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Form 10-300
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Tennessee	
COUNTY: Sullivan	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	APR 24 1973

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON: **Clinchfield Railroad Station** (Rep. James H. Quillen).

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: **101 East Main Street**

CITY OR TOWN: **Kingsport**

STATE Tennessee	CODE 47	COUNTY: Sullivan	CODE 163
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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input 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"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
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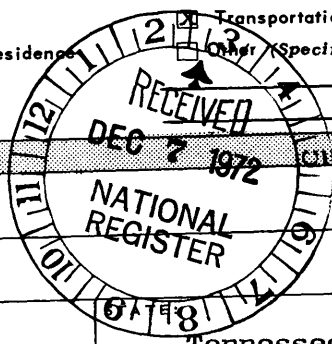
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: **Clinchfield Railroad Company**

STREET AND NUMBER: **101 East Main Street**

CITY OR TOWN: **Kingsport**

Tennessee CODE **47**



STATE: **Tennessee**

COUNTY: **Sullivan**

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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: **Sullivan County Register's Office**

STREET AND NUMBER: **Courthouse**

CITY OR TOWN: **Blountville**

Tennessee CODE **47**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE

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 main building of the Clinchfield Railroad Station is a red-brick rectangular structure with a central tower, the latter showing strong Italianate influence. Arched openings line the one-story building which has raised decorative brickwork between the openings and the roof, and on the tower. The building shows a strong similarity to the highly sophisticated main administration building of the Veterans' Administration Hospital in Johnson City, Tennessee. The latter, built in 1903, no doubt served as the design source for the Clinchfield Railroad Station.

The station faces Main Street where it is intersected by Broad Street, the main artery in Kingsport. Until recently, an open park separated the station from Main Street. On the western side of the park, a large box-shaped prefabricated retail store has been erected. To the east of the station is the square freight building of the railroad. It is also brick and dates later than the main structure.



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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian; 16th Century; 18th Century; 20th Century
 15th Century; 17th Century; 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

2. 1905 (N. Smith TN.)

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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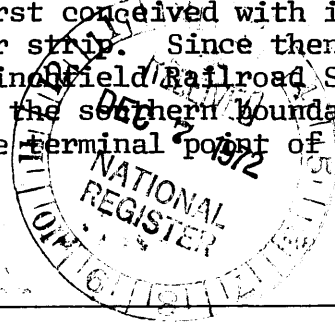
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

With the decision to make Kingsport the industrial center of the Clinchfield Railroad, the development of Kingsport as a modern industrial city was launched. The railroad was a major factor in attracting large plants to the area.

During the last half of the nineteenth century, there had been various projects to build a route from Charleston to Cincinnati. Sections of the road were completed by several railroad companies. In 1902, George L. Carter and his associates purchased one of these companies and organized the South and Western Railway Co. for the purpose of developing the coal fields of Southwest Virginia and Kentucky. Large tracts of coal fields were acquired in an area which became famous as the "Clinchfield Section."

In 1905, Carter had financial difficulties. John B. Dennis, a partner in the New York banking firm which gained control of the railroad, purchased the company. With an eye to developing the natural resources of the area and to making Kingsport its best customer, Dennis designated the city the operational center of the railroad. The Clinchfield formed a "bridge line" between the Middle West and the Piedmont section of the Carolinas, cutting through the Kentucky and Virginia coal fields. It allowed Kingsport to become the major industrial center as envisioned by Dennis and others.

The placement of the railroad station was designed to serve as a focal point in the planned city of Kingsport. The main artery of the city, Broad Street, begins at the station, runs through the business district to a gentle rise, at which there is a street encircling a small park, originally to be called Civic Circle, now known as Church Circle. Photographs through the 1940's show the avenue as first conceived with its many trees along the side and in the center strip. Since then, the plantings have been removed. The Clinchfield Railroad Station on Main Street, however, remains the southern boundary for the business district, and visually, the terminal point of Broad Street.



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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

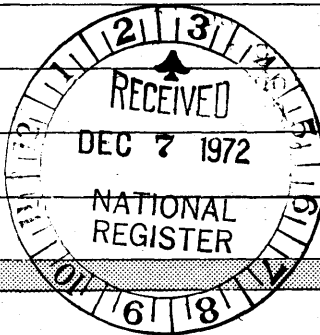
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SE	0 ' "	0 ' "				
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 4

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: Ellen Beasley

ORGANIZATION: Tennessee Historical Commission DATE: 11-10-72

STREET AND NUMBER: 403 7th Avenue, North

CITY OR TOWN: Nashville STATE: Tennessee CODE: 47

12 STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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 Michael J. Smith
Michael J. Smith

Title Executive Director
Tennessee Historical Commission

Date 11-15-72

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Robert J. Utley
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 4/24/73

ATTEST: [Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

Date 4/16/73