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STATE: Florida
 COUNTY: Collier
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 ENTRY DATE: SEP 10 1974

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

1. NAME

COMMON: Seaboard Coast Line Railroad Depot
 AND/OR HISTORIC: Naples Railroad Depot or Seaboard Air Line Railroad Depot

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 1051 Fifth Avenue, South
 CITY OR TOWN: Naples CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Ninth
 STATE: Florida CODE: 12 COUNTY: Collier CODE: 021

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

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate):
 Agricultural Government Park Transportation Comments
 Commercial Industrial Private Residence Other (Specify) freight warehouse;
 Educational Military Religious headquarters for historical
 Entertainment Museum Scientific association

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Seaboard Coast Line Railroad Co.
 STREET AND NUMBER: 3600 Broad Street
 CITY OR TOWN: Richmond STATE: Virginia CODE: 51

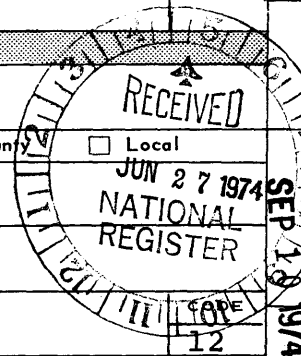
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Collier County Courthouse
 STREET AND NUMBER:
 CITY OR TOWN: Naples STATE: Florida CODE: 12

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Florida Historic Sites Survey
 DATE OF SURVEY: 1973 Federal State County Local
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Div. of Archives, History, Records Management
 STREET AND NUMBER: Department of State, The Capitol
 CITY OR TOWN: Tallahassee STATE: Florida CODE: 12

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Seaboard Air Line Railroad terminal is located on a 22 acre tract in downtown Naples, Florida. The building occupies approximately seven acres of the tract and measures 41 ft. by 196 ft. The terminal building faces south on Tamiami Trail (U.S. #41), and is visible to east and westbound traffic on this heavily traveled thoroughfare. Boundaries are Goodlette Road on the east, Tenth Street south on the west, and First Avenue, south on the north.

The railroad depot is an example of early 20th century railroad architecture, designed in the Spanish motif. The design is patterned after other SAL terminals constructed in Florida during the 1920's. Construction on the eight-room building was begun in 1926 and completed in 1927. (L. Philips Clarke, the architect for all SAL terminal buildings in the State, designed the building in a style compatible with the tropical Florida climate.

The basic plan is rectangular, with the front section containing the passenger terminal. Beyond this section are located the offices, storage facilities, and loading platforms. Each of these different areas, although connected to form a single one-story structure, has the appearance of separate buildings. Roof types vary on each, with the front section having a low hip roof; the office portion a gable roof, and the warehouse and loading sections a flat roof with a crenellated parapet. Roof covering of asphalt shingles is the same on all sections, which lends continuity to the design. The asphalt shingles are a replacement of the original roof covering of red barrel tile.

The five-bay structure is constructed of concrete and stucco, painted white. The main facade features an open arcade on three sides with five semi-circular arches and four columns of the Corinthian Order. This colonnade effect is repeated on both the east and west sides of the building.

French doors containing twenty lights lead from the arcade into the passenger terminal. A side door on the east is framed by paneled pilasters with entablature. Fenestration throughout the office portion and the freight and warehouse complex consists of 17 double-hung, wooden sash windows. All windows are protected by iron grille work, added for practicality rather than appearance. Ceiling height in the passenger terminal is twelve feet. Window and door surrounds are of wood.

A single brick chimney is placed at the center of the front portion of the building. Attached to the rear of the structure is a loading platform used to load and unload rail cars. Grounds surrounding the building are landscaped, containing banyan, royal palm, and coconut palm trees. A small circular landscaped area is defined by low concrete markers linked by a single iron chain. An asphalt parking area completes the surroundings.

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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)

1926 - 1927

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Seaboard Air Line Railroad terminal is one of the oldest structures in the city of Naples. The architectural design is a typical example of early railroad terminal buildings constructed during the 1920's throughout Florida. Construction was begun in 1926, and completed in 1927. The terminal building is not only architecturally significant, but also important from an historical view since the railroad was the first major factor in the development of Naples as a winter resort. Prior to the arrival of the railroad in 1927, all supplies and mail were brought into Naples by boat from Fort Myers. When the town was incorporated in 1925, developers planned the town as an exclusive haven for northern visitors; however, these plans were hindered by lack of transportation, and growth was slow. The railroad provided the necessary link so vital to the economy of the town. As the number of visitors and permanent residents increased, the town began to prosper. A tourist hotel and cottages were built, and Naples began to emerge as a thriving winter attraction.

On Friday, January 7, 1927, the first SAL train arrived in Naples. The inaugural trip on the "Orange Blossom Special" was made by Governor John Martin, Mr. S. Davies Warfield, SAL President, and numerous honored guests and passengers. Four trains arrived on this first trip after traveling the route from Arcadia, Fort Myers, Estero, and Bonita Springs. The travelers were welcomed at receptions all along the route, and upon arrival at Naples, the southern terminus, were feted at a gala reception. Because the Naples terminal was still under construction when the trains arrived, the celebration was held at the Naples Hotel, with the entire town participating in the event.

The railroad company was incorporated May 27, 1925, and was known at that time as the Naples Seaboard and Gulf Railroad Company.

In 1942, Seaboard discontinued regular service to Naples and sold its property to Atlantic Coast Line and other railroad companies. ACL moved into the Seaboard Air Line depot and

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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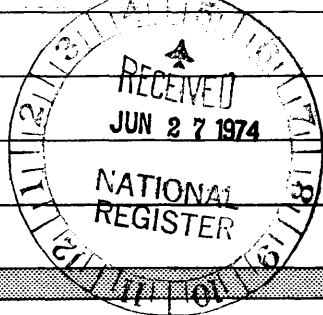
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: seven acres

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

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Mary K. Evans, Historic Sites Specialist

ORGANIZATION: Department of State, Div. of Archives, History DATE: 3-18-74

STREET AND NUMBER: The Capitol

CITY OR TOWN: Tallahassee STATE: Florida CODE: 12

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 Robert Williams

Title Historic Preservation Officer

Date June 11, 1974

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

A. R. Montrose
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 9/10/74

ATTEST: Charles A. Henry
Keeper of The National Register

Date 9-6-74

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Significance.

took over the tracks seven miles north of town. Seaboard Air Line and Atlantic Coast Line merged in 1967, and now functions as the Seaboard Coast Line Railroad.

Because of its role in the development of the town of Naples, the Seaboard Coast Line Railroad is perhaps the most significant factor in the town's history. The railroad, along with the completion of the Tamiami Trail in the following year, gave great impetus to the economy and settlement of the lower west coast of Florida.

A community project to save the depot is currently under way in Naples. Community organizations sponsoring the project plan to utilize the building as a museum & community center. A botanical garden incorporating the presently existing trees is also planned as part of a memorial to Viet Nam veterans.



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