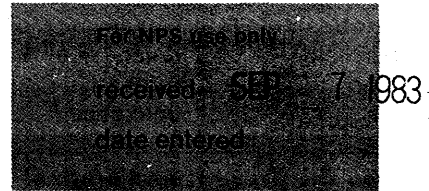


United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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 Northern Pacific Depot

and/or common N/A

2. Location

street & number off Washington Avenue N/A not for publication

city, town Villard N/A vicinity of ~~Congressional district~~ N/A

state Minnesota code 22 county Pope code 121

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Arnold Tank Land leased from: Twin Cities Region
Burlington Northern
330 Second Ave. So.
street & number N/A Minneapolis, MN 55401

city, town Villard N/A vicinity of state Minnesota

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Pope County Courthouse

street & number Minnesota Street

city, town Glenwood state Minnesota

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Statewide Historic Sites Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1970 federal state county local

depository for survey records Minnesota Historical Society -- Fort Snelling History Center

city, town St. Paul state Minnesota

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date <u> N/A </u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Northern Pacific Depot in Villard is located at the northern edge of the business district of the city, just south of the now abandoned Little Falls and Dakota Branch of the Northern Pacific Railway.

The Depot is a one story wood frame structure. The primary decorative features of the building are large brackets situated under the wide overhang of a simple gable roof. The building is sheathed in clapboard and windows are double hung two-over-two sash. The room arrangement features the standard waiting room-office-freight room plan, with a three sided window bay on the track side of the office.

The rail line has been recently abandoned, but the new owner of the depot structure, the Villard Elevator and Implement Company, plans to stabilize and retain the building.

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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input checked="" 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 1882 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Northern Pacific Depot in Villard is significant for its associations with the establishment of the village of Villard on the Little Falls and Dakota Branch of the Northern Pacific Railway.

The rail line was constructed in 1882, providing a link between the Northern Pacific at Little Falls and the St. Paul and Pacific at Morris, opening better access between this area of agricultural West Central Minnesota and shipping facilities at Duluth. The village plat was made the same year, on land owned by John and Calista Williams, and the depot building was constructed. The town was named after Henry Villard, who was president of the Northern Pacific Railroad at the time that the plat was made. By mid-1883, a substantial village had been built and freight and passenger train service had begun.

As a shipping point for agricultural products and a supply point for local businesses, the depot played a pivotal role in the town's commerce and, indeed, represents the primary factor which determined the establishment of the community.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Lee, C.R. Villard History. (Typewritten manuscript in files of Pope County Historical Society.)
Park Region Echo, August, 1882.
Villard Bulletin, April 26, 1883.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property Less than one
 Quadrangle name Villard Quad. Minnesota-Pope Co. Quadrangle scale 7.5

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification Beginning at the southwest corner of the intersection of Railroad and Washington Avenues; thence south approximately 150 feet along the west curb line of Washington Avenue; thence west approximately 150 feet along a line parallel to the north lot line of Lot 1, Block 5, Villard Plat; thence north to the south curb line of Railroad Avenue; thence east to the point of beginning.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	N/A	code	N/A	county	N/A	code	N/A
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Dennis Gimmestad, Assistant State Historic Preservation Officer
 organization Minnesota Historical Society date May 3, 1983
 street & number Fort Snelling History Center telephone 612-726-1171
 city or town St. Paul state Minnesota

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 Russell W. Fridley
 title State Historic Preservation Officer date 8/30/83

For NPS use only	
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register	
Entered in the	
National Register	date <u>10/6/83</u>
Keoper of the National Register	
Attest:	date
Chief of Registration	