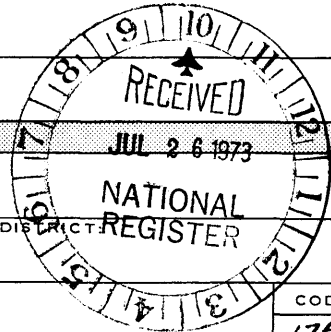


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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	IOWA
COUNTY:	UNION
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY DATE	AUG 15 1973



1. NAME

COMMON:
Creston Railroad Depot

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Same

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
200 West Adams Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Creston

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
Fifth

STATE: Iowa CODE: 17

COUNTY: Union CODE: 175

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
City of Creston, Iowa

STREET AND NUMBER:
205 North Maple Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Creston

STATE: Iowa CODE: 17

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Union County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
300 North Pine Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Creston

STATE: Iowa CODE: 17

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
City of Creston, Union County, Iowa

DATE OF SURVEY: 1957
 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
City Engineer's Office

STREET AND NUMBER:
205 North Maple Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Creston

STATE: Iowa CODE: 17

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE						
<p>Presently this landmark of nearly seventy-five years is beginning to show a moderate amount of deterioration due to lack of attention for the last four years. Many of the windows have been broken, paint has scaled off the exterior wooden areas, a few of the roof tile are missing allowing some moisture to enter the building causing some warpage of wood, and the interior is in need of a thorough cleaning. As yet the ceilings and walls appear to be in good shape with no major repairs being needed. The building is structurally sound as has been attested to by Clark, Anderson, Hamersky, & Associates of Lincoln, Neb., and Wagner and Associates of Des Moines, Ia. The heating unit has become outdated and the wiring and plumbing have been partially removed by the railroad. Since the exterior of the building is composed of stone and brick with tile roofing it has weathered the elements very well and with proper care will be able to do so for many years to come.</p>						
<p>Originally the depot was a majestic structure looming over Iowa's prairie. It was built in 1899 at the cost of \$75,000.00 to the Chicago, Burlington, & Quincy Railroad. The building is three story structure with concrete footing and rubble foundation. Above ground a cut stone base rises to the window sills and from there walls are of St. Louis pressed brick with stone built courses. The walls are capped by a heavy copper cornice as a base for a semi-glazed red tile roof broken by six dormers. The entire building is 173' long by 43' wide and is 53' high from ground line to the ridge of the roof. The entire building is surrounded by a red brick sidewalk with a small parking area near the northeast corner for customers of the express office housed within the depot in that area.</p>						
<p>The first floor is divided into general waiting room, ticket office, lunch counter, two restrooms, checkroom, and baggage room. The large waiting room is beautiful in every detail. The floors of dark red marble are contrasted by four massive round white ceramic brick pillars rising to a natural oak wood beam and inlay ceiling. The walls are also of white ceramic brick with deep green ceramic brick brick trip. The solid oak natural finished wooden benches are still in the waiting room. Condition: Very Good. Directly off the waiting room is a restroom on the north east and a ticket office on the southeast separated by a corridor which runs through the center of the depot to the baggage room on the east end. On the South side of the corridor next to the ticket office is the area occupied by the lunch counter. Across from this is a large storage room. Another restroom completes the 1st floor.</p>						
<p>A broad stairway at the southeast end of the corridor leads to the second floor on which were located the rooms for the local officials and the telegraph apparatus. A long hall passes down the center of the second floor ending at a large counter separating the 30'x40' telegraph office from the hall. From the hall doors to seven other offices can be seen. These rooms were occupied by the Division Superintendent, Secretary, Dispatcher, Road Master, Physician, Conductor's Room, and Burlington Relief Department.</p>						
<p>At the east end of the hall a smaller stairway to the South leads to the third floor which is composed of two large rooms. One room was used as a meeting room for special schooling sessions such as "Book of Rules" school. The second and largest room was used to store the thousands of documents accumulated over the past seventy-five years. They are still in the depot.</p>						

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B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1899** ~~to present~~

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This was the largest, best constructed depot in Iowa on the Chicago, Burlington, and Quincy Railroad at this time. It was a division point and all the business for southwest Iowa was conducted from this depot. Being a division headquarters, this depot also housed the office for the Master Carpenter who was in charge of all section work and bridge work for the entire division. Since a great amount of switching and the forming up of trains was done in the Creston yards the office of the trainmaster was also located in the Creston Depot. In addition there were two branch lines and one foreign railroad also originating in Creston and controlled either entirely or in part from this depot. Also, shortly after the construction of this depot the Creston roundhouse was at its peak and was reputed to be one of the largest roundhouses on the entire CB&Q system. Additional information is being accumulated and compiled pertaining to Creston as a railroad center.

Architecturally this building was unique for this area in both size and design. It was truly the most magnificent structure to be erected in Creston up to that time or since. Due to the replacement of true craftsmanship with modern mass production methods the opportunity to be able to see and preserve a structure of this nature will never again be made available to us or future generations.



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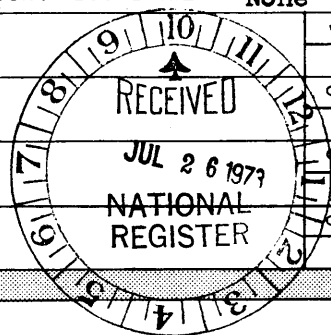
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **Less than one acre**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES **None**

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Ms. Lana L. Hicks

ORGANIZATION: **Union County Historical Soc. & Save the Depot Committee** DATE: **May 26, 1973**

STREET AND NUMBER:
706 West DeVoe Street

CITY OR TOWN: **Creston** STATE: **Iowa** CODE: **14**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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 Ashwin D. Anderson

Title State Historic Preservation Officer

Date July 23, 1973

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Robert H. Utley
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 6/15/73

ATTEST:
[Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

Date 8 14 73

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Dr. Adrian D. Anderson
 Director, Iowa State Historical Department
 Office of Historic Preservation
 Historical Building
 East 12th Street & Grand Avenue
 Des Moines, Iowa 50319

RE: Ralph Rollins House, Polk County
 LaPorte Town Hall and Fire Station, Black Hawk County
 Albert City Station, Buena Vista County
 Rock Rapids Depot, Railroad Track and Bridge, Lyon County
 Creston Railroad Depot, Union County
 Rock Island Lines Passenger Station, Poweshiek County
 Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul, & Pacific Depot, Worth County

Dear Dr. Anderson:

Thank you for the additional information provided on the above properties. We have made the following corrections to our files:

Ralph Rollins House	Correct address: 2801 Fifth Drive
LaPorte Town Hall and Fire Station	Correct name: LaPorte City Town Hall and Fire Station
Albert City Station	Correct name: Chicago, Milwaukee and Pacific Railroad: Albert City Station
Rock Rapids Depot, Railroad Track and Bridge	Correct name: Burlington, Cedar Rapids, and Northern Railroad: Rock Rapids Station, Railroad Track and Bridge
✓ Creston Railroad Depot	Correct name: Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad: Creston Station
Rock Island Lines Passenger Station	Correct name: Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad: Grinnell Passenger Station
Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul, and Pacific Depot	Correct name: Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad: Grafton Station

Thank you for your interest in maintaining the quality of the National Register records.

Sincerely,

Edith G. ...

Carol D. Shull
 Chief of Registration
 National Register of Historic Places
 Interagency Resources Division