

**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**

For NCRS use only  
received MAR 2 1982  
date entered APR 6 1982

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

**1. Name**

historic Warroad Canadian National Railway Depot

and/or common Warroad Depot

**2. Location**

street & number Main Street N/A not for publication

city, town Warroad N/A vicinity of congressional district 7th

state Minnesota code 22 county Roseau code 135

**3. Classification**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>	
<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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property**

name Canadian National Railway

street & number 123 Main Street

city, town Winnipeg N/A vicinity of state Manitoba, Canada

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Registry of Deeds -- Roseau County Courthouse

street & number N/A

city, town Warroad state Minnesota

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title None has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date N/A N/A federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records N/A

city, town N/A state N/A

## 7. Description

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

### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Although situated in the downtown area of Warroad, the Warroad Depot is relatively isolated due to its setting amidst railroad tracks and railroad-associated land. It is a rectangular brick structure approximately 115 feet in length and 27 feet in width. The central portion of the building is two stories in height and is covered with a combination gable-hip roof. This section houses the stationmaster's quarters on the second floor and the ticket and railroad offices on the first floor. To either side of the center are one-story extensions devoted to waiting rooms and baggage rooms.

The most dominant architectural feature of the depot is the broad hipped roof supported by large open brackets on stone impost blocks. This provides a canopy which shelters the entire perimeter of the structure.

The building retains original sash and doors. The original roof material has been replaced with asphalt composition shingles.

Although no longer used as a passenger depot, the building serves as a storage facility for the Canadian National Railway. The interior comprises approximately 3100 square feet of space. It retains much of the original detailing, woodwork, and fixtures. The building continues to be maintained by the Railway and is in a good state of repair.

# 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 type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input checked="" 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 1914

Builder/Architect J. Schofield

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Constructed in 1914 according to designs of Canadian architect J. Schofield, the Canadian National Railway Depot in Warroad is significant as a structure through which numerous emigrants from the United States passed on their way to Canada. It is located on the only section of the Canadian transcontinental railway system which passes through the United States. The station, whose construction was made possible by a treaty between the two countries, is believed to be the first depot in the United States constructed by a foreign corporation. The depot has been a landmark structure in the community since its construction; current plans call for its purchase by the City of Warroad and its adaptive use as city offices and community rooms.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Prosser, Richard S. Rails to the North Star. Minneapolis: Dillon Press, 1966.

# 10. Geographical Data

ITEM NOT VERIFIED

Acreeage of nominated property 3/4  
 Quadrangle name Warroad Quad, Minn.-Manitoba

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED  
 Quadrangle scale 7.5

### UMT References

A 

1	5	3	3	0	1	2	0	5	4	1	9	4	2	0
Zone		Easting				Northing								

B 

Zone		Easting				Northing							

C 

Zone		Easting				Northing							

D 

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H 

Zone		Easting				Northing							

**Verbal boundary description and justification :** From a point on the west edge of Main Street due west of the northwest corner of Block 4, Original Town, South, southwest to Canadian National tracks; then north, northwest along tracks for 200 feet; thence north, northeast to west edge of Main St.; thence south, southeast for 200 feet along Main St. to point of origin.

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

state	code	county	code
N/A			
N/A			

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Charles Skrief, Director, State Historic Preservation Office

organization Minnesota Historical Society date May, 1980

street & number Bldg 25, Fort. Snelling telephone 612-726-1171

city or town St. Paul state MN 55111

# 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 Russell W. Fridley  
 Russell W. Fridley  
 title State Historic Preservation Officer date 2/3/82

For HCRS use only  
 I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register  
William A. Graham date 4-6-82  
 Keeper of the National Register  
 Attest: David McCallard date 4/2/82  
 Chief of Registration



United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

# National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

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Note: These changes apply to  
Warroad Canadian National Railway  
Depot in Roseau County, Minnesota.

REFERENCE NUMBER: 82003034

STATE: MINNESOTA

COUNTY: Roseau

RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC): Canadian National Depot

CITY:

VICINITY OF:

ADDRESS:

CERTIFICATION DATE:

REMOVED DATE:

COMMENTS:

*Nina M. Archabal*  
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Nina M. Archabal  
State Historic Preservation Officer

JUN 17 1988  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

PROPERTY Canadian National Depot  
NAME:

MULTIPLE  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MINNESOTA, Roseau

DATE RECEIVED: 5/21/07 DATE OF PENDING LIST:  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 7/04/07  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 82003034

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N  
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N  
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

     ACCEPT      RETURN      REJECT                      DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA

REVIEWER

DISCIPLINE

TELEPHONE

DATE

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.

*accept*

*Edson Beall*

*Historian*

*7.3.07*

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Canadian National Depot

Name of property

Roseau County, MN

County and State

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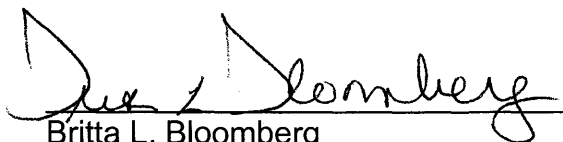
**Reference Number:** 82003034

**State:** Minnesota

**County:** Roseau

**Resource Name (Historic):** Canadian National Depot

**Comments:** The property has been assigned the address of: 121 Main Ave. N.E.



Britta L. Bloomberg  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

5/18/07  
Date