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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES NOMINATION FORM INVENTORY

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Paris, Kentucky was an important railroad junction. In 1853, the first trains came through from Cincinnati; then in 1854, branch lines to Richmond, Winchester and Louisville began operating. Eventually extended to Jacksonville, Florida it received four fast trains a day and four locals. The Frankfort and Cincinnati, built in 1882, offered two trips to Frankfort, the State Capitol, each day.

Older depots which stood on or near the site of the present one saw many soldiers shipped out to battle during the Civil War since there were four Union training camps near Paris. In the 1860's such well-known Bourbon County lawmakers as Senator Garrett Davis, and Congressmen W. E. Simms, and Brutus J. Clay (brother of Cassius Marcellus Clay) Minister to Russia, and abolitionist, boarded the train in Paris to assume their duties in Washington.

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In 1890 a small but elegant opera house opened in Paris. With Louisville and Lexington it shared the honor of hosting one night stands of the best Broadway attractions. For more than 30 years many well-known theatrical personages visited Paris for their performances. At this Depot their arrivals and departures were enthusiastically witnessed by the townspeople.

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