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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

Steamboat Springs Depot

AND/OR COMMON

Steamboat Springs Depot of the Denver & Rio Grande Western Railroad

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

39265 Routt County Road #33-B

\_\_\_ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Steamboat Springs

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

4

STATE

Colorado 80477

CODE

08

COUNTY

Routt

CODE

107

**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

City of Steamboat Springs

STREET & NUMBER

41 8th Street; Box 1174

CITY, TOWN

Steamboat Springs

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE

Colorado 80477

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Routt County Court House

STREET & NUMBER

522 Lincoln Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Steamboat Springs

STATE

Colorado 80477

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Colorado Inventory of Historic Sites (54/06/0001)

DATE

Ongoing

\_\_\_ FEDERAL  STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Colorado Historical Society, 1300 Broadway

CITY, TOWN

Denver

STATE

Colorado 80203

# 7 DESCRIPTION

## CONDITION

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Located on the banks of the Yampa River in Steamboat Springs, Colorado, the Steamboat Springs Depot is a single detached structure basically rectangular in shape. The building has two stories plus a long rectangular wing projecting from the west facade, thus making the overall structure very slightly T shaped. Both the north and south facades have six bays, the east facade two bays, and the west facade one bay. The foundation is rock and mortar; the exterior above is red brick, eight to twelve inches in thickness, set in stretcher bond with brick soldiers over the head of the windows and doors and with a rusticated quoin pattern at the wall corners. The two-story part of the structure has a medium hip roof while the one-story wing has a belicasted hip. The boxed, plain roof cornice rests on projecting, scrolled wooden brackets. Two chimneys with a decorative cap project from the east and west facades through the roof. The main door, located in the south facade, is situated off center. The windows on the first floor of the main structure are two sashed and double hung while those on the upper story are single sashed and double hung; these windows all have stone sills. The wing has four bay windows.

The interior of the depot has in the past few years been converted into a theatre. The inner wood partition which divided the warehouse section from the waiting area was removed to provide greater seating area. A floating oak floor was installed over the old asphalt floor in the warehouse section while the old waiting area or lobby was painted and also had a new floor installed. Two washrooms on the first floor were improved and the old stationmaster's quarters on the second story renovated to provide an apartment for the caretaker. Four bay windows were installed in the warehouse section to provide seats, storage, or dressing areas.

On the south the building is separated from the railroad tracks by a handwrought iron fence, five feet high, 100 feet long, and with two double gates six feet high. It was originally erected in 1905 at 1140 Grant Street in Denver, Colorado, and recently donated to Steamboat Springs for use at the Depot. The fence is of the same era as the Depot and compatible with it.

# 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" 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

1909

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Frank E. Edbrooke

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Steamboat Springs Depot is significant for its association with the old Denver, Northwestern & Pacific Railway, the so-called Moffat Road (now part of Rio Grande Industries), one of the major transportation links between Denver and Salt Lake City; for its fine architectural qualities; and because it embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, and method of construction.

In 1906 prominent citizens of Steamboat Springs convened to raise funds to bring the main line of the Denver, Northwestern & Pacific Railway to Steamboat Springs. The community subscribed about \$15,000, although this had to be resubscribed two years later owing to construction delays. Nonetheless, the railroad laid rail to Steamboat Springs in 1908, and Frank E. Edbrooke, a noted Denver architect, was commissioned to design a depot. This he did and the structure was completed in July 1909, a few months after the first trains rolled into town. From that time forward until passenger service was abandoned in 1968, the depot served as the nexus of rail transportation into and out of Steamboat Springs. In 1970 the newly formed Steamboat Springs Council of the Arts & Humanities persuaded the town to purchase and renovate the building as a cultural center.

The Steamboat Depot exemplifies the qualities and characteristics inherent in small railroad stations built in the early twentieth century. But more importantly, it manifests some aspects of the personal style of Frank E. Edbrooke, one of Denver's most noted architects who designed several properties now listed in the National Register: i.e. the Brown Palace Hotel, Central Presbyterian Church, the Fisher Mansion, Fitzroy Place, and other structures listed individually or as contributing properties of historic districts.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

The Steamboat Pilot.

The Routt County Sentinel.

Dee Richards, "Iron Tracks, Railroad Towns, and Riots,"  
Steamboat Pilot, January 26, 1976

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 0.3

QUADRANGLE NAME Steamboat Springs

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A 13 343880 4483480  
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B           
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION Beginning at a point 25 feet radially distant north-easterly from the centerline of the Craig Branch Main Track of The Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad Company opposite Mile Post 191+344 feet (engineering station 10088+24);

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Eleanor J. Bliss, Past President

ORGANIZATION

Steamboat Springs Council of the Arts & Humanities

DATE

October 19, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 1913

TELEPHONE

(303) 879-0361

CITY OR TOWN

Steamboat Springs

STATE

Colorado 80477

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL   

STATE   

LOCAL X

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

*Arthur C. Anderson*

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

October 13, 1978

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

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

*William Sabovich*

DATE

12/20/78

DATE

12/15/78