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DATA SHEET

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad Depot

AND/OR COMMON

Milwaukee Road Depot

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Aberdeen  
STATE

VICINITY OF  
CODE

46

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

No. 1

COUNTY

Brown

CODE

013

South Dakota

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

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad

STREET & NUMBER

516 West Jackson Boulevard

CITY, TOWN

Chicago

VICINITY OF

STATE

Illinois

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

STREET & NUMBER

Aberdeen Municipal Building

CITY, TOWN

Aberdeen

STATE

South Dakota

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

South Dakota Historic Sites Survey

DATE

May 1974

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

Historical Preservation Center

Vermillion

STATE

South Dakota

## 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

A Prairie style influence is seen in the Milwaukee Road Depot in Aberdeen, South Dakota. The low pitch hip roof is covered with red tiles and the brick walls rest upon a concrete foundation. The two story building has a one story addition attached to the west wall. A concrete stringcourse encircles the depot beneath the second story windows. Fenestration on the second floor features rectangular, double hung windows, while first floor windows are rectangular, double hung with transoms. Entrances on the north facade facing the tracks have brick pilasters with flat, plain entablatures. A porte cochere extends out over the west entrance. The depot's eaves project a considerable distance from the building.

Main Street runs along the eastern edge of the depot property. Railroad avenue borders it on the south and the tracks form the northern boundary of the property. Railroad sheds and shops are located to the west of the depot. In the late 1930's the roundhouse was moved to Miles City, Montana. The remaining railroad property is in good condition.

# 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"/> 900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES    1911

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

"On July 6, 1881, the first Milwaukee train came through and Aberdeen became a town almost overnight. Dozens of false front store buildings rubbed elbows with tar paper shacks and sod shanties."<sup>1</sup> The location of this new community was chosen by C.H. Prior, a Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad employee. Prior filed the Aberdeen townsite plot on January 3, 1881, and sold individual plots along Main Street to the arriving settlers. Six months later the tracks were finished and the first train arrived. The Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul later built a north/south track from Aberdeen to Yankton between 1881 and 1886.

"Aberdeen was a division point on the transcontinental line of the Milwaukee. A 10-stall engine house was built in May, 1884, and the shops were erected shortly. All facilities were greatly expanded between 1909 and 1913."<sup>2</sup>

The present depot was built in 1911; it is the largest brick passenger depot standing in South Dakota. The Milwaukee Road still has offices in the building, but space has been rented to a bus line and law firm. Maintenance on the depot has been excellent.

<sup>1</sup>State Historical Society, South Dakota Historical Collections (Pierre: State Publishing Company, 1966), P. 55.

<sup>2</sup>Aberdeen: A Middle Border City (South Dakota Writer's Project, WPA, 1940), p. 30.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Aberdeen: A Middle Border City. South Dakota Writer's Project  
WPA, 1940.

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# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than an acre

UTM REFERENCES

A 

1	4
ZONE	EASTING

5	3	9	9	6	0
NORTHING					

5	0	3	4	5	9	0
NORTHING						

B 

ZONE	EASTING			NORTHING			

  

C 

ZONE	EASTING			NORTHING			

  

D 

ZONE	EASTING			NORTHING			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Edith M. French

ORGANIZATION

Historical Preservation Center

DATE

May, 1974

STREET & NUMBER

USD Alumni House

TELEPHONE

605-677-5315

CITY OR TOWN

Vermillion

STATE

South Dakota

# 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.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

*John G. Little*

TITLE

*State Historic Preservation Officer*

DATE

*30 Aug 76*

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

*Wm. Mustang*

DATE

*9/20/77*

ATTEST:

*Charles E. ...*

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

*9.15.77*

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER