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NEW JERSEY TRANSIT

RAILROAD STATION SURVEY

1. IDENTIFICATION

. ~	Α.	Name: Common Mountain 5 + o + m Line: Hoboken Division - Historic Morristown (DL&W)
	Β.	Address or location:
		449 Vose AvenueCounty: Essex Municipality: South Orange Village Block & lot:50. Orange, N.J. 07079Block & lot:
	C.	Owner's name: NJ Transit Address:Newark, N.J.
	D.	Location of legal description: Recorder of Deeds, Essex County Court- house, Raymond Boulevard, Newark, N.J.
	Ε.	Representation in existing surveys: (give number, category, etc., as appropriate)
		HABS HAERELRR ImprovementNY&LB Improvement
•		Plainfield CorridorNR(name, if HD)
		NJSR (name, if HD)
		NJHSI (#)
		Northeast Corridor
		Local (date)
		<u>Modernization Study</u> : site plan <u>χ</u> floor plan <u>χ</u> aerial photo
		other views X photos of NR quality? X
2.	EVALU	ATION
	Α.	Determination of eligibility: SHPO comment?(date) NR det.?(date)
	Β.	Potentially eligible for NR: yes <u>x</u> possible no
		individual thematicX
	C.	Survey Evaluation: <u>140/175</u> points 158

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3. DESCRIPTION--COMPLEX IN GENERAL

Describe the entire railroad complex at this site; mention all buildings and structures, with notation of which are not historic. Check items which apply and discuss in narrative:

Moved buildings (original location, date of and reason for move) Any non-railroad uses in complex (military recruiting, etc.) Any unusual railroad building types, such as crew quarters, etc. (specify) Known threats to complex or individual structures

Surroundings: ____urban X_suburban ___scattered buildings ___open space _____ X_residential ____woodland ___agricultural ____industrial _____ downtown commercial ____highway commercial ____other (specify)

Relationship of station grade to track grade: <u>X</u> Station and track grade at same level _____Station at street grade, track depressed _____Station spans track _____Track elevated above street grade, multi-level station # of tracks: <u>3</u> Pedestrian access across tracks: <u>X</u> Pedestrian bridge: ____at street grade __X_elevated <u>_____</u>Pedestrian/vehicular bridge: ____at street grade __X_elevated ______Tunnel ______None provided

Discuss character of vehicular and pedestrian approaches to complex; landscaping; relationship to parking. Refer to, and key with, site plan.

The Mountain complex consists of a one-story red brick station in Classical Revival style with adjoining stairway canopy, a similar shelter and canopy, and platforms on either side of the tracks. The complex is located on a well landscaped suburban site. Tracks are aligned N-S. There are two loop drives, 1 E of the station (1), the other W of the shelter (2). Flanking the E drive at its outside edges are a pair of ornamental lamps with concrete bases and copper strapwork (globes are missing) (3). Parking is available along the loop drives and along neighboring streets. Pedestrians may approach the platform via stairs from Montrose Avenue in the N (A) (D), from Mountain House Road on the S (Pedestrian overpass) or directly from the loop drives, station, or shelter. From the station, the northbound platform is reached from either of two short flights of steps (B) (C) across a landscaped terrace.

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3. DESCRIPTION--PLATFORMS AND CANOPIES

<u>X</u> Inbound 710' platform, asphalt on concrete, iron pipe railing along edge, mercury vapor street lamps, no canopy Outbound

Between tracks

Nature and extent of existing original material and alterations: roof type, material, supports; freestanding or attached to building; seating; lighting; signage; other.

Originally the inbound platform probably was lined with incandescent lighting fixtures.

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4. DESCRIPTION - BUILDINGS (EXTERIOR)

Fill out separate sheet for each building at facility. Refer to, and key with, site plan.

Account for original materials and finishes where different from existing.

Station _____ Shelter _____ Freight House _____ Other ____(specify)

General architectural description, including style, shape, roof type, # stories, # bays, orientation to track, location of entrances, etc.

The Mountain Station, located E of the tracks, consists of a 1-story rectangular block with a hipped roof and broad eaves, its major ridge paralleling the tracks. The last bays on the N and S are open and are supported by square brick columns at the corners. The ticket office projects slightly from the W facade line and contains two windows on the W and a window each on the N and S. Flanking the projection on the S are double freight doors and on the N a door and window group. Opposite this door is another on the E facade, flanked on the S by a double freight and two windows, and on the N by a window group. There are two windows each on the N and S facades. A small brick chimney rises centrally just E of the major ridge. Adjoining the station on the N is a stairway with concrete balustrade and canopy similar in form and materials to the open bays. Walls are brick and roofing, Spanish tile. Most materials appear original.

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4. DESCRIPTION - BUILDINGS (EXTERIOR) CONTD.

Fill out separate sheet for each building at facility.

Station <u>X</u> Shel	terFreight HouseOther	(specify)
EXTERIOR MATERIALS	AND SYSTEMS:	
• · · · ·	Original	Existing, if different
Structural system:	bearing wall/frame roof	
Foundation:	poured concrete	
Base course:	poured concrete	
Walls:	brick, Flemish bond (red stretchers purple headers)	, ,
Trim:	<pre>coarse concrete sills; brick surrou decorative panels under windows, ex beams</pre>	unds, stone course, «posed wood rafter ends,
Doors:	(2) 4/1 panel doubled:(2) 6/2 panel round arch transom	with sidelights and
Roofing:	Spanish tile	
Soffit:	matched boards (varn.)	
Windows:	8/1; 4/1; 6 pane wood frame, caseme double, round arch	en <u>t</u>
Lighting:	incan. fixs. soffit attached?	MV fixs (2-E; 1-N; 1-S; 2-N)
Signage:	board (black with gold type) (hangs from W side of roof)	
Drainage:	copper gutters and downspouts	aluminum gutters and downspouts
Other:	wood plank bench brick chimney (E side of ridge) copper flashing	

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4. DESCRIPTION - BUILDINGS (INTERIOR)

Fill out separate sheets for each building at facility. Refer to, and key with, floor plan.

Station x Shelter Freight House Other (specify)

General architectural description of all spaces, including original materials and finishes, if known, any remodeling, etc.

All spaces in the Mountain station, with the exception of the basement, are on one level. The N half of the building comprises the Waiting Room (1). Leading S from the Waiting Room and breaking the wall plane at its midpoint is a short hall terminating in the Freight Room which comprises the S 1/4 of the building. Flanking the hall on the E are the Men's Room (3) and Ladies' Room (4), and on the W, the Ticket Office (2). Built into the E wall of the hall is a phone booth. All of the public spaces have similar finishes: terrazzo floors, brick or tile wainscot, and plaster walls and ceiling. The Ticket Office has board floors and a matched board wainscot. All materials, with the exception of some lighting fixtures, appear to be original. (See schedules which follow). However, some surfaces have obviously been repainted.

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4.	DESCRIPTIO	N - BUILDINGS (INTERIOR) CONTD.			
	STATION -	ROOM AND FINISH SCHEDULE	NUMBER	OF ROOMS	6
	NAME <u>Wa</u>	iting Room and Hall	NUMBER	ON FLOOR	PLAN_1
		Original		Existing	, if different
	Floors:	t <u>errazzo, tile border (tan, white</u>))		
	Base:	tile (red)			
	Wainscot:	glazed brick, common bond (yellow string course (green))		
	Walls:	plaster		paint (white)	
	Ceiling:	plaster, coved		(white)	
	Trim:	marble ticket counter, fountain c brackets	ounter,		
	Doors:	(2) 6/2 panel side lights and rou arch transom	nd		
	Seating:	matched board benches, radiator u (W, N, E sides)	nder		
	Lighting:	(3) hang. incan. fixs?		(3) MV ha	ang. fixs.
	Other:	blind arch with fountain, stained glass-like image of stream, trees hills, falls in tile phone booth built in between Rest Room doors.	,	fountain	missing

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4.	DESCRIPTION	- BUILDINGS (INTERIOR) CONTD.		
		ROOM AND FINISH SCHEDULE	NUMBER	OF ROOMS 6
	NAME	Ticket Office	NUMBER	ON FLOOR PLAN 2
		Original		Existing, if different
	Floors:	board		
	Base:	molded_board		
	Wainscot:	vert. matched board (varn.)		
:	Walls:	plaster		paint (white)
	Ceiling:	plaster, cornice molding		paint (white)
	Trim:	wood molded chairrail, sills ticket window surrounds, (varn.)	•	
	Doors:			
	Seating:	none		
	Lighting:	hang. incan. fix. with circular metal shade		<pre>(2) fluorescent fixs. at</pre>
	Other:	<u>built-in counter, wood (N side)</u> built-in desk, wood (W side) iron radiator (S side)		

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4. DESCRIPTION	I - BUILDINGS (INTERIOR) CONT	D.	
STATION -	ROOM AND FINISH SCHEDULE	NUMBER	OF ROOMS 6
NAME	Men's Room	NUMBER	ON FLOOR PLAN_3
•	Original		Existing, if different
Floors:	terrazzo (tan)		
Base:	ceramic tile (white)		
Wainscot:	ceramic tile (white)		
Walls:	plaster		paint (white)
Ceiling:	plaster		paint (white)
Trim:	none		
Doors:	(1/2)panel; (1/2) panel to s	tall	
Seating:	none		
Lighting:	ceiling attached incan. fix.		scalloped glass shade
Other:	iron radiator (N wall) marble partition plumbing fixs.		

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4.	DESCRIPTION	- BUILDINGS (INTERIOR)	CONTD.					
	STATION -	ROOM AND FINISH SCHEDULE		NUMBER	0F	ROOMS	6	
	NAME	Ladies' Room		NUMBER	ON	FLOOR	PLAN 4	
		<u>Original</u>			Ex	isting	, if dift	ferent
	Floors:	<u>terrazzo (tan)</u>						
	Base:	<u>ceramic tile (white)</u>						
	Wainscot:	ceramic tile (white)						
	Walls:	plaster			p (wł	aint nite)		
	Ceiling:	plaster				int nite)		
	Trim:	none				-		
	Doors:	(1/2) panel; (1/2) panel	to stall					
	Seating:	none					,	
	Lighting:	ceiling attached incan.	fix.		sh	ade mi	ssing	
	Other:	plumbing fixtures -iron radiator (N wall). marble partition						

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4.	DESCRIPTION	- BUILDINGS (INTERIOR)	CONTD.		
	STATION -	ROOM AND FINISH SCHEDULE	NUMBER	OF ROOMS	
	NAME	Baggage Room	NUMBER	ON FLOOR	PLAN
		Original		Existing	, if different
	Floors:	poured concrete			
	Base:	poured concrete			
	Wainscot:	none	and all a general part of the spin of the		
N.	Walls:	vert. matched boards (in brick, mod. Eng. bond (re	t. wall only) ed) ext. walls		
	Ceiling:	plaster			
	Trim:	brick, header voussoirs, board door frame	plain		
	Doors:	(2) 6/2 panel; (2) 4/1 p	anel doubled		
	Seating:	none			
	Lighting:	(2) hang. incan. fixs. (1) ceiling attach. inca	n. fixs. –		
	Other:	attic door in ceiling iron radiator (int. wall Fairbanks scale)		·

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4.	DESCRIPTION	- BUILDINGS (INTERIOR)	CONTD.					
	STATION -	ROOM AND FINISH SCHEDULE		NUMBER	0F	ROOMS	6	
	NAME	Boiler Room		NUMBER	ON	FLOOR	PLAN_	
	`	Original			Ex	isting	, if di	fferent
	Floors:	poured concrete						
	Base:	none						
	Wainscot:	none						
•	Walls:	poured concrete						
	Ceiling:	poured concrete		at when the same	<u></u>			
	Trim:	none		• • • • •				
	Doors:	none						
	Seating:	none						
	Lighting:	2 hang. incan. fixs., c [.] metal shades	ircular					
	Other:	coal bin wood framing coal fired boiler			bo	iler		

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3. DESCRIPTION--PLATFORMS AND CANOPIES

Inbound

<u>X Outbound</u> 710' platform, asphalt on concrete, iron pipe railing along edge, mercury vapor street lamps. Canopy is part of shelter.

Between tracks

Nature and extent of existing original material and alterations: roof type, material, supports; freestanding or attached to building; seating; lighting; signage; other.

Originally, the outbound shelter probably was lin ed with incandescent lighting fixtures.

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4. DESCRIPTION - BUILDINGS (EXTERIOR)

Fill out separate sheet for each building at facility. Refer to, and key with, site plan.

Account for original materials and finishes where different from existing.

Station _____Shelter X Freight House Other (specify)

General architectural description, including style, shape, roof type, # stories, # bays, orientation to track, location of entrances, etc.

The Mountain shelter, located W of the tracks consists of a 1-story rectangular block 8 bays wide and 1 deep with a hipped roof and broad eaves. The 2 N bays and the 3 S bays are open, their canopies slightly lower than the center bay and supported by a double row of square brick columns with concrete bases and capitals. There are 3 windows on the E facade, three on the W, and doors on the N and S facade, respectively. Adjoining the shelter on the N is a stairway with concrete balustrade and canopy, similar in form and materials to the open bays and to the stair north of the station. Walls are brick and roofing Spanish tile. Most materials appear original.

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4. DESCRIPTION - BUILDINGS (EXTERIOR) CONTD.

Fill out separate sheet for each building at facility.

Station_____Shelter____X_Freight House____Other____(specify)
EXTERIOR MATERIALS AND SYSTEMS:

	<u>Original</u>	Existing, if differen	t
Structural system:	bearing wall/wood frame roof		
Foundation:	poured concrete		
Base course:	_poured_concrete	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Walls:	brick (red)		
Trim:	coursed concrete sills, brick surrounds, wood exposed rafter ends		
Doors:	(2) 6/2 panel, round arch frame	paint (red)	
Roofing:	Spanish tile		
Soffit:	matched boards (varn)		
Windows:	(boarded) round arch frames		
Lighting:	hang, incan. fixs	MV fixs, every other b	bay
Signage:	board (black with gold type)		
Drainage:	copper gutters and downspouts	galv. gutters and downspouts	
Other:			

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4. DESCRIPTION - BUILDINGS (INTERIOR) CONTD.	•
Fill out separate sheet for each additional strue Refer to, and key with, site plan.	cture in complex.
ShelterX Freight House Other	(specify)
INTERIOR FINISH SCHEDULE NOT ACCESSIBLE	
Number of rooms:	
Original	Existing, if different
Floors:	
Base:	
Wainscot:	
Walls:	
Ceiling:	
Trim:	
Doors:	
Seating:	<u></u>
Lighting:	
Other:	
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5. SIGNIFICANCE OF COMPLEX (ARCHITECTURAL/HISTORICAL):

Architect F. J. Nies or his	staffsource	plans 🐳	
Date 1915 Source D,L,& W	Alteration dat	es So	urce
Style <u>Renaissance</u> Revival			
<pre># passenger trains/day (presen</pre>	it) 69 in 1980	Peak (#, Yr.)	96 in 1940
Original station on site		· · · ·	74 in 1901

The Mountain station is an exceptionally good example of the Renaissance Revival style adapted to the functions of an early twentieth century suburban combination station. The complex was designed "in house" under F. J. Nies, architect for the Delaware Lackawanna and Western line. It is similar in form and materials to other stations on the line, including Orange, Highland Avenue, Morristown, and Morris Plains. This complex is particularly well sited and landscaped, its interior, richly finished. Most notable is a tile panel above the water fountain in the main waiting room which depicts a forest scene with stream, hills, and waterfall, but with a linear quality which obviously is to recall a Tiffany-like art glass window.

The complex serves commuters from the affluent east side of South Orange. A portable concession stand in the waiting room is open during rush hours. The Westbound shelter has been boarded up for many years.

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6. GEOGRAPHIC DATA

Verbal boundary description (if Block/Lot not available)

Boundaries are outlined on site plan.

Acreage: 1-2.5 acres UTM coordinates: Zone: <u>18</u>/Easting: <u>5 6 3 0 0 0</u>/Northing: <u>4 5 1 1 6 0 0</u> USGS Quad <u>Caldwell</u> <u>Scale</u> <u>1: 24 000</u> <u>4 5 1 1 6 0 0</u>

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- (ca.1916) Taber, Thomas T., <u>The Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad</u> <u>in the Twentieth Century, 1899-1960</u>, part I, Muncy, Pa., author, 1981, p. 86.
- 8. PHOTO

Negative index #	<u>1067</u> or NJT photo	#
Date <u>1978</u>	Photographer	Richard Browne Assocs".
Loc. of negative	N.J. Transit	Direction of view: Station from West
. –		Shelter from East

9. CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

A. HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

i. Associated with important events or broad movements in history

nationally	(30)
state-wide	 (25) (20)
locally	 (20)

ii. Representative of significant changes in railroad history and/or technology

	. u	are inusual common	(30) (25) (10)
111.	Original station on site		(15)
iv.	Representative of a line's standard d	lesign	(10)
۷.	Constructed prior to 1900	·	(15)
vi.	Junction station		(10)
vii.	Former long-distance service		(10)
viii.	Other	•	(10)
ix.	Less than 50 years old		(-30)

B. ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

i. STYLE _ Renaissance Revival
 a. Example of a particular architectural style (check one)

b.	Rar e s urvivor of style	Outstanding Excellent Very good Good Fair nationally state-wide locally	(50) (40) X (30) (20) (10) (20) (15) (10)
c.	As example of railroad ar	chitecture rare	(30)
		unusual or ea	

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ii.		HITECT (check one) building by architect important		
	α.	nationally state-wide locally		
	b.	building designed by railroad and is known or appears to be the work of the supervising architect or engineer or chief designer	(20)	
	с.	building designed by railroad and is known or appears to be the work of the staff	<u>X (</u> 5)	
	d.	architect identified but not considered to be of special importance	(5)	
iii.	OVEI a.	RALL ARCHITECTURAL QUALITY (check one) Outstanding composition, siting, or craftsmanship	(40)	
	b.	Notable composition, siting, or crafts- manship, or possessing especially picturesque or unusual exterior detailing	<u>X</u> (25)	Sited on elevatic station and
	c.	Possessing some detail(s) of particular interest and/or quality	(15)	shelter unusually well related and
	d.	Average quality or interest	(5)	integrated with highway bridge
iv.		CIAL QUALITIES Noteworthy overall interior design or detailing	(15)	
	b.	Some noteworthy interior detailing	<u>X</u> (5)	Simulated "stain- ed-glass" panel
	c	<pre>(interior not accessible) Part of cohesive complex</pre>		in ceramic tile
		 station and shelter more than two buildings 	X (5) (10)	
۷.		TRUCTION		
	a.	Noteworthy example of particular construction method	(30)	
	b.	Rare or early survivor of particular method	(20)	
	c.	Interesting example of method	(5)	
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C.	COND	ITI	DNS	
:	: i.	IN	TEGRITY	
		a.	Original condition	_X_(40)
		b.	Alterations and/or additions, beneficial	(30)
		c.	Alterations and/or additions, not detrimental	(20)
		d.	Miner detrimental alterations and/ or additions, not affecting overall	(20)
			integrity	(10)
	`	€.	Detrimental alterations and/or additions, reversible at considerable	
		•	expense	(-25)
	**	f .	Detrimental alterations and/or additions, essentially irreversible	(-75)
	11.	PHY	SICAL CONDITION	
		a.	Excellent	X (10)
			Good	(5)
			Fair	(0)
			Poor Severely deteriorated	(-10) (-25)
	111.	REL	ATIONSHIP TO COMMUNITY	
		a.	Pivotal building	(40)
		b.	Integral part of townscape	<u> </u>
		c.	Compatible with townscape	(20)
		d.	Unrelated to townscape	(0)
		e.	Incompatible	-30)

iv. SUITABILITY FOR ADAPTIVE USE

Excellent a.

Very Good Good b.

c.

d. Average

Possible, with difficulty e.



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Attach copy of site plan

continuation sheets attached

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Date: April 1981

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Mountain Station, situated at Montrose Avenue, received a third track probably in 1901 as part of adding th section of third track to the Morristown line. The 1901 annual report mentions construction of a third track South Orange to Maplewood, but makes no mention in any report of the track addition to Mountain Station picture looks west in September 1913. The small station is the same one shown in photographs taken back in the 1



Mountain Station in South Orange was somewhat unique between Maplewood and Harrison. It was the only loc where the track elevation was not changed. In 1914 and 1915 Montrose Avenue was elevated over the tracks and new brick station constructed. At the same time the tracks were elevated at South Orange station.

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Thematic Nomination of Operating Passenger RR Stations in New Jersey

Mountain RR STation, South Orange Village, Essex County

