

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation 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 ATCHISON, TOPEKA, AND SANTA FE RAILROAD DEPOT

and/or common

2. Location

U.S. 85

street & number Highway 85, 0.9 miles south of intersection with Highway 6 not for publication

city, town Los Lunas _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district 2

state New Mexico code 35 county Valencia code 61

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" 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 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 type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other/vacant

4. Owner of Property

name Greater Los Lunas Business Association

street & number P. O. Box 13

city, town Los Lunas _____ vicinity of _____ state New Mexico

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Valencia County Courthouse

street & number

city, town Los Lunas _____ state New Mexico

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title State Register of Cultural Properties has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date March 31, 1978 _____ federal state _____ county _____ local

depository for survey records New Mexico State Historic Preservation Program

city, town Santa Fe _____ state New Mexico

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> moved
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		date <u>June 1976</u>

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The A. T. & S. F. depot at Los Lunas is a one story, frame structure with a shingled gable roof. It has board and batten siding, now painted yellow. The fenestration includes freight doors on both the track and street sides and at the south end, a waiting room door on the street side near the center, and double hung sash windows. There is also a small bay window at the center of what was on the track side. Along the eaves of the street and track sides are braces which extend from the edge of the roof to just below the fenestration top. The interior of the rectangular plan structure includes a waiting room at the north end, a station master's office in the center, and a freight room at the south end. The only furniture remaining in the building is the Station Master's desk set in the bay window, the switching levers, and the ticket office grille and counter.

The depot was moved in 1976, one year after being retired by the A. T. & S. F. The structure was cut in half and reassembled after the move. Originally, it was located along the tracks on the west side of Highway 85 nearer the center of Los Lunas. As with many Santa Fe Railroad structures, this station had to be moved or it would have been destroyed. Currently the depot is vacant; except for a small amount of vandalism it remains basically intact. The Los Lunas Business Association, which bought and moved the structure, is committed to renovating the structure at a future time. The present location is on the south side of an existing park and the future use is to tie into the park.

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 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 Constructed in 1879 Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Los Lunas A. T. & S. F. Depot is significant because it is one of the earliest remaining depots in the state. The Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe came to Albuquerque in 1879 and from there headed south, reaching Belen in 1880. Sometime late in 1879 or early 1880, the tracks reached Los Lunas. According to information in the files of the Santa Fe Railroad, the depot at Los Lunas was constructed in 1879. Thus it was built at nearly the same time as the tracks themselves.

This construction date of 1879 indicates that the Los Lunas Depot is one of the oldest depots in New Mexico. Architecturally it is of a standard type used by the A. T. & S. F. throughout the latter part of the nineteenth century. Though there are a number of examples of this type of frame depot throughout the state, the Los Lunas Depot appears to be the earliest of the remaining examples.

The Santa Fe Railroad files indicate that the depot was originally 118 feet and six inches long; also, that the freight room was expanded in 1886 and then in 1942 a 30-foot portion of the freight room was removed. In 1975, the depot was retired and in 1976 it was purchased and moved. Electricity was installed in 1927, and in 1953 gas heat replaced two coal stoves.

Although the depot has been moved, it remains an important architectural landmark and a symbol of the important social and economic effect which the railroad had on towns such as Los Lunas.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Myrick, David. New Mexico's Railroads: An Historical Survey. Golden, Colorado, 1970.

Letter to Mr. William E. Honey from E. C. Honath, Assistant General Manager, AT&SF, May 25 1978

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property less than 1

Quadrangle name Los Lunas

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

A

1	3	3	40	9	9	0	3	8	5	1	5	0	0
Zone		Easting				Northing							

B

Zone		Easting				Northing							

C

Zone		Easting				Northing							

D

Zone		Easting				Northing							

E

Zone		Easting				Northing							

F

Zone		Easting				Northing							

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Zone		Easting				Northing							

H

Zone		Easting				Northing							

Verbal boundary description and justification Beginning at the south edge of Daniel Fernandez Park, proceed south along the west edge of Highway 85 for 150 feet; proceed west from this point for 100 feet; proceed north 150 feet to the south edge of the park; proceed east for 100 feet along the south edge of the park to the starting point.

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

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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city or town Santa Fe

state New Mexico

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Thomas W. Mel

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date 5-25-79

For HCERS use only

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

date 8.1.79

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date 7/30/79

Chief of Registration