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# National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

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### SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 96001229

Date Listed: 11/08/96

Property Name: Pollock Depot

County: Campbell State: South Dakota

<u>none</u> Multiple Name

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This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

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Signature of the Keeper

Nov. 8, 1996 Date of Action

Amended Items in Nomination:

### Section 8: Significance

The Period of Significance is, hereby, amended to read "1901-1946" to reflect the historic dates when the railroad operated in its original location and remain outside the less-than-50-year period. "1960," which corresponds to the date the depot was moved to its present location, is, hereby, deleted as a Significant Date since this date lies outside the period of significance.

The word "planned" in the summary paragraph on page 8.2 is, hereby, corrected to read "played."

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Michelle Saxman-Rogers of the South Dakota State Historic Preservation Office was notified of this amendment on November 8, 1996.

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**REGISTRATION FORM** 

# RECEIVED 2280 SEP 2 5 1996 NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACESAT REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property	
historic name Pollock Depot	
other names/site number <u>End of the Line Depot</u>	
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2. Location	
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street & number <u>on Avenue A</u>	not for publication
city or town Pollock	vicinity
state South Dakota code SD county Campbell	
state <u>South Dakota</u> code <u>SD</u> county <u>Campbell</u>	code <u>@21</u> zip code_ <u>57648</u>

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# 3. State/Federal Agency Certification

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As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this x 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 <u>x</u> meets <u>does</u> not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant <u>nationally</u> statewide <u>x</u> locally. (<u>See continuation sheet for additional</u> comments.)

09-16-96 Date

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State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property \_\_\_\_\_ meets \_\_\_\_\_ does not meet the National Register criteria. ( \_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

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4. National Park Service Certification	
I, hereby certify that this property is:	
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National Register See continuation sheet.	
determined not eligible for the	
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other (explain):	
Signature of Keeper of Action	Date
5. Classification	
Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as <u>X</u> private public-local public-State public-Federal	apply)
Category of Property (Check only one box) <u>X</u> building(s) <u>     district</u> <u>    site</u> <u>    structure</u> <u>    object</u>	
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Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.) \_\_\_\_\_\_

name of property\_Pollock Depot

# 6. Function or Use

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Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

# 8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

<u>X</u> A	Property is associated with events that have made a significant
	contribution to the broad patterns of our history.

- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- <u>X</u> C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
  - \_ D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- <u>X</u> B removed from its original location.
- \_\_\_\_ C a birthplace or a grave.
- \_\_\_\_D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- \_\_\_\_ F a commemorative property.
- \_\_\_\_ G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.
- Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

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Period of Significance	1901-50
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name of property	_Pollock Depot	county and state_Campbell, SD
Significant Dates _ - -	<u>1901</u> 1960	
Significant Person	(Complete if Criterion B is N/A	marked above)
Cultural Affiliation	N/A	
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Name of repository: South Dakota State Historical Society, Pierre, South Dakota

### 10. Geographical Data

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UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

USGS Map Pollock

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By	
name/title <u>Duane Schnabel and Michelle C</u> organization	<u>. Saxman-Rogers SHPO Staff</u> date 7-31-95
street & number HC 37 Box 311	telephone_605/578-3474
city or townLead	state_SD_ zip code_57754

Submit the following items with the completed form:

# **Continuation Sheets**

# Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

### Property Owner

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# Narrative Description:

The styles of depots on the Soo Line had little variety. There were only five variations. The Pollock Depot was constructed in 1901, using plan no. 3104. This design is classified as a Class Two Depot. The depot dimensions are 24 X 80. This plan was similar to other depots on the line except it had a larger freight room. The plan consisted of a two-story building with four living rooms upstairs and a warming room.

The Pollock Depot was constructed in 1901. This wood frame building features a two-story section on one end and a one story section on the other end. The two-story section has a side gable roof. An asphalt roof was replaced with steel in 1995 as the roofing material. The eaves contain brackets. The north elevation of the second floor has three double hung four-over-four windows. The first floor has a bay window that features four brackets on the eaves, three four-over-four windows with a sixlight window on either side. A four-over-four window and an entrance are west of the bay. A transom was enclosed over the entrance.

The one-story section also features a new steel gable roof. Freight was housed in this area of the depot. Seven brackets highlight both sides of the ridgeline of the freight section. A panel freight door with a transom is on the center of the one-story section.

The west elevation has two four-over-four windows on the second and first floors. The east elevation features two small two-over-two windows. The south elevation contains a four-over-four window, a door, and freight door on the main level. The second level features three four-over-four double hung windows.

The building was in very poor condition before rehabilitation. All 228 glass panes were broken out. Windows were boarded up, but some snow and rain had been blowing in for several years. The window frames were removed and new glass was inserted. The exterior has about 40% of the 6" lap siding gone or needs to be replaced. The rotten boards replaced and eaves and fascia boards replaced.

The first floor interior walls surfaced with tongue and groove wood and wainscoting. According to the Second Class Depot plans, the wall material called for lathe and plaster on the second floor. The walls on the second floor were deteriorated, so sheet rock was installed in 1995. The ceilings are basswood. The first level floor is maple. The second level has maple and carpeting on the floor. The window and door frames are maple wood with bulleye moldings. The doors are five cross panel doors.

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The first floor featured a warming room, an office, a waiting room, coal bin, and the freight room. The waiting room has had a kitchen area added. Part of the coal bin has been converted into a bathroom.

The second floor has two bedrooms, living room, and a bathroom. This area was originally living quarters for the workers of the train depot. This area was easily converted into a modern apartment for weekly rentals during hunting season.

# **Statement of Significance**

The Pollock Depot is eligible for the National Register under Criteria A and C. The Pollock Depot represents the importance of the rail system in Pollock, it is significant in the area of transportation. The railroad planned a major role in the development of South Dakota history. The depot is also historically significant because the whole town of Pollock was moved from its original location. The Pollock line influenced the settlement and economy of Pollock. The depot appears almost exactly as it did when constructed in 1901, is also significant in the area of architecture.

# Background and historical significance

The town of Pollock was founded in 1901, by the Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sault Saint Marie Railroad (the Soo Line). The tracks ran from Wishek, North Dakota to Campbell County. The town of Pollock was first named Herba. The name was changed to honor R. Y. Pollock. He was a pioneer lay minister and respected citizen of the area. Many of the original buildings were moved into town from neighboring communities.

Eastern Dakota was transformed by railroad companies in the 1880s. "Thousands of miles of line had been built, hundreds of towns had appeared literally overnight, and tens of thousands of people had flooded into the region." <sup>1</sup> The economy of this region began to falter in the 1880s. The economy was solely based on a single crop wheat. This resulted in a decline of market value. The economy also suffered because of an extreme drought and cutthroat competing companies. These factors lead to a massive consolidation of the railroad industry in the 1880s.

The drought and economic exhaustion triggered a decline in railroad construction in the late 1880s. Railways that were built were branch lines brought into the eastern half of South Dakota. The people of McIntosh County, North Dakota were in need of a railroad to reduce the expense of freight. John

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Mike A. Bedeau, <u>Railroad Transportation Context For South Dakota</u>, 1996, p.13.

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H. Wishek was instrumental in establishing the Soo Line in southern North Dakota. The Soo Line decided to build a branch south of Wishek, ND. The branch would run from Wishek, ND to Pollock, SD. The Missouri River Line construction commenced in 1901. The line was completed in early 1902. The Pollock Depot was completed in late 1901.

The line would stop in four railroad towns before stopping in Pollock. The train would leave Herreid, crossing the Spring Creek by Lake Pocasse, is a man-made lake created by a dam at the mouth of the Spring Creek. Upon reaching Pollock, the passengers had access to grain elevators and an oil refinery. The Soo Line provided rail service to the town of Pollock through transporting freight and passengers. The railroad maintained a turntable for snowplows at Pollock. The branch was an immediate success. The line paid for itself by originating countless carloads of flax and other grains.<sup>2</sup> The train provided lumber and supplies for the surrounding communities.

The tracks were laid just east of the depot and went along the back of the depot. A train order signal called the Nunn signal was installed on the Pollock side in April 1907. Pollock was the home terminal for the train crew who worked off the Bismarck crew board as an outlying job. "Crews went to work in the morning, departing Pollock between 6:30 am and 8:30 am over the years, running to Wishek to connect with trains from both Bismarck and Hankinson." <sup>3</sup> The crew would return to Pollock that afternoon.

Pollock was occasionally flooded by Spring Creek. The town was forced to relocate when the Army Corps of Engineers decided to build a dam on the Missouri River at Pierre. The dam flooded the town and created Lake Oahe. The creation of the dam sparked a debate about whether to move the town or move to a new town. On January 27, 1953, the town decided to move the town south of its existing location. Ground was broken for the new town on June 4, 1955. The old town was leveled after all of the buildings were removed.

"One of the big tasks in moving Pollock was the relocation of the Soo Line Railroad. The move involved the construction of five miles of new grade and track, building a turntable and engine house and moving the depot." <sup>4</sup> The tracks and the depot were not moved until 1960. The first train to arrive after the move was in mid-October. The railroad experienced a decline shortly after the move to Pollock.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> John A. Fink, the Soo, The Wishek-Pollock branch Vol. 10. No.4, 1988, p.27.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Stuart J. Nelson, <u>Buildings on the Pollock Line</u>, October 1988.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>\*</sup> Pollock Area History Book 1989, Pollock, SD, 1989, p.9

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# **Bibliographical References:**

John A. Fink, the Soo, "The Wishek-Pollock branch" Vol. 10. No.4, 1988, p.27.

Stuart J. Nelson, Buildings on the Pollock Line, October 1988.

Pollock Area History Book 1989, Pollock, SD, 1989, p.9

Mike A. Bedeau, Railroad Transportation Context For South Dakota, 1996, p.13.

# **Verbal Boundary Description:**

Plat of Tract A, B, C, D, Schnabel Addition to Pollock, and Campbell County, located in the Northeast Quater of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NE1/4NE1/4NW1/4), and the North Half of the North half of the Northeast Quarter (N1/2N1/NE1/4), Section Twenty-one (21), Township One Hundred Twenty-eight (128) North, Range Seventy-eight (78) West, of the Fifth P.M., Campbell County, South Dakota.

# **Boundary Justification:**

The nominated property includes the area surrounding the depot since the town of Pollock was moved.