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National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

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Name

Chicago, Milwaukee, and St. Paul Railroad Depot historic

code

Same and/or common

Location 2.

street & number NW4, NE4 of Section 32, T2 S R22E <u>N/Anot for publication</u>

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city, town Kadoka

<u>N/A</u>vicinity of

county

Jackson

South Dakota state

Classification 3.

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
				X
district	X public	<u>X</u> occupied	agriculture	
X building(s)	private	unoccupied	commercial	park
structure	both	work in progress	educational	private residence
site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	entertainment	religious
object	N/A in process	<u> </u>	government	scientific
	being considered	yes: unrestricted	industrial	transportation
		no	military	other:

Owner of Property 4.

Kadoka Community Betterment Association name

street & number N/A

city, town	Kadoka	N/A_vicinity of	state	South Dakota	
5. L	ocation of I	.egal Description			
courthous	e, registry of deeds, etc.	Register of Deeds, Jackson Cou	inty Courtho	ouse	:
street & nu	umber Main Street				
city, town	Kadoka		state	South Dakota	
6. R	epresentat	on in Existing Surve	eys		
title N/A		has this property beer	n determined e	ligible? <u>yes X</u> r	10
date N/	A	N/A fe	ederal sta	ite county loc	al

depository for survey records N/A

N/A city, town

N/A state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
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fair	unexposed			

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Situated at the south end of the business district of Kadoka, the old Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad Depot is a long rectangular frame (original siding) building topped with a low-pitched gable roof. A small brick chimney with corbelling projects from the roof. Brackets are located beneath the overhanging eaves. Fenestration is original including the long rectangular 2 over 2 sash windows. The exterior has recently been repainted which closely matches the original colors.

Some of the original interior features are also intact. The station agent's office has retained its original floor, high ceiling, built-in cabinet and track switch. An old bathroom still has a footed bathtub. The other sections of the depot have been divided to make living quarters for the station agent and his family. The original waiting room has been partitioned off. A staircase leads to an upstairs loft area.

The old depot is now being used as a museum which displays regional artifacts and furnished rooms including an early claim shanty and school room.

8. Significance

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Specific dates	1906	Builder/Architect Not	Available	

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

As the last vestige of the important railroad line, the old Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad Depot in Kadoka is significant in the area transportation.

The Milwaukee Road reached Chamberlain from Sioux Falls by 1881 but it was not until 1905 that it crossed the Missouri River. It reached Presho that year and Murdo in 1906. By late 1906, the line was extended to Kadoka, the Jackson County seat. From that point, the line was continued to Rapid City by 1907. (1) An early (probably 1906) local newspaper article stated that the coming of the Milwaukee Road Railroad through the county seat "means that Kadoka is destined to outrank any town between Mitchell and Rapid City in a few short months." (2)

The newly constructed line, which eventually became the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad, enabled homesteaders to settle in the area. However, with the proliferation of cars and trucks, improved roads including Interstate 90, and the decline to market centers, the importance of rail transportation began to wane. The depot became vacant. The Kadoka Community Betterment Association purchased the building and converted it into a local museum displaying regional artifacts and furnished rooms such as a claim shanty and schoolroom. The exterior of the building appears almost exactly as it did when it was constructed in 1906.

The old Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad Depot relates to South Dakota historic context IV Permanent Rural and Urban Pioneer Settlement (1858-Present) G. Transportation 1. Railroad (1872 to Present)

¹Jackson and Washabaugh Counties 1915-1965, Jackson-Washabaugh County Historical Society

²Local newspaper article (no name or date)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Jackson and Washabaugh Counties 1915-1965. Society, 1965. Jackson-Washabaugh County Historical

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