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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** *Carlisle Louisville and Nashville Passenger Depot*  
HISTORIC *See later*  
Louisville and Nashville Passenger Depot  
AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**  
STREET & NUMBER *Corner of Market and Locust Streets*  
CITY, TOWN *Carlisle* VICINITY OF *7*  
STATE *Kentucky* CODE *021* COUNTY *Nicholas* CODE *181*  
NOT FOR PUBLICATION  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

**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"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: <i>Public Meeting Place</i>

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**  
NAME *Nicholas County Historical Society*  
STREET & NUMBER *Box 222*  
CITY, TOWN *Carlisle* VICINITY OF *Kentucky*  
STATE *Kentucky*

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**  
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. *Nicholas County Courthouse*  
STREET & NUMBER  
CITY, TOWN *Carlisle* STATE *Kentucky*

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**  
TITLE *Survey of Historic Sites in Kentucky*  
DATE *1978*  
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS *Kentucky Heritage Commission*  
CITY, TOWN *Frankfort* STATE *Kentucky*  
 FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Situated on the corner of Market and Locust Streets in Carlisle, the Louisville and Nashville Passenger Depot, is a one-story, rectangular building. Built in 1912, the depot is brick laid in common bond with a tile roof with an eight foot overhang supported by brackets. The main (south) facade is ten bays wide with a projecting section. All windows are two-over-two pane, and every door is accented by a two-pane transom with the exception of the baggage door which features a five-pane transom.

The structure is composed of five rooms, including a baggage room, two waiting rooms connected by an open passageway, a ticket office and another waiting room for black passengers. All rooms have twelve foot ceilings and oak flooring. The waiting rooms are adorned with simple chair railing.

The depot is in good condition, both on the exterior and interior. No alterations or additions have been made since its construction.

# 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	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" 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 1912

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Louisville and Nashville Railroad

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Louisville and Nashville Passenger Depot, located on the corner of Market and Locust Streets in Carlisle, could be said to symbolize the significance of the railroad in the area of transportation to local residents as well as the economic benefits it brought to the small community of Carlisle. In addition, the Carlisle L and N Depot is one of only fifty depots remaining today of two hundred originally constructed in the state.

Carlisle, the county seat of Nicholas County, which was formed in 1799 from parts of Bourbon and Mason Counties, was established in 1816. The original county seat was Ellisville, but due to demands by the citizens of Nicholas County for a more centrally located seat of government, the Kentucky Legislature in 1816 passed a bill to this effect, and appointed commissioners to locate a more suitable point.<sup>1</sup>

In 1848 the Lexington and Maysville Railroad was organized, and work was begun on the construction of a rail line connecting central Kentucky to northern Kentucky. Carlisle was on the proposed route, and by 1854 the railroad had completed the eighteen mile stretch between Lexington and Paris.<sup>2</sup>

After the Civil War the reorganized Lexington and Maysville Railroad was divided into the Southern and Northern Divisions. The Northern Division was leased to the Covington and Lexington Railroad which was chartered in 1849. Bourbon and Mason Counties both subscribed \$200,000 for the construction of the railroad, but the citizens of Nicholas County rejected a bond issue. A year later the voters of Nicholas County approved a three cent levy on every one hundred dollars of taxable property for the completion of the rail line.<sup>3</sup>

By 1871 the railroad had been completed to Carlisle and two years later to Maysville on the Ohio River. In 1876 the Northern and Southern Divisions of the Lexington and Maysville Railroad were united, and the line was complete.<sup>4</sup>

The completion of the railroad through Carlisle created immediate benefits for the town. The population of Carlisle increased to 606, almost double that of 1860, and the local economy was booming.<sup>5</sup>

In 1876 the Lexington and Maysville Railroad was purchased by the Kentucky Central Railroad which operated the line for five years. In 1881 Collis P. Huntington, czar of the eastern railroad system, acquired the Kentucky Central Railroad to connect with his Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad. Immediately after gaining control of the Kentucky Central line, Huntington converted the track to standard gauge to conform with his eastern system.<sup>6</sup>

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1/4 acre

QUADRANGLE NAME Carlisle

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

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 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B    |    |     
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION The L & N Passenger Depot is located on the corner of Market and Locust Streets in Carlisle, one block from the courthouse. The nominated acreage comprises City Lot# 25 as recorded in Plat of the city of Carlisle, 1916.

## 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 / TITLE

William G. Johnson, Historian

ORGANIZATION

Kentucky Heritage Commission

DATE

December 1978

STREET & NUMBER

104 Bridge Street

TELEPHONE

(502) 564-3741

CITY OR TOWN

Frankfort

STATE

Kentucky

# 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

*Edward W. Hunter*

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE 3/30/79

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

ATTEST: *W. H. Smith*  
 CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE 3/18/79

DATE 5/17/79

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Huntington operated the line until 1890-91 when it was sold to the Louisville and Nashville Railroad, the most important and powerful railroad in the state. The acquisition of the Kentucky Central was of great importance to the L and N in that the company now had direct access to Cincinnati.<sup>7</sup>

In May 1911 the original frame depot in Carlisle was destroyed by fire. Less than a year later the present passenger depot was constructed by the L and N at a cost of over \$10,000. The new depot, a handsome one-story brick structure with tile roof, was located one block from the Courthouse Square.<sup>8</sup>

As a result of the railroad, Carlisle continued to grow. By 1900 the population of the town was 1,377--more than double that of 1860 when the railroad was completed to Carlisle.<sup>9</sup> During World War I Carlisle was served by eight daily passenger trains operating between Lexington, Paris and Maysville. There were three hotels to accommodate the many travellers. Passenger service continued until 1936 when the L and N discontinued it, but freight service was maintained to Carlisle.<sup>10</sup>

After the close of the passenger depot, the L and N rented the building to the Nicholas County Star, a local county newspaper, which operated from there for many years. In 1977 the brick depot was purchased by the Nicholas County Historical Society, who plan to use it as their headquarters and as a public meeting place. Presently the building is used as a meeting place by the local Boy Scouts and Carlisle Jaycees.

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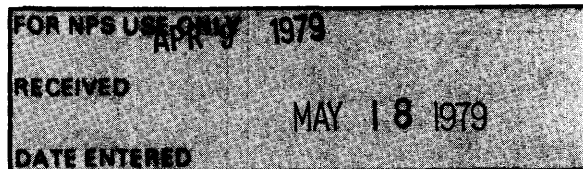
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FOOTNOTES

- <sup>1</sup>Richard Collins, History of Kentucky, pp. 650-651; Joan Conley (editor), History of Nicholas County, pp. 151-155; William Perrin, History of Bourbon, Scott, Harrison and Nicholas Counties, Kentucky, pp. 353.
- <sup>2</sup>Kincaid Herr, The L & N Railroad, 1850-1963, pp. 114-120; Perrin, pp. 340-341.
- <sup>3</sup>Herr, pp. 114-120; Perrin, pp. 340-341.
- <sup>4</sup>Herr, pp. 114-120.
- <sup>5</sup>Collins, p. 265.
- <sup>6</sup>Herr, pp. 114-120; Maury Klein, History of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad, pp. 183, 296, 317.
- <sup>7</sup>Herr, pp. 114-120, Klein, p. 297.
- <sup>8</sup>Carlisle Mercury, May 25 and September 11, 1911; Nicholas Advocate, August 30 and September 13, 1911.
- <sup>9</sup>Kentucky Department of Commerce, Deskbook of Economic Statistics, p.
- <sup>10</sup>Conley, p. 254.

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