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Form 10-300
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Colorado
COUNTY: pueblo
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ENTRY DATE APR 1 1975

1. NAME

COMMON: Union Depot
AND/OR HISTORIC: Union Passenger Depot

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Victoria and "B" Street			
CITY OR TOWN: Pueblo		CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: #3 Frank E. Evans	
STATE Colorado	CODE 08	COUNTY: Pueblo	CODE 101

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Pueblo Union Depot and Railroad Company		
STREET AND NUMBER: Union Depot, Victoria and "B" Street		
CITY OR TOWN: Pueblo, Colorado 81001	STATE: Colorado	CODE 08

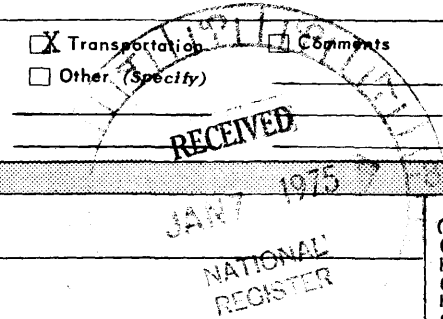
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Clerk's Office, Pueblo County Court House		
STREET AND NUMBER: 10th & Main P. O. Box 878		
CITY OR TOWN: Pueblo, C	STATE: Colorado	CODE 08

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: State Inventory of Historic Sites			
DATE OF SURVEY: June 1974 <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Colorado State Museum			
STREET AND NUMBER: 200 E. 14th Avenue			
CITY OR TOWN: Denver	STATE: Colorado	CODE 08	

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7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The original and present Union Depot is a Romanesque Revival building style which was popular before the turn of the century for places of public significance. This style of design was popularized by the American architect Henry H. Richardson and was used extensively in the eastern and midwestern states. Hence, it was a natural solution for the Chicago architectural firm of Sprague and Newell to employ. The building, with its irregular, rambling, and picturesque plan and elevation, is very similar to the Romanesque plans that Richardson produced, especially as evidenced in his famous Marshall Field Wholesale House in Chicago.

The depot is in relatively good structural condition as maintenance has been adequate. Two major alterations to the exterior were made following the 1921 flood. The original 150 foot clock tower was lowered to its present height and the original slate roof was replaced. Since the 1921 revisions, only interior modifications have been made to the structure. Originally, the first floor contained a restaurant, bakery, waiting room, and a baggage room. Today, all that remains are the waiting rooms and the baggage room. Office space and a maintenance shop have replaced the other functions.

The main building is a rectangle fronting B Street with rectangular wings on both sides. This arrangement has produced an irregular plan and a picturesque massing of building forms. The front facade of the main building is a system of six bays defined by arcades. A clock tower, which is extended from the plan, forms the third bay from the left or west end. The tower was offset in the design scheme so that it would be in line with the center of Victoria Street. Keeping with this vista, the main entrance is a part of the clock tower and is framed in an arch with heavy articulation of the stonework. The clock tower, the entryway, and the stonework are all reminiscent of the grand archways which signified the entrance to ancient cities.

The main building group is a four-story structure with waiting room, baggage room, and shops at the first level. At the second level is office space and the third and fourth are sleeping rooms. Union Depot is an excellent early example of the blending of many functions and requirements into a single building.

At the exterior, the building is constructed of large, rock faced, cut red stone. This Manitou red stone is layed in regular, continuous courses. All of the semi-circular arches are radiating voussoirs and the entryway has a keystone. Small, gabled dormers extend from the truncated hip roof. At the eaves, there is a slight projection of the cornice with a large decorated frieze below. All of the exterior windows are two-sash with a transom overhead. On the main building, two side lights are integrated into the window frame. The main entrance is a double door with a four stained glass overhead and set

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8. 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) 1889-present

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 type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

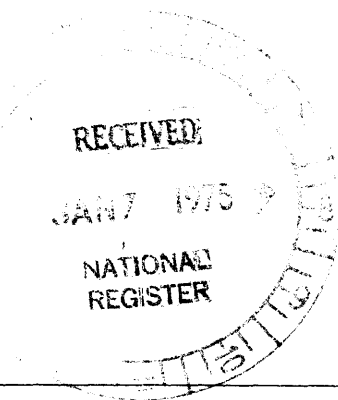
Pueblo Union Depot was built in 1889-1890 and the contract for operation was signed on August 1, 1889 by representatives of five railroads: Denver & Rio Grande; Denver, Texas & Fort Worth; Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific; Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe; and the Missouri Pacific. Prior to that time, each of the five railroads managed their respective stations.

Articles of incorporation were filed December 23, 1887, at the offices of James Rice, Secretary of State. The incorporators were: David H. Moffat, Walter S. Chesman, Andrew S. Hughes, P. J. Flynn, and C. F. Meek. The board of directors consisted of: M. D. Thatcher, C. W. Smith, S. H. H. Clark, C. F. Meek, and David Moffat. Mr. Moffat served at President of the Board.

An imposing structure, the depot was one of the largest in the region. A tower 150 feet high contained a clock constructed by the Seth Thomas works in Thomaston, Conn. in 1880, ten years before being installed at the depot. The tower was lowered following the devastating 1921 flood.

By 1917, the depot had become a social center as well as one of the busiest stations on the Colorado rail lines. A restaurant reputed to be one of the best in the state was operated in the depot utilizing 33 waitresses. It had its own bakery and a full time baker to handle the tremendous number of visitors. At that time, the depot serviced approximately 160,000 passengers a year.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

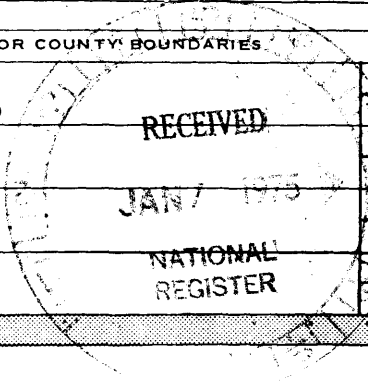
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 2 acres

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
Colorado	08	Pueblo	101
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Grant O. Hunt Regional Curator

ORGANIZATION: Colorado St. Historical Society, El Pueblo Museum DATE: August 15, 1974

STREET AND NUMBER:
905 S. Prairie

CITY OR TOWN: Pueblo STATE: Colorado CODE: 08

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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: *Stephen W. Hunt*

Title: *Color. Hist. Pres. Officer*

Date: *12/30/74*

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

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

Date: *4/1/75*

ATTEST:

W. J. [Signature]
Keeper of the National Register

Date: *APR 1 1975*

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into a porch.

Finally, there is a chimney to the left of the main building at the front wall, and a date stone is set over the main entryway arch.

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