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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

HISTORIC

Frisco Station at Idabel

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Texas Avenue at the Foot of East Main Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Idabel

VICINITY OF

Third

STATE

Oklahoma

14

CODE

McCurtain

COUNTY

CODE

089

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

\_\_DISTRICT

\_\_PUBLIC

X OCCUPIED

\_\_AGRICULTURE

\_\_MUSEUM

\_\_BUILDING(S)

X PRIVATE

\_\_UNOCCUPIED

X COMMERCIAL

\_\_PARK

\_\_STRUCTURE

\_\_BOTH

\_\_WORK IN PROGRESS

\_\_EDUCATIONAL

\_\_PRIVATE RESIDENCE

\_\_SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

\_\_ENTERTAINMENT

\_\_RELIGIOUS

\_\_OBJECT

\_\_IN PROCESS

X YES: RESTRICTED

\_\_GOVERNMENT

\_\_SCIENTIFIC

X BEING CONSIDERED

\_\_YES: UNRESTRICTED

\_\_INDUSTRIAL

X TRANSPORTATION

\_\_NO

\_\_MILITARY

\_\_OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

St. Louis and San Francisco Railway Company

STREET & NUMBER

906 Olive

CITY, TOWN

STATE

St. Louis,

VICINITY OF

Missouri

63101

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

County Clerk

STREET & NUMBER

McCurtain County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Idabel

Oklahoma

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Oklahoma Historic Survey

DATE

February 1979

\_\_FEDERAL X STATE \_\_COUNTY X LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR

SURVEY RECORDS

Oklahoma Historical Society

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

# 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

The building and site are owned by the St. Louis and San Francisco Railway Company. The company still utilizes the structure as a freight office with a one man staff , but there are plans to close the office in the near future. In such instances, according to company officials, it is customary to demolish the building to preclude cost of maintenance.

The architecture is the type designed for the semi-humid coastal plain for the southeastern portion of Oklahoma is entirely different from the average semi-arid climate for the rest of the State. An outstanding feature is wide overhangs which extend eight feet from the exterior brick walls. Modillions undergird these overhanging eaves. The roof is covered with clay tile with eyelid dormers on the north and south faces. These features have been plastered over because of window breakage in the past. The building has dimensions of twenty-four feet by one hundred and two feet.

The structure is sound despite the fact that it has received little or no maintenance in recent years. Extensive interior renovation will be necessary to make the building fully useable.

The railway station is to be the focal point of the commercial historic district in the older part of downtown Idabel. The placement of this structure on the National Register of Historic Places will aid in this process.

The building stands today essentially as it was constructed sixty-seven years ago. There have been no significant alterations and no additions during its existence.

# 6 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
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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
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<input 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 E. M. Vanderslip and Co., Ok. City

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Frisco Railway Station in Idabel was constructed in early 1912, at a cost of \$10,000 for the St. Louis and San Francisco Railway Company by E. M. Vanderslip and Company of Oklahoma City. This brick structure replaced a smaller frame building that had served the town from 1902, when this was still a part of the Choctaw Nation. For almost forty years the station was a center of commercial and social activity in the town. Four passenger trains daily served the area in addition to the heavy freight schedule. During the first decades of the twentieth century, the line was the only common carrier serving Idabel, making the Frisco Station is major entrance into and from the town.

The railroad was critical to the growth of the town, so much so that the name Idabel came from the daughters of a railroad official of the period. The two girls were Ida and Belle Purnell. This important community landmark remains a part of the identity of the town.

The McCurtain County Historical Society, as a part of their historic survey effort, nominated the Frisco Station. Their motivation is to preserve this historic structure which is in imminent danger of being razed. In their statement, they noted: "If it is destroyed, an important part of the heritage of Idabel and McCurtain County will be irrevocably lost."

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Louis Coleman to Howard Meredith, Idabel, February 2, 1979, McCurtain County Historic Survey, Idabel Historic District Papers, Oklahoma Historic Society, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

George H. Shirk, Oklahoma Place Names (2nd Ed., Rev., Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 1974), p. 122.

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY c. 0.5 acres

QUADRANGLE NAME Idabel, Oklahoma

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES

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## VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The area being nominated includes twenty-five feet either side, east and west, and a distance of forty feet either side, north and south, from the structure, forming a rectangular area.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Howard L. Meredith, Historian

February 14, 1979

ORGANIZATION

Oklahoma Historical Society

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

Historical Building

TELEPHONE

(405) 521-2491

CITY OR TOWN

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

STATE

# 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

*Harry P. Reynolds III*

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

3-8-79

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

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

5-21-79

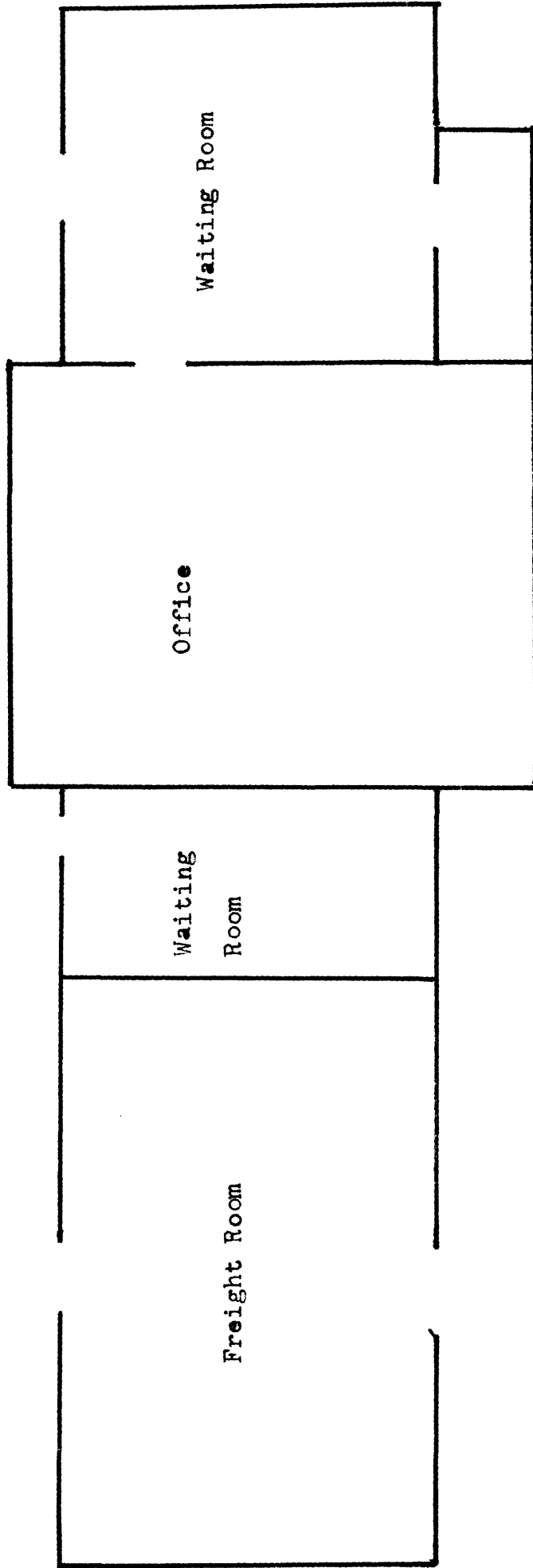
ATTEST:

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE

May 21, 1979

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Floor Plan of Frisco Station, Idabel, Oklahoma