

STATE: Washington
 COUNTY: King
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 ENTRY DATE: APR 13 1973

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

1. NAME
 COMMON: King Street Station
 AND/OR HISTORIC:

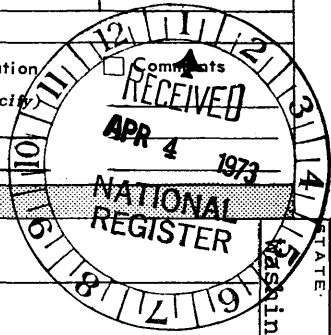
2. LOCATION
 STREET AND NUMBER: 3rd South and South King
 CITY OR TOWN: Seattle CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: #7 - Hon. Brock Adams
 STATE: Washington CODE: 53 COUNTY: King CODE: 033

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	



4. OWNER OF PROPERTY
 OWNER'S NAME: Great Northern Railway
 STREET AND NUMBER: 175 E. 4th Street
 CITY OR TOWN: St. Paul STATE: Washington CODE: 53

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
 COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: King County Auditor's Office
 STREET AND NUMBER: County Courthouse
 CITY OR TOWN: Seattle STATE: Washington CODE: 53

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
 TITLE OF SURVEY: Municipal Art Commission List of Historic Buildings
 DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Municipal Art Commission
 STREET AND NUMBER: Seattle Municipal Building
 CITY OR TOWN: Seattle STATE: Washington CODE: 53

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One) Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered Unaltered

(Check One)

Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The King Street Station is a red brick masonry structure with terra cotta and cast-stone ornamentation. It has a tile roof. The tower design is derived from the original campanile in the Piazza de San Marco in Venice, Italy. The building is rectangular with the tower to the right when facing the front.

The station rises above the tideflats upon which the railroad tracks are located. Entrance was on the upper level, away from the bustle and confusion and even disorder of the trains. Yet, taxis and cars can deliver passengers to the lower train level.

The interior was very high-ceilinged with massive columns. It has been remodeled but still gives an airy feeling to the huge waiting room on the lower level.

The tower is a fine foil for the solid squat building and also a fine contrast to the Union Depot in its squareness to the east.

The tower image is repeated in the L.C. Smith Tower to the north in the financial district. The two complement each other well.



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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1906

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <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) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The King Street Station built in 1906, was designed by architects Reed and Stem. The campanile was derived from the original campanile in the Piazza de San Marco in Venice, Italy.

Northern Pacific had decided to terminate its transcontinental line in Tacoma, Washington, in 1873. Seattle made many attempts to build its own branch connection to that line but all ultimately failed.

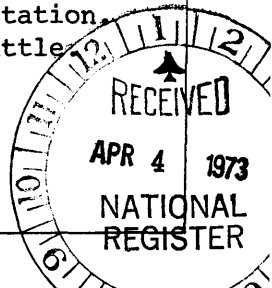
In the 1890's, Northern Pacific was under much financial stress and was part of much litigation. A new corporation was formed in 1896, and Charles S. Mellen became president. Northern Pacific acquired the Seattle, Lake Shore and Eastern railroad with lines from Seattle to Sumas and Snoqualmie Falls. Seattle finally was the terminus of a transcontinental railroad.

In this same period, James J. Hill decided to extend the Great Northern Railroad to the coast and build up the trade to the Orient by joint use of rail and ship. He extended his railroad over a northern route to near Everett and so came into Seattle from the north along the waterfront. Operation of Great Northern began in 1893 to Seattle.

Hill effected a coalition of Great Northern and Northern Pacific to acquire the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Line. Much opposition to a depot on the waterfront was raised by local leaders - it would block off the waterfront. So finally Hill decided to bore a tunnel under the business district of Seattle. This was accomplished in 1902 - 05, and the King Street Station built at its south end. Hill also built the Great Northern docks at the north end of the waterfront to complete his plan for complete Orient connections. Southern cotton came West by rail, was loaded on ships to the Orient, and on the return brought silks. Seattle became the main shipping line and outlet.

The King Street Station remains an imposing structure in the industrial section of the city and a symbol of the might of rail transportation. It is one of the most important structures in that part of Seattle.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Hanford, C.H., Seattle and Environs. Chicago: Pioneer Historical Publishing Co., 1924.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

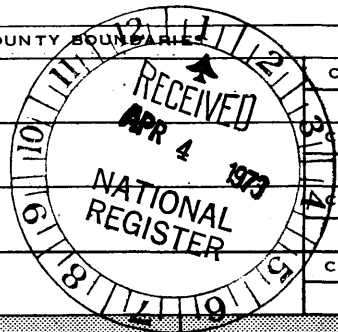
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Less than one

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 AND TITLE: Margaret A. Corley, King County Liaison

ORGANIZATION: Seattle Historical Society DATE: July, 1969

STREET AND NUMBER: 2161 East Hamlin Street

CITY OR TOWN: Seattle 98102 STATE: Washington CODE: 53

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION **NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

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 Charles H. Odegaard
Charles H. Odegaard

Title Director - Washington State Parks & Recreation Commission

Date March 26, 1973

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

Robert M. Utley
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date APR 18 1973

ATTEST:

J. Bradford
Keeper of The National Register

Date April 9, 1973