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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name: Southern Pacific Railroad Freight Depot
other names/site number: CBD-#94

2. Location

street & number: 306 South Market
city, town: Brenham
state: Texas code: 048 county: Washington code: 477
N/A not for publication
N/A vicinity
zip code: 77833

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	1	0 buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	1	0 objects
			0 Total

Name of related multiple property listing: Historic and Architectural Resources of Brenham, Texas
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Charles Tranel
Signature of certifying official
Texas Historical Commission
State or Federal agency and bureau

9 Feb. 1990
Date

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official
Date
State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:
 entered in the National Register. See continuation sheet.
 determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.
 determined not eligible for the National Register.
 removed from the National Register.
 other, (explain:)

Patrick Anders
Signature of the Keeper

3/29/90
Date of Action

LANCASTER BOND

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions):

Transportation/Railroad Freight Depot

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions):

Commerce/Trade
Professional Office

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions):

No style

Material (enter categories from instructions):

foundation: Concrete

walls: Brick

roof: Tar & Paper/ Built-up

other: Wood

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

[X] See continuation sheet

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

[] nationally [] statewide [X] locally

Applicable National Register Criteria [X]A []B [X]C []D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) []A []B []C []D []E []F []G N/A

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions):

Architecture

Transportation

Period of Significance:

c.1915

c.1915-1941

Significant Dates:

c.1915

c.1915

Cultural Affiliation:

N/A

Significant Person:

N/A

Architect/Builder:

Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

[X] See continuation sheet

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7. Description

The Southern Pacific Railroad Freight Depot is a 2-story, red brick building with 1-story freight wind along the original Houston and Texas Central Railway in south Brenham. It reflects the functional or utilitarian architecture of railroad buildings and retains its architectural integrity.

The Southern Pacific Freight Depot is a 2-part, red brick building in an elongated rectangular plan on an east-west axis. It rests on a brick foundation with a built-up roof. A large asphalt parking area is located to the south along the railroad tracks; South Market Street runs along the east facade. No formal vegetation is on the property.

The 2-story easternmost part of the depot is a 2-bay square plan with a shallow metal awning surrounding approximately one foot below the brick parapet. A vertical brick stringcourse runs above the second floor windows dropping into Prairie School influenced corbelled pendants at each corner. A second stringcourse of limestone runs between the stories roughly one foot above the first floor windows; a third limestone stringcourse runs below the first floor windows. The east facade is oriented to the street with a single wooden door covered by hanging canopy in the first bay, first floor. Paired 1/1 double-hung wooden windows with limestone lintel highlights each remaining bay on the north, south, and east facades. One exception is the enclosure of a former loading door in the first floor, first bay on the south facade.

The 1-story westernmost part of the depot consists of five large wooden overhead doors with limestone lintels on the north and south facades. Simple pilasters adorn the facades. A 1-story frame storage facility existed to the west of this part but was removed at an unknown time.

This building is privately owned and in good condition. It was recently renovated and is currently in use as office space.

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8. Significance

The Southern Pacific Railroad Freight Depot (c. 1915) is eligible under Criterion A and significant in the area of transportation for its role in linking the Brenham area to a broader market for local goods. It also is eligible under Criterion C and significant for representing a functional approach to architecture by providing simple office space and spacious loading areas. The depot is associated with the local context "Community Development and Regional Expansion, 1870-1941" and is one of two properties remaining with an association to the railroads.

Criterion A: Transportation

The Houston and Texas Central Railway was chartered as the Galveston and Red River Railway Company in 1848 to run from Galveston north to the Red River. The charter was amended in 1856 to give the road the benefit of the General Land Grant Law of 1854 entitling it to 16 sections of land per mile and changing the name to the H&TC Railway Company. Before the beginning of the Civil War in 1861, construction reached Hempstead and branched north to Millican, near Bryan. Original plans had called for a branch line to continue west through Washington County to Austin; the charter was amended and plans for the branch line were dropped. The Washington County Railroad Company, chartered in 1856, completed the road from Hempstead to Brenham by 1861, leaving Brenham the western terminus until after the Civil War. In 1871 the H&TC Railway bought this line and extended it to Austin, linking Brenham with the state capital.

Because Brenham was at the junction of two major railroad lines, the H&TC and the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway, it attracted shipments into and out of the area making it an important center of commerce and transportation activity in Central Texas, which in turn greatly contributed to commercial and residential construction. A joint passenger depot with the H&TC Railway was constructed in August 1906 at joint expense. It was west of this depot on South Austin Street; it was demolished in the 1940s. The Washington County Chamber of Commerce is currently located on the site. (See context statement for more discussion.)

Criterion C: Architecture

The Southern Pacific Depot is a functional and utilitarian form of architecture designed to accommodate frequent usage with minimal obstruction. Large open loading spaces were built to allow goods to be delivered by rail on the north side and then temporarily stored before loading onto trucks on the south side. Office and administrative spaces

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were limited but conveniently located so that employees could oversee loading activities and handle paperwork. Few embellishments adorn the facade or highlight the site.

This property is almost identical in plan and similar in its boxy configuration to the freight depot of the competing railway, Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway located on South Austin Street.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See continuation sheet

See bibliography of context statement

Previous documentation on file (NPS): N/A
 preliminary determination of individual listing
(36 CFR 67) has been requested
 previously listed in the National Register
 previously determined eligible by the National Register
 designated a National Historic Landmark
 recorded by Historic American Buildings
Survey #
 recorded by Historic American Engineering
Record #

Primary location of additional data:
 State historic preservation office
 Other State agency
 Federal agency
 Local government
 University
 Other

Specify repository:

Texas Historical Commission, Austin, TX

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property: less than one

UTM References:

A 1/4/ /750/780/ 333/9840
Zone Easting Northing

C // / / / /
Zone Easting Northing

B // / / / /
Zone Easting Northing

D // / / / /
Zone Easting Northing

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description: Original Town Addition, Block 87, South 1/2 of Lot 41A, East 1/2
of Lot 40 (.233 acres) of City of Brenham, Texas

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification: The boundary includes the nominated property and entire city lot
that historically has been associated with the property.

See continuation sheet

11. Form Prepared By

name/title: Dwayne Jones/Preservation Planner date: 1984; 1989
organization: (with assistance from Sally Victor) telephone: 512/463-6094
street & number: Texas Historical Commission state: zip code:
city or town: 1511 Colorado, Austin TX 78701

2/14/90

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22. St. Mary's Catholic Church
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23. Synagogue B'nai Abraham
Substantive Review

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24. US Post Office--Federal Building--Brenham

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25. Washington County Courthouse
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26. Wood-Hughes House
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27. Schmidt House
Substantive Review

12/10/90

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Southern Pacific Railroad Freight Depot
NAME:

MULTIPLE Brenham MPS
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: TEXAS, Washington

DATE RECEIVED: 2/16/90 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 2/27/90
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 3/15/90 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 4/02/90
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 90000453

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

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

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 3/29/90 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

The Southern Pacific Railroad Freight Depot is significant for its role in the transportation history of the Brenham community and for its representation of the railroad freight depot ~~type~~ property type. Although the period of significance extends to 1941, it overlaps the 50 year period by only one year.

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept / A+C
REVIEWER Antoinette J. Lee
DISCIPLINE History
DATE 3/27/90

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

CLASSIFICATION

___ count ___ resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

___ historic ___ current

DESCRIPTION

___ architectural classification
___ materials
___ descriptive text

SIGNIFICANCE

Period Areas of Significance--Check and justify below

Specific dates Builder/Architect
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

- ___ summary paragraph
- ___ completeness
- ___ clarity
- ___ applicable criteria
- ___ justification of areas checked
- ___ relating significance to the resource
- ___ context
- ___ relationship of integrity to significance
- ___ justification of exception
- ___ other

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

___ acreage ___ verbal boundary description
___ UTMs ___ boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

___ sketch maps ___ USGS maps ___ photographs ___ presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

Phone _____

Signed _____

Date _____



THE MARKET STREET DEPOT

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FOR INFORMATION
See
408 828-2000

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AT

SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD FREIGHT DEPOT (CBD-#9A)

BRENHAM, TEXAS

DWAYNE JONES

OCTOBER 9, 1989

NEGATIVE ON FILE - TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

CAMERA FACING NORTHWEST

Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500628