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# NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

## 1 NAME

HISTORIC

Grand Trunk Railroad Station

AND/OR COMMON

## 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Lincoln Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Lewiston,

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Second

STATE

Maine

VICINITY OF

23

COUNTY

Androscoggin

CODE

001

## 3 CLASSIFICATION

### CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

### OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH

### PUBLIC ACQUISITION

- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

### STATUS

- OCCUPIED
  - UNOCCUPIED
  - WORK IN PROGRESS
- ### ACCESSIBLE
- YES: RESTRICTED
  - YES: UNRESTRICTED
  - NO

### PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER:

## 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Lewiston-Auburn Railroad Company

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Lewiston,

STATE

Maine

VICINITY OF

## 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Androscoggin County Registry of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Auburn,

STATE

Maine

## 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Grand Trunk Railroad Station of Lewiston, built in 1885, has suffered in recent years from abandonment, but is structurally intact.

The building is of brick construction, rectangular in plan, with gabled roof. Its long axis is aligned east-west. Typical of its period and function it features extended roof overhangs supported by wooden brackets. At each end of the building, at the top of the gable, is a finial and ornate pendant. A single brick chimney is present astride the roof ridge.

Windows and doors are fitted with granite trim and are surmounted by low brick arches.

The importance of the Grand Trunk Railroad Station lies not in its architecture, but rather in its historical associations (see Significance).

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

1885

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Grand Trunk station on Lincoln Street in Lewiston, often referred to as "The Depot", has an historical and sentimental value to the Franco-Americans of Lewiston-Auburn who comprise the majority of the Twin-Cities' residents. It is through this station that many thousands of French-Canadian immigrants passed as they settled in Lewiston, Auburn, and surrounding communities to work in the rapidly growing textile industries.

After 1874 most French-Canadian immigrants to Lewiston arrived by means of the Grand Trunk or Canadian National Railway. Originally, the line ran from Montreal to Portland, by-passing Lewiston and Auburn. However, the Twin - Cities built their railroad to intersect with the Grand Trunk at Lewiston Junction and leased the entire operation to the Grand Trunk for ninety-nine years. In this fashion the cities secured direct connections with Canada and the West.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Leamon, James S., Historic Lewiston: A Textile City in Transition. Lewiston, 1976.

Merrill, Georgia Drew, ed., History of Androscoggin County. Boston, 1891.

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1/4

UTM REFERENCES

A 19 | 40,233,0 | 48,217,00  
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING  
 C    |    |   

B    |    |     
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING  
 D    |    |   

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Map 17A, lot 12

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Frank A. Beard, Historian/Robert L. Bradley, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Maine Historic Preservation Commission

January, 1979

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

242 State Street

207/289-2133

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Augusta,

Maine

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL   

STATE   

LOCAL   

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

*Charles S. Felt*

TITLE

S. H. P. O.

DATE

5/27/79

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

*Charles S. Felt*  
 DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
 ATTEST *Thomas M. Jones*  
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

5-4-79

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

5/30/79

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GRAND TRUNK RAILROAD STATION

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There are no other existing structures associated with the Grand Trunk Railroad remaining in Lewiston.