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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 Rock Island Lines Passenger Station

AND/OR COMMON

Grinnell Union Depot

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Park and State Streets

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Grinnell

VICINITY OF

First

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

Iowa

19

Poweshiek

15

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

DISTRICT

PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

COMMERCIAL

PARK

STRUCTURE

BOTH

WORK IN PROGRESS

EDUCATIONAL

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

OBJECT

IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

BEING CONSIDERED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

NO

MILITARY

OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad Presently being operated under a receivership. New name "The Rock."

STREET & NUMBER

Offices: 139 West Van Buren and 745 La Salle Street

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Chicago

VICINITY OF

Illinois

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Poweshiek County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Montezuma

Iowa

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED	(interior only)	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Grinnell Depot is a square, 1-story building of red brick, with dressed limestone from the window sills to ground level. Its most striking feature is the 1½ story round tower at the southeast corner, capped with a conical, shingled roof, and bearing a narrow decorative cornice. The hip roof of the depot, with its widely overhung eaves, is similarly covered in composition shingle. Windows are 1/1 double hung sashes. A number, however, were originally semi-circular at the top with decorative brickwork: this area has been bricked in to accommodate the square sashes. Windows in the tower bear heavy limestone lintels. A hip roofed porch extends from the south face, supported by two plain square columns. A wooden freight shed is built off the west side.

The depot has not been altered measurably since its construction. It is still used by agents of the Rock Island Railroad.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input 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

Built 1892-93

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Marshalltown, Ia. contractor

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Grinnell depot, with its corner tower, is an atypical example of "railroad architecture," retaining a certain dignity of style not often found in small-town depots. Its design incorporates the decorative in harmony with the very practical: the 1½ story round tower, situated at the junction of two tracks, gave the station agent a clear view in all directions.

The first rail line (the Chicago and Rock Island) reached Grinnell in 1863 from the east. Nine years later, the Central Railroad of Iowa (eventually to become part of the Chicago Northwestern) extended its north-south route to Grinnell. Over the decades, the high volume of traffic through Grinnell on these two lines threatened to overwhelm the simple frame depot which had served since 1863. The present depot was constructed in 1892-3 in response to this situation, by a local contractor with the Rock Island Railroad.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Back files of Grinnell Herald and of Grinnell Register.
 Clippings in files of Grinnell Historical Museum.
 Pictures and clippings in Grinnell College files.
 History of Grinnell by Charles Payne 20 PR 21 Grinnell Public Library and
 Grinnell College Library.
 Mention of Railroads, but not of station in Illustrated History Atlas of State
 of Iowa 1875 G 20.1 An 2 in above libraries.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Located in Poweshiek County, Iowa; section 16

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY approx. 1/2 acre Range 16 W, Township 80 N. --

UTM REFERENCES On Plat, City of Grinnell, Lots 5,6,7,8, part of lots 4 & 9

52-3100 of Block 19462-1100
 520 of Block 4620110

A	15	520	4620110	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

General location on 3rd Avenue between Park St. on West and State St. on the East of City of Grinnell, Iowa. Building is located on lot 7, block 19 of city plat and on closed alley between lots 6 & 7 at the junction of railroad right of way of C, RI & P, RR and C, NW RR. (formerly M & St L RR.) Total area of property in acres is indefinite because of nature of RR right of way.

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

William C. Oelke, Ph.D.

ORGANIZATION

Grinnell Historical Museum & Poweshiek County Bicentennial Commission August 5, 1975

STREET & NUMBER

(personal address) 1427 Tenth Ave. (commission address) 1920 Country Club

CITY OR TOWN

Grinnell

STATE

Iowa 50112

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



TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

August 10, 1976

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

AGY DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

12/12/76

DATE

12/6/76