

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Minnesota	
COUNTY: Hennepin	
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ENTRY NUMBER 69-11-22-0004	DATE 11/25/69

1. NAME

COMMON:
Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad

AND/OR HISTORIC:
St. Louis Park Station X

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Now: W. 36th Street & Alabama Ave.; Proposed: Park Bandstand

CITY OR TOWN:
St. Louis Park

STATE Minnesota	CODE 22	COUNTY: Hennepin	CODE 053
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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) None
			Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific Railroad

STREET AND NUMBER:
3rd Avenue South & Washington Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Minneapolis

STATE:
Minnesota

CODE:
22

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Hennepin County Courthouse - Register of Titles

STREET AND NUMBER:
3rd Avenue & E. 3rd Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Minneapolis

STATE:
Minnesota

CODE:
22

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
None

DATE OF SURVEY:
 Federal State County Local

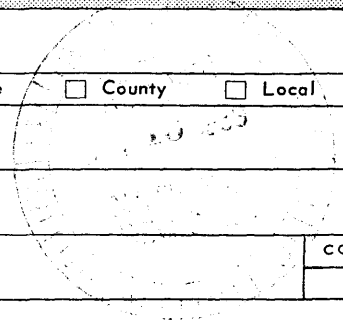
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
STATE:
CODE:

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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 type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The building is of typical nineteenth century wood frame architecture and construction (see photo #1) divided into three sections: Passenger waiting room, office and freight room. The passenger section and office section has a wood joist and floor system; the freight section is plank on ground floor, one foot lower than the other portions.

The exterior of the station is finished with a 12 inch skirt board, 3½ foot vertical car siding wainscot, horizontal lap siding to top of openings and an 8 inch horizontal trim board. The gable ends are vertical boards with an ornamental design meeting the 8 inch trim. The 5 foot roof overhang is supported on 4 by 4 inch ornamental brackets with vertical and horizontal legs of 4 feet. Exterior is now painted grey, originally chocolate brown with green door frames. In 1920's painted yellow with orange trim.

The station interior has built-in desk counters and storage areas (see photo #2,3, and 4) and is finished in vertical car siding divided approximately 4 inches above the floor by a 4 inch horizontal trim board. All wood work is the original construction and is in reasonably good condition.

The entire building has not been modified in any way other than an asphalt composition roof which was installed approximately fifteen years ago in place of the original slate roof. No hardware, trim, window sash, millwork flooring, etc. has been changed in any manner except for some deterioration due to wear and time.

The station stands on its original site but must be moved to get the railroad company to agree to transfer the station to the city. The present site is so small that the restoration of the building at that location would not be practical due to lack of access by the public and parking deficiencies.

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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)

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 type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input 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

The St. Louis Park Depot of the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad was constructed about 1887 to service the newly incorporated village of St. Louis Park, comprising four sections of land adjacent to the City of Minneapolis.

By 1893, the area grew in population to the point where regular passenger service was established at the depot. The original schedule provided for two trains per day into the City and two return runs. The passenger service continued in varying forms until 1955 and, for a good part of the 62 year period, was the major transportation link between the two communities. Residents of St. Louis Park used the railroad as the only public transportation to the City for many years.

Freight service to the depot was begun in 1887 with its construction and continued until 1968 when the depot was closed by the railroad and scheduled for demolition. During this period of 83 years, freight consisting of farm products, general merchandise, scrap materials during the war years, and even caps and gowns for the community's high school graduations (until 1946) was carried on the rails to and from the depot.

In 1925, the depot had the distinction of being made a part of the "Yellowstone Trail" from Chicago to Seattle. It served as a control point and stop for this major transportation linking of the east and west coast. During this period, the station was painted a brilliant yellow with orange trim. This color combination is being considered for the restoration of the building.

The depot has seen the City of St. Louis Park grow from a small village of 350 people to the fifth largest city in the State with over 52,000 people. It is one of the only original buildings of the community still standing and a real "landmark" of the City. The current citizenry of the community has grown up with the station as a link with the past and consider it one of the real community "sites" for residents and visitors alike.

It is the feeling of the City that this landmark should be preserved and restored to provide future generations with a place to relate with the historical development of the heritage of our community. The plan is now being developed to move the depot from its present site to a park located approximately

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Records of the C.M.St.P.R. Co., 824 Union Station, Chicago, Ill. 60606
 Minneapolis Star, Feb. 1, 1955, Feb 24, 1958, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Note: The description, significance, photographs and maps were contributed by:

Chris Cherches, City Manager
 City of St. Louis Park
 500 South Minnetonka Boulevard
 St. Louis Park, Minnesota

St. Louis Park Dispatch-Press, Aug. 25, 1966. St. Louis Park, Minnesota

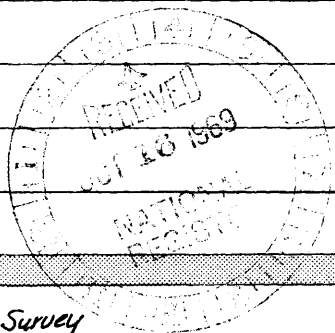
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: .5 acre (proposed site)

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: John Grossman, *Historic Sites Survey*

ORGANIZATION: Minnesota Historical Society DATE: October 6, 1969

STREET AND NUMBER: 690 Cedar Street

CITY OR TOWN: St. Paul STATE: Minnesota CODE: 22

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: *Russell W. Fridley*

Title: Director, Minnesota Historical Society

Date: October 7, 1969

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

Conrad Allen Cornwell
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

NOV 25 1969

Date: _____

ATTEST:

William J. Montiel
 Keeper of The National Register

NOV 7 1969

Date: _____

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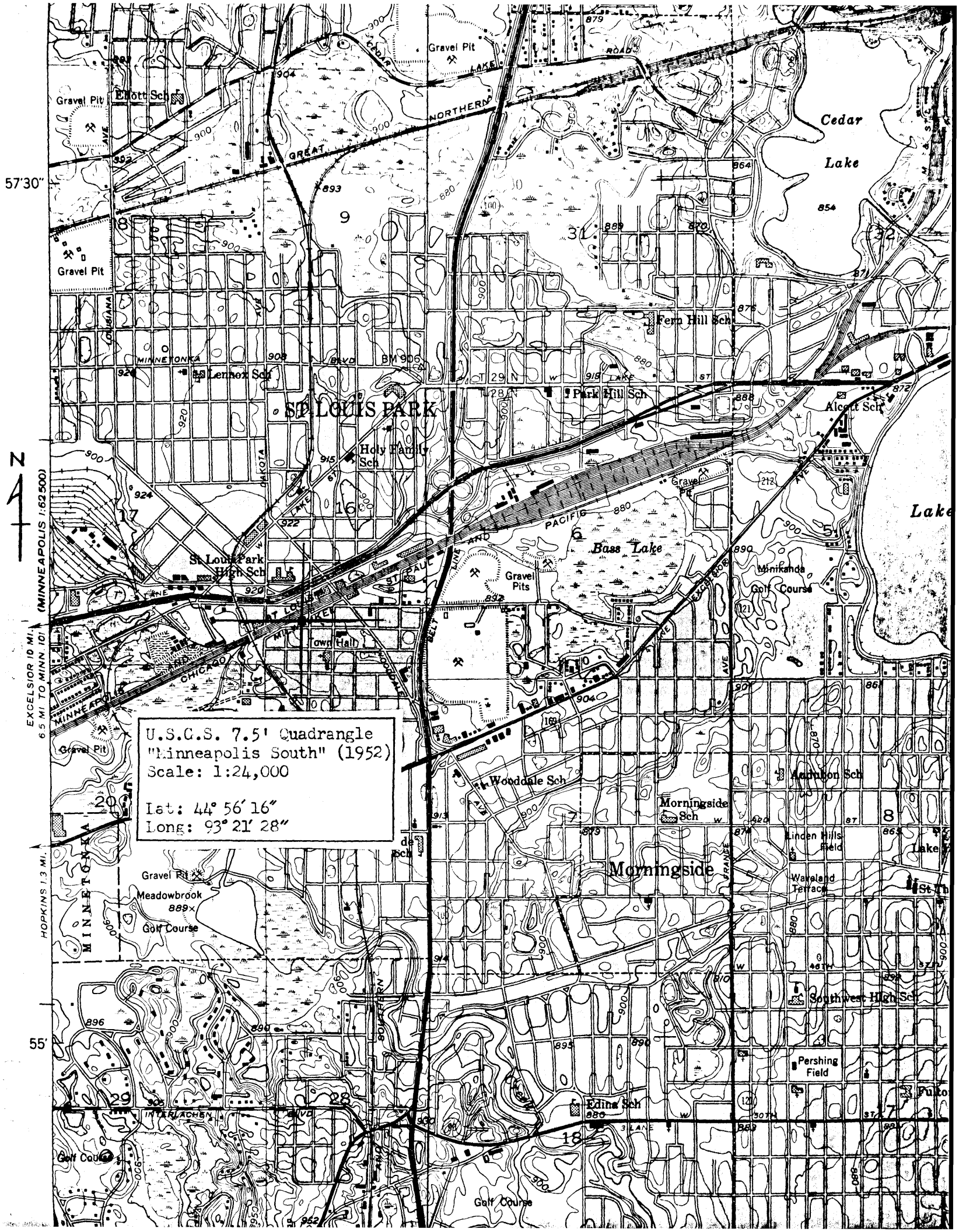
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8. Statement of Significance, continued

one block west along the tracks and restore it to its original condition. The moving of the station is necessitated by the fact that the railroad company has made this a condition of transfer and that the present site is too small to develop as a place for visitors to view the depot. The site was selected based upon its proximity to the trackage and its size which will permit development of an attractive and meaningful facility. Bandstand Park is the oldest dedicated park in the community and is well suited to serve as the site for such a historic building. The depot, after restoration, will be used to house displays of historical documents and other items significant to the development of our community. These items are now held by individuals or organizations which do not provide public access to them or are located outside of the City of St. Louis Park. It is also contemplated that a local historical society will be formed and use the restored depot as their headquarters for meetings, housing of records and general office use.





U.S.G.S. 7.5' Quadrangle
"Minneapolis South" (1952)
Scale: 1:24,000
Lat: 44° 56' 16"
Long: 93° 21' 28"

57°30"

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(MINNEAPOLIS 1:62500)

EXCELSIOR 10 MI.
6.5 MI TO MINN. IDI

HOPKINS 1.3 MI.

55'

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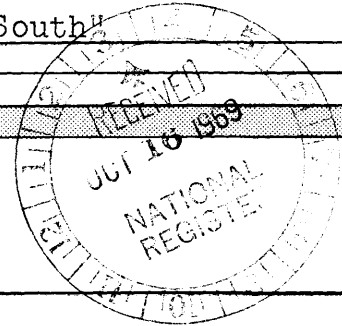
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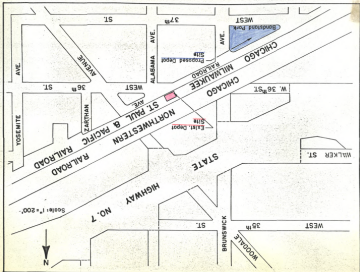
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2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: West 36th Street & Alabama Avenue			
CITY OR TOWN: St. Louis Park			
STATE: Minnesota	CODE 22	COUNTY: Hennepin	CODE 053
3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE: U.S.G.S. 7.5' Quadrangle "Minneapolis South"			
SCALE: 1:24,000			
DATE: 1952			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			





ST

37th

WEST

AVE.

36th

WEST

W. 36th St

YOSEMITE

ZERKOW

AVE.

ALABAMA AVE.

AVE.

NORTHWESTERN & PACIFIC RAILROAD

CHICAGO MILWAUKEE RAILROAD

ST PAUL

East Depot

STATE

WALKER ST.

NO. 7

Scale 1" = 200'

ST

26th

WEST



BRUNSWICK

WYOMING

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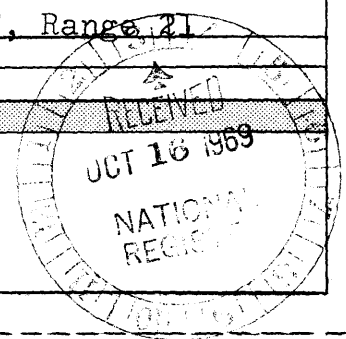
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2. LOCATION			
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STATE: Minnesota	CODE 22	COUNTY: Hennepin	CODE 053
3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE: Half Section Map - Section 16, Township 117, Range 21			
SCALE: 1" = 200			
DATE: 1963			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

for Keeper *Helena Zygar*
1/19/89

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**Note: These changes apply to
St. Louis Park Depot in Hennepin
County, Minnesota.**

REFERENCE NUMBER: 69000072

STATE: MINNESOTA

COUNTY: Hennepin

RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC): Chicago Milwaukee Saint Paul and
Pacific Depot

CITY:

VICINITY OF:

ADDRESS:

CERTIFICATION DATE:

REMOVED DATE:

COMMENTS:

Nina M. Archabal

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State Historic Preservation Officer

JUN 17 1988

Date