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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Kansas City Southern Depot, Zwolle
other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number Spanish & Port Arthur Streets N/A not for publication
city, town Zwolle N/A vicinity
state Louisiana code LA county Sabine code 085 zip code 71486

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____	_____ structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	_____	_____ objects
		<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:
N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Leslie Tassin June 29, 1989
Signature of certifying official Leslie Tassin, State Historic Preservation Officer, Dept of Culture, Recreation and Tourism Date
State or Federal agency and bureau _____

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official _____ Date _____
State or Federal agency and bureau _____

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register. See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain:) _____

Andrew Byers Entered in the National Register 8/7/89
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

TRANSPORTATION/rail-related

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

vacant

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

No style

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation _____ concrete _____

walls _____ weatherboard _____

roof _____ asphalt _____

other _____

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Kansas City Southern Depot is a linear clapboarded building located adjacent to the railroad tracks in downtown Zwolle. KCS records indicate that the depot was constructed in 1914. The building has been altered very little and hence easily conveys its historical significance.

The depot is a fairly plain functional building with a gabled projection on the railroad side and a gabled front and rear. The only stylistic elements are the prominent bungalow brackets spaced at intervals all around the building. The freight area, encompassing over half the depot, features a platform and wide doors. The depot floor plan consists of two beaded board rooms with a ticket window between them and a long freight/baggage area. The latter has some modern plywood paneling, but still retains much of its original unfinished look.

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8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G N/A

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Transportation

Period of Significance

1914-1939

Significant Dates

1914-1939

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Kansas City Southern Railroad Depot is locally significant in the area of transportation as the only extant resource associated with the very important historical force of railroading in the town of Zwolle. Although the present depot is not the original one and hence is not associated with the founding of the railroad town of Zwolle, it does represent railroading as a crucial historical force in the town's economy from its construction in 1914 through 1939. (The year 1939 is being used because of the required 50 year cutoff for significance.)

Zwolle literally came into being because of the Kansas City Southern Railroad. The KCS was the brainchild of Arthur Edward Stilwell, an Easterner who in the late 1880s launched his grand design of building a railroad running directly southward from Kansas City to the Gulf coast of Texas. Work progressed steadily until the Panic of 1893, at which time Stilwell sought financial backing in Holland. He was able to sell \$3,000,000 worth of stock there, and in appreciation, named various towns created along the line for his Dutch investors. Zwolle takes its name from the birthplace of Jan De Goeijen, a Dutchman who headed the stock sale. Because of this Dutch "bailout," Stilwell was able to complete his line in 1897. The railroad arrived in Zwolle in 1896, and the town was laid out shortly thereafter. It received a charter in 1898, and in 1901 was incorporated.

The present depot represents the importance of the Kansas City Southern Railroad to Zwolle's economy from its construction in 1914 through 1939. Zwolle's location on the railroad made it possible for the small town to flourish as a center of lumber production. Although the lumber boom had peaked statewide by the 1920s, it remained Sabine Parish's principal industry into the post World War II period. The largest lumber mills were in the towns of Fisher and Zwolle. Zwolle had two mills -- the Sabine Lumber Company, established in the first decade of this century, and the Mansfield Hardwood Company, founded in the late 1920s.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Written communication from Kansas City Southern Railway Company regarding date of construction.

Sabine Parish Conveyance Records.

An Economic Survey of Sabine Parish. College of Commerce, LSU, 1949.

Belisle, John G. History of Sabine Parish, Louisiana. Sabine Banner Press, 1912.

"Saga of Kansas City Southern Lines." This historical sketch was provided by the Kansas City Southern Railway Co.

Previous documentation on file (NPS): N/A

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

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Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property less than one acre

UTM References

A 15 439000 3499480
Zone Easting Northing

B _____
Zone Easting Northing

C _____

D _____

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description Please refer to continuation sheet, which has legal boundary description.

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification Boundary lines follow legally recorded property lines.

See continuation sheet

11. Form Prepared By

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Because the Kansas City Southern Railroad made possible the local lumber boom, it is obviously of considerable significance in the town's history. The depot is the only resource directly associated with the railroad and represents railroading as a critical factor in the town's economy from its construction through 1939.

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Legal Boundary Description:

A tract or parcel of land located in the south half of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 31, Township 8 North, Range 12 West in Zwolle, Sabine Parish, Louisiana being more particularly described as follows:

A rectangular parcel of land 300' by 80' beginning at the intersection of the west line of Port Arthur Ave. and the southerly right-of-way line of the Kansas City Southern Railway Company, said point also being located in the northerly line of Spanish Street; thence westerly along the common southerly KCS right-of-way line and northerly line of Spanish Street for a distance of 300 feet to a point in the easterly line of Obrie Avenue; thence northerly along the easterly line of Obrie Ave. 80 feet to a point 20 feet from as measured at right angles to the center line of the Kansas City Southern Railway Company main line; thence easterly along a line parallel to and 20 feet from the said KCS main line center line for a distance of 300 feet to a point in the westerly line of Port Arthur Avenue; thence southerly along the westerly line of Port Arthur Ave. 80 feet to the point of beginning. Containing .551 of an acre.

Subject to a 10 foot pole line easement, the center line of same is located 18 feet northerly from as measured at right angles to the northerly line of Spanish St. and runs the full length (300 feet) of the property herein conveyed.

(The above is the legal boundary description found in the act of conveyance wherein KCS donated the depot to the town of Zwolle.)