

**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**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 Orchard Gardens Railway Station

and/or common

**2. Location**

SR 5 and 155th St.

street & number County Highway 5 at 155th Street \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Burnsville \_\_\_ vicinity of congressional district ~~First~~ 2nd

state Minnesota code 22 county Dakota code 037

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property**

name Minneapolis, Northfield and Southern Railway

street & number 911 Hennepin Avenue - Pence Building

city, town Minneapolis \_\_\_ vicinity of state Minnesota 55403

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dakato County Government Center

street & number 1560 West Highway 55

city, town Hastings \_\_\_ vicinity of state Minnesota 55033

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title Statewide Survey of Historic Resources has this property been determined eligible? \_\_\_ yes \_\_\_ no

date 1979 \_\_\_ federal  state \_\_\_ county \_\_\_ local

depository for survey records Minnesota Historical Society -- 240 Summit Avenue-Hill House

city, town St. Paul \_\_\_ vicinity of state Minnesota 55102

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## 7. Description

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**Condition** excellent good fair deteriorated ruins unexposed**Check one** unaltered altered**Check one** original site moved

date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

The Orchard Gardens Station is located between the Minneapolis, Northfield and Southern tracks and the county highway in the extreme southern part of Burnsville. The station is a very small wooden structure with a large entry open to the east. The exterior is covered with horizontal wood siding painted white. Corner posts and other trim are painted a dark contrasting color. There is a low-pitched hip roof of rectangular asphalt shingles. The roof rafters are exposed and there are two scrolled brackets supporting the roof at the corners of the eastern (open) side. The interior is unfinished.

## 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 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 type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

**Specific dates** 1910

**Builder/Architect**

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Orchard Gardens Station is significant as a rare example of the diminutive "flag stop" railroad depot. Built in 1910 on the new Minneapolis, St. Paul, Rochester and Dubuque Traction Railroad (Dan Patch Line), it was intended to serve Orchard Gardens, a subdivision of 5- to 10-acre lots platted in that year. Envisioning some passenger traffic to the Twin Cities as well as farm produce freight, the railroad constructed a trackside shelter of modest proportions near the area's main road. The families who settled in Orchard Gardens concentrated on onions until a disease damaging to onion production became prevalent in 1920; they then switched to egg production for the urban market. Other area farmers shipped milk, apples, and cut flowers from the station. Agricultural depression in the 1920s and '30s forced many of these landowners to find employment in Minneapolis, commuting by train. The railroad, reorganized as the Minneapolis, Northfield and Southern, no longer stops at the Orchard Gardens Station. The structure survives due to local interest in the rural and proto-suburban transportation history of this fast-growing suburban area.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Bicentennial Heritage Committee, Burnsville '76, A Community History. Privately published, 1976.

# 10. Geographical Data

**UTM NOT VERIFIED**

Acreage of nominated property less than 1

Quadrangle name Orchard Lake

Quadrangle scale 7.5

**UMT References**

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**Verbal boundary description and justification**

A triangular piece of land bounded by The Minneapolis, Northfield and Southern Railway tracks, 155th Street, and County Highway 5 in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 35, T115N, R21W.

**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 Susan Pommering Reynolds, Survey Analyst

organization Minnesota Historical Society date 11 June 1979

street & number 240 Summit Avenue-Hill House telephone contact Dennis Gimmestad 612-296-9545

city or town St. Paul state Minnesota

# 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Russell W. Fridley

Russell W. Fridley

title State Historic Preservation Officer date 11/1/79

For HCRS use only

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

Carol O. Shull date 12-31-79  
Keeper of the National Register

Attest: Kristin O'Connell date 12/26/79

Chief of Registration

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

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Orchard Gardens Railway Station

Dakota County, MINNESOTA

PROPOSED MOVE AND NAME CHANGE APPROVAL

Patrick Andrus 11/24/92

Name change to Minneapolis St. Paul Rochester & Dubuque  
Electric Traction Company Depot

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**State/Federal Agency Certification**

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this information requesting relocation for the Minneapolis St. Paul Rochester & Dubuque Electric Traction Company Depot, (Reference Number 79001222) Burnsville, Dakota County Minnesota is accurate, meets the documentation standards for changes and revisions to properties listed on the National Register, and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.



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Signature of certifying official

Ian R. Stewart  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

Oct 13, 1992  
Date

Minnesota Historical Society

State or Federal agency and bureau

**MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Office Memorandum

Department: Historic Preservation Office, Field Services, and  
Grants Department

Phone: 612/296-5434

Date: October 13, 1992

TO: Carol Shull

FROM: Susan Roth

**SUBJECT: Proposed Move of Minneapolis Northfield and Southern  
Depot, Burnsville, Dakota County, MN  
Reference No. 79001222**

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Enclosed is documentation requesting the relocation of the above  
property.

The proposed move was approved by the Minnesota Historical  
Society's State Review Board at their September 24th, 1992 meeting.

The documentation also requests that the property's name be changed  
to the Minneapolis St. Paul Rochester & Dubuque Electric Traction  
Company Depot, the name of the company responsible for its  
construction.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

PROPERTY NAME: Minneapolis St. Paul Rochester & Dubuque Electric Traction Company Depot

MULTIPLE NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MINNESOTA, Dakota

DATE RECEIVED: 12/18/04 DATE OF PENDING LIST:  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 1/31/05  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 79001222

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N  
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N  
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

\_\_\_ACCEPT \_\_\_RETURN \_\_\_REJECT \_\_\_\_\_DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

**~~Additional Documentation Accepted~~**

RECOM. /CRITERIA

REVIEWER

DISCIPLINE

TELEPHONE

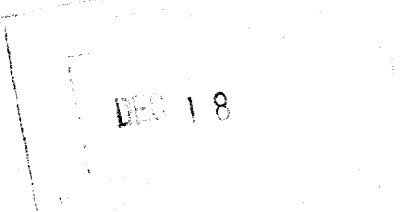
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DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the



United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service



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Minneapolis St. Paul Rochester & Dubuque Electric Traction Company  
Depot

Name of property

Dakota County, MN

County and State

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REFERENCE NUMBER: 79001222

ADDRESS: 155<sup>th</sup> Street and County Road 5

STATE: Minnesota

Britta L. Bloomberg  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

12/17/03  
Date

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

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REFERENCE NUMBER: 79001222

STATE: Minnesota

ACREAGE OF PROPERTY: 2.71 acres

UTM REFERENCES: Zone: 15 Easting: 476370 Northing: 4951950

Orchard Lake, Minn.  
1974, revised 1993

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

SECTION 35 TWN 115 RANGE 21 PT E ½ OF SE ¼ COM AT PT ON E RW RR 82.5 FT N OF S L  
SEC NE 180.11 FT TO PT 120 FT N & 735 FT W OF SE COR N 14D12M E 378.85 FT N 39D 14M E  
275.48 FT N 632.5 FT N 38D 34M E 110 FT E 313.74 FT TO W RW CR# 37 NE ON RD & SEC L TO  
SE RW RR SW ON RW RR TO BEG EX PT PLTD WOODHOME 1ST ADD



Britta L. Bloomberg  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

12/17/03

Date