW TO FACILITATE VISION UP AND DOWN THE TRACK BY THE STATION AGENT; OBVIOUSLY A MORE OR LESS STANDARD STATION DESIGN. THE DEPOT IS ONE STORY, WITH A CRAWL SPACE ABOVE. THE CEILING REACHED BY A SMALL TRAP DOOR. THE SMALL RECTANGULAR BUILDING IS DIVIDED INTO THREE ROOMS: A WAITING ROOM FOR PASSENGERS, OCCUPYING THE WEST THIRD, A SMALLER SPACE IN THE MIDSECTION USED BY THE STATION AGENT, AND THE EAST END USED FOR BAGGAGE STORAGE. THE WALLS ARE SOLID LYONS SANDSTONE, KNOWN LOCALLY AS "COLORADO PINK", ALMOST EIGHTEEN INCHES THICK. THE ROOF, OF GALVANIZED METAL STRIPS IN A SIMULATED SHINGLE PATTERN, IS CENTER-GABLED. THE EAVES PROJECT FROM THE WALL, WITH EXPOSED RAFTERS RUNNING LONGITUDINALLY; THE VERGES ARE PROJECTING AND UNDECORATED. ALL THE WINDOWS ARE FLAT TOPPED, DOUBLE-SASHED AND DOUBLE-HUNG, SET OFF BY SANDSTONE LINTELS AND LUGSILLS. THE SIDE TRIM FILLING THE DEPTH OF THE EIGHTEEN-INCH WALLS IS PLAIN BUT LOOKS ALMOST LIKE A RECESSED WINDOW BECAUSE OF THE UNUSUAL WALL THICKNESS. THE DOOR TO THE WAITING ROOM IS OFF-CENTER, TO THE WEST OF THE BAY WINDOW, WHILE A WIDER DOOR OPENS INTO THE BAGGAGE ROOM EAST OF THE BAY WINDOW. THE MAIN PASSENGERS' ENTRANCE IS FLAT TOPPED WITH A PLAIN PANELLED DOOR WITH EMBRASURE, WHILE THE PLANK DOOR ENTERING THE BAGGAGE ROOM IS SET IN AN ARCHED OPENING WITH RADIATING VOUS-SOIRS. THERE ARE NO SIDE PANELS NOR TRANSOM PANELS USED IN THE BUILDING. THE SMALL, OVER-THE-CEILING CRAWL SPACE CALLED FOR NO STAIRS AND REQUIRED A LADDER TO ENTER, ELEVEN FEET ABOVE THE FLOOR. THE WAITING ROOM AND TICKET OFFICE ARE PLASTERED, ABOVE A THREE-FOOT-HIGH WAINSCOTING, WHILE THE BARE STONE WALLS FORM THE UNFINISHED INTERIOR OF THE BAGGAGE ROOM. THE FLOOR OF THE WAITING ROOM AND THE TICKET AGENT'S OFFICE HAVE TONGUE-AND-GROOVE FLOORING WHILE THE BAGGAGE ROOM FLOOR IS PLANK. A CHIMNEY STARTS FOUR FEET FROM THE CEILING IN THE PARTITION SEPARATING THE WAITING ROOM AND TICKET OFFICE AND IS STRADDLE-RIDGE, SINGLE STACK TYPE. THE CHIMNEY HAS TWO STOVE PIPE OPENINGS TO ACCOMMODATE STOVES IN BOTH WAITING ROOM AND TICKET OFFICE. THE STONE WORK IS IN EXCELLENT CONDITION THROUGHOUT AND THE ROOF HAS ONLY ONE SMALL SPOT WHERE WIND HAS DONE SOME DAMAGE, OVER THE SOUTH BAY WINDOW. THE DEPOT IS WIRED THROUGHOUT, WITH LARGE HANGING, GLOBE-TYPE LIGHTS IN ALL THREE ROOMS AND A WALL PLUG IN THE BAGGAGE ROOM. THE BUILDING IS PROVIDED WITH A SEWER CONNECTION BUT NO LAVATORY FACILITIES.

THE DEPOT OCCUPIES LOTS 9, 10, 11 AND 12 IN BLOCK 31, CITY OF LYONS. IT STANDS ON A TRACT 200 FEET LONG (EAST AND WEST) BY 150 FEET (NORTH AND SOUTH), MAKING 0.643 ACRES.

OLD PICTURES REVEAL THAT IN EARLY TIMES A ROOFED-OVER BAGGAGE PLATFORM STOOD AGAINST THE EAST END. PRESUMABLY BAGGAGE CARTS AND LARGE PIECES OF FREIGHT WERE STORED IN THIS AREA.

THE DEPOT STANDS IN AN OPEN AREA WITH NO OTHER BUILDINGS WITHIN 350 FEET. THE NEAREST BUILDING IS THE LYONS CITY HALL. THE DEPOT PROPERTY IS BOUNDED ON THE SOUTH BY THE RAILROAD TRACKS, ON THE WEST BY COLORADO HIGHWAY 7, ON THE NORTH BY BROADWAY AND ON THE EAST BY VACANT LAND RECENTLY INSPECTED BY FEDERAL POSTAL AUTHORITIES FOR A NEW POST OFFICE.

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5. 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)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<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 type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
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<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

THE LYONS RAILROAD DEPOT WAS BUILT IN THE SUMMER OF 1885 BY MARK BOYD, A LONGMONT CONTRACTOR AND BUILDER. IT IS ONE OF THE FEW REMAINING BUILDINGS WHICH SURVIVE FROM THE EARLY DAYS OF THE TOWN AND SYMBOLIZES THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE AREA.

IN 1884 A NARROW GAUGE TRACK WAS BROUGHT IN TO LYONS BY THE DENVER, UTAH AND PACIFIC RAILROAD TO SHIP THE SANDSTONE WHICH FORMED THE BASE OF THE TOWN'S ECONOMY. ABOUT 1888 IT WAS REPLACED BY WIDE GAUGE TRACK, OPERATED BY THE UNION PACIFIC.

BY 1890 OVER A THOUSAND TONS OF SANDSTONE FROM THE NEARBY QUARRIES WERE BEING SHIPPED DAILY FROM THE LYONS STATION. THE STONE WAS WIDELY USED FOR BUILDINGS, NOT ONLY IN COLORADO AND NEIGHBORING STATES, BUT IN SAN FRANCISCO, CHICAGO AND NEW YORK AS WELL. DURING THIS PERIOD LYONS RANKED THIRD IN THE NATION IN STONE PRODUCTION.

THE DEPOT ALSO PRESIDED OVER THE SHIPMENT OF VARIOUS ORES MINED IN THE DISTRICT. ALMOST FOUR MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF GOLD FROM THE "SMUGGLER" AND "GOLDEN AGE" MINES WAS SHIPPED FROM LYONS.

IN 1893 THE QUARRIES BEGAN TO DECLINE; PARTLY BECAUSE BUILDING CONSTRUCTION SUFFERED IN THE FINANCIAL "PANIC" OF THAT YEAR AND THEN GRADUALLY BUT STEADILY FROM THE USE OF THE NEW AND CHEAPER MATERIAL, CONCRETE.

FORTUNATELY, THE SCENIC BEAUTY OF THE AREA WAS BEGINNING TO ATTRACT PASSENGER TRAVEL TO SUPPLEMENT THE DWINDLING FREIGHT TRAFFIC. BY 1895 THE RAILROAD WAS OPERATED BY THE BURLINGTON AND MISSOURI, RUNNING TWO TRAINS DAILY. EXCURSIONS FROM DENVER TO LYONS WERE IMMENSELY POPULAR AND SUMMER PICNICKERS FILLED MEADOW PARK, JUST WEST OF THE DEPOT.

IN 1908 THE BURLINGTON RAILROAD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE STANLEY AUTO LINE BEGAN OFFERING PASSENGER SERVICE TO ESTES PARK AND THE FIRST SUMMER VISITORS AND RESIDENTS OF THE PARK BEGAN ALIGHTING AT THE LYONS DEPOT, COLLECTING THEIR TRUNKS AND BOXES (AND IN SOME CASES THE FAMILY DOG) FROM THE BAGGAGE CARS AND TRANSFERRING TO AUTOMOBILES FOR THE ASCENT UP THE CANYON TO ESTES PARK.

USE OF THE RAILROAD DECLINED DURING THE 1930'S AND THE DEPOT HAS BEEN UNOCCUPIED FOR MANY YEARS.

NEGOTIATIONS ARE UNDER WAY TO ACQUIRE THE DEPOT FOR THE TOWN OF LYONS. IN ADDITION TO PRESERVING THE BUILDING IT IS HOPED THAT THE INTERIOR MAY BE USED AS A TOWN LIBRARY AND WOULD OF COURSE BE ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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INTERVIEW WITH MRS. WILLIAM TABOR, AUGUST 30, 1974

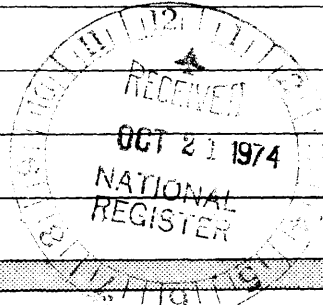
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
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SW	0 . "	0 . "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 0.643 ACRES

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: ALICE EMERSON, ACTING SECRETARY

ORGANIZATION: LYONS HISTORICAL SOCIETY DATE: AUGUST 30, 1974

STREET AND NUMBER: P.O. Box 401

CITY OR TOWN: LYONS STATE: COLORADO CODE: _____

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: [Signature]

Title: Colorado State Liaison Officer

Date: 10/14/74

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

[Signature]
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 12/2/74

ATTEST:
[Signature]
 Keeper of the National Register

Date: Nov 26, 1974

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