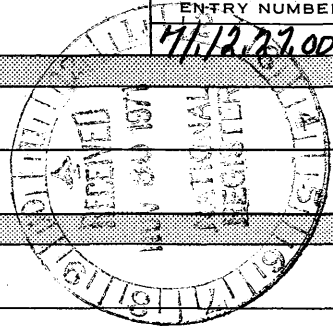


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INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

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STATE: Minnesota	
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**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
Duluth Union Depot

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Fifth Avenue West and Michigan Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Duluth

STATE: Minnesota CODE: 27 COUNTY: St. Louis CODE: 057

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input type="checkbox"/>	In Process <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNERS NAME:  
Burlington Northern Railroad

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Fifth Avenue West and Michigan Street

CITY OR TOWN: Duluth STATE: Minnesota CODE: 27

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Registry of Deeds, Duluth City Hall

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Fourth Avenue West and First Street

CITY OR TOWN: Duluth STATE: Minnesota CODE: 27

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
Report to the City of Duluth on Historic and Architecturally Significant Structures

DATE OF SURVEY: 1970 Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
Planning and Research Department/City of Duluth

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Fourth Avenue West and Fifth Street

CITY OR TOWN: Duluth STATE: Minnesota CODE: 27

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**7. DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/>		Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

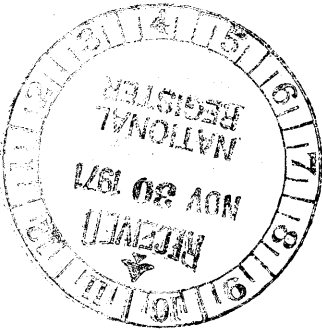
7. Description

The Union Depot was erected in the area of Duluth which was originally the town of Freemont. Located just south of the present day business district on the shores of Lake Superior, the structure is ideally situated for its proposed use as an urban historic and cultural center.

Embodying the characteristics of the French Chateau style, this unique public building is a pleasing part of the Duluth landscape. The exterior is symmetrical about the entrance with steeply pitched roof masses building up to the towering central portion. The windows are framed with limestone and each unit is subdivided by a limestone cross. A trio of arches make up the street level entrance, and an ornate pedimented dormer rises high above the central arch. The rectangular forms are relieved by projecting circular towers topped by gently flaring witches hats. The total effect is that of an eighteenth century French chateau.

Early in the 20th Century the cast iron portico was added over the arched entrance. The original slate roof and fanciful chimneys were removed in 1953.

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**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian <input type="checkbox"/>	16th Century <input type="checkbox"/>	18th Century <input type="checkbox"/>	20th Century <input type="checkbox"/>
15th Century <input type="checkbox"/>	17th Century <input type="checkbox"/>	19th Century <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1892

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/>	Education <input type="checkbox"/>	Political <input type="checkbox"/>	Urban Planning <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/>	Engineering <input type="checkbox"/>	Religion/Philosophy <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Historic <input type="checkbox"/>	Industry <input type="checkbox"/>	Science <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Architecture</u>
Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/>	Invention <input type="checkbox"/>	Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Art <input type="checkbox"/>	Landscape <input type="checkbox"/>	Social/Humanitarian <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
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Conservation <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>		_____
	Music <input type="checkbox"/>		_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

8. Significance:

This impressive French Chateau structure is recognized as a significant part of the heritage of the city of Duluth. Characteristic of the elaborate and massive buildings which were being built in the late 1800's the Depot reflected the affluence and prosperity of this quickly growing commercial center. It is an excellent example of the many majestic terminals constructed during the early days of the development of the powerful railroad companies. For Duluth it represented contact with the coasts of the nation. Designed by the distinguished and nationally prominent firm of Peabody & Stearns of Boston, the Duluth Union Depot remains truly unique and distinctive among the public buildings in Minnesota.

The Depot has recently been connected by a mall and parkway to the nearby civic center complex designed in the early 1900's by Daniel Burnham. The Depot will remain as one of the "anchor" buildings in an urban renewal area and together with the Burnham buildings will form an open flowing city complex.

The Depot itself is to be converted into a public, non-profit cultural center housing the St. Louis County Historical Society, the Duluth Art Institute, the Duluth Playhouse, and the Chisholm Museum. This step is being planned to improve upon the maintenance of the structure while putting it in service to the community. No changes will be made which might destroy the architectural character, and certain details will be restored.



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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Aquar, Charles E., Recommendations for State Historic Site Designation,  
 October 22, 1968.  
 Scott, James A., National Architects: Their Image Upon Duluth, 1889-  
 1916, 1967.

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "		55cm	12"cm	
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

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 AND TITLE:  
Brooks Cavin, A.I.A.

ORGANIZATION: Brooks Cavin, Architects DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET AND NUMBER:  
117 Main Street Southeast

CITY OR TOWN: Minneapolis STATE: Minnesota CODE: 55414  
MINNEAPOLIS STATE: MINNESOTA CODE: 27

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

**NATIONAL REGISTER**

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. Friley  
 Director, Minnesota Historical Society

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date Nov. 23, 1971

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

Ermit A. Connally  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

DEC 9 1971

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

William J. Murtagh  
 Keeper of The National Register

DEC 4 1971

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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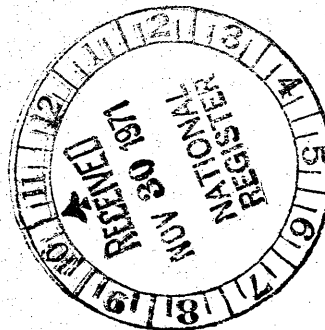
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6. Representation in existing surveys: (cont.)

Minnesota State Register  
1969 State  
Minnesota Historical Society  
690 Cedar Street  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

Historic Preservation in Minnesota  
1970 State  
Minnesota Historical Society  
Historic Sites Department  
Building 25, Fort Snelling  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55111



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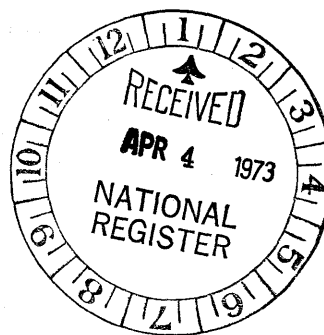
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Duluth, Minnesota

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Union Depot

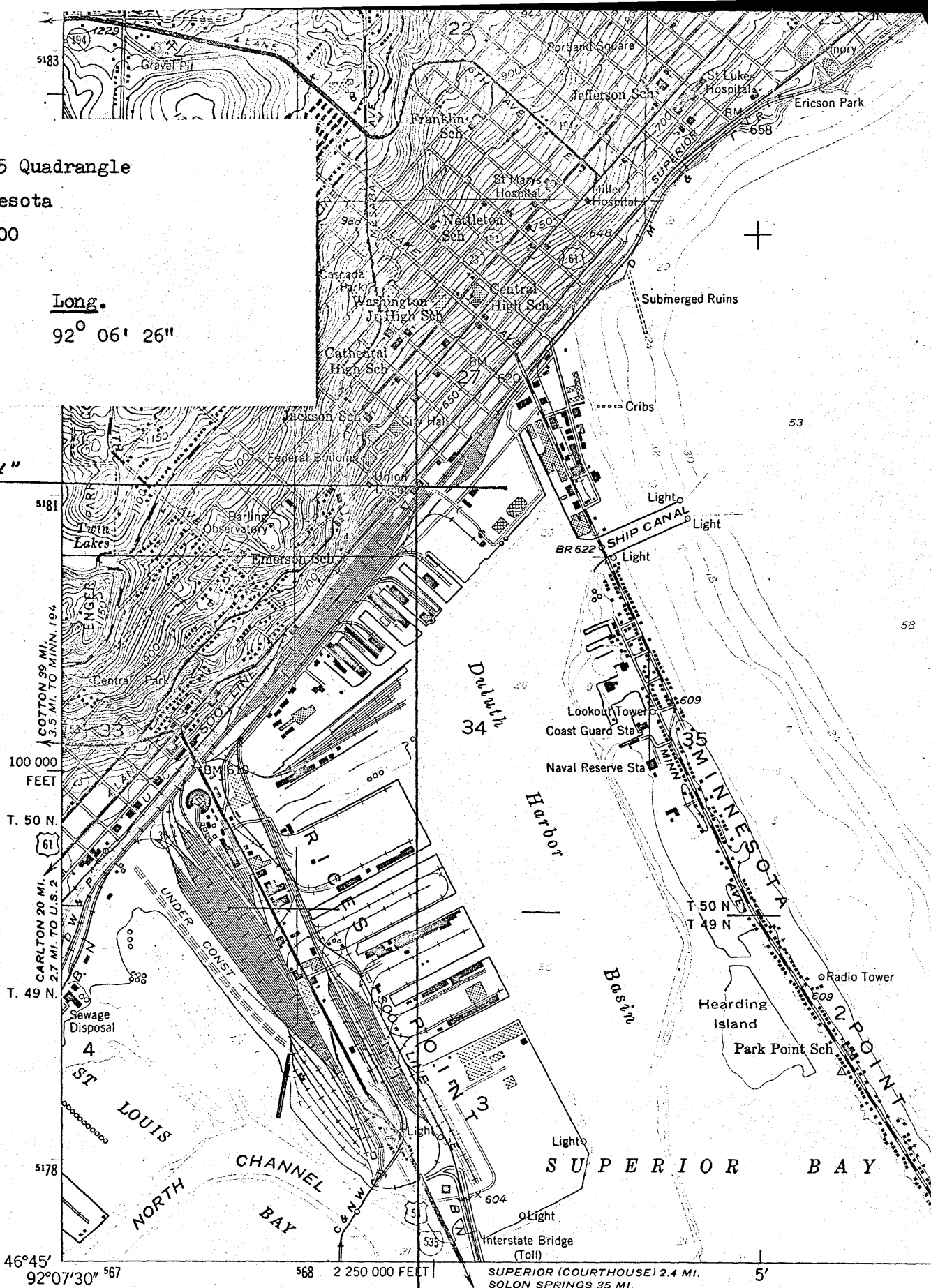
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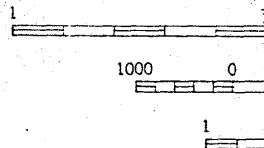
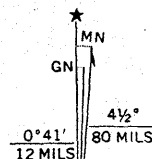
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TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
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3. Latitude and longitude reference.			

