



WHITEWATER

Landmark Nomination

1. Name

historic Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Company's passenger station

and/or common Old Railroad Depot, Depot Museum

2. Location

street & number 301 Whitewater Street

city, town Whitewater

congressional district

state WISCONSIN

code 055

county Walworth

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input 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	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 type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name City of Whitewater

street & number 312 W. Whitewater Street

city, town Whitewater

vicinity of

state wi

ZIP 53190

5. Location of Legal Description (In County Courthouse)

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Register of Deeds

street & number Walworth County Courthouse

city, town Elkhorn

state Wisconsin

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title NA

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<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

Built of cut stone, with rock facings and red brick; measures c. 60 feet long by 22 feet wide.

South side of structure has 28 ft wide shed or porch while north side has 12 ft wide shed or porch.

6 windows on North side, 7 windows on south side, including 4 window bay on west end of south side.

4 windows on east side, none on west side, except for door.

From center of structure rises gabled tower finished in cut stone and red brick. Chimney west of tower, in red brick, capped with stone.

Central double doors on south and north sides, above which are windows.

Single door on west side, above which are windows.

Interior: originally gentlemen's smoking room 14 x 14,
office 8'6" x 14
general waiting room 20 x 40
2 closets
1 ladies restroom
all finished with hard wood; heated by furnace

presently: general waiting room and office, 2 restrooms

inside & outside of structure sandblasted by J.M. Shervan, Contractor per WR 26 Apr 1973

all large windows protected by aluminum storms

new roof added during summer & fall 1982

8. Significance

(Continue on separate sheets if necessary)

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input 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 1890

Builder/Architect J.T.W. Jennings

Statement of Significance (Give specific sources for all statements of fact.)

- 1) architectural significance: representative of Victorian Gothic architecture
 use of materials of contrasting color and texture to articulate wall surfaces
 dense, smooth red brick vs. large, rough stone
 elaborate stick work under porch roofs, vigorously articulated, create effect of
 exterior skeleton, especially at 4 corners and above doors
 steeply pitched roofs and gables
 gabled tower with windows, turrets, complicated decorative stone work on gable ends

Sources: building and Rifkind pp. 146-156

last tangible expression by railroad company in Whitewater

- 2) economical significance: from 1890 to c. 1951 served as city's only railroad passenger
 station

began as Milwaukee & Mississippi RR in 1849 or 1850 (Annals)p.84.

Sources: Cravath's Early Annals and weekly issues of WR and WG from 1890 to c. 1951

- 3) educational: 1974 to present

Common Council purchased 'Old Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific RR Depot' by
 unanimous vote on 15 Feb 1973 WR, with plans to negotiate long-term lease with
 Whitewater Historical Society for use as historical museum, operated and staffed
 at Historical Society's expense. WR 2 May 1974, 9 May 1974

9. Major Bibliographical References

Whitewater Register issues between May 1890 and May 1974
Rifkind, Carole. A Field Guide to American Architecture. New American Library, 1980.
Cravath, Prosper. Early Annals of Whitewater, 1837-1867. Whitewater Federation of Women's Clubs, 1906

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UMT References (Optional)

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Zone Easting Northing

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Kori Oberle

organization Whitewater Historical Society

date 15 June 1984

street & number P.O. Box 103

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city or town Whitewater

state WI

12. Municipal Data

Zoning District: _____

Aldermanic District: _____

Parcel Number: _____

Commission Actions

Hearing Approved: _____

Hearing Date Set: _____

Landmark Designated (Date): _____ Number: _____

Certified By: _____

Commission Chairman

Date: _____

Depot

NOTICE OF DESIGNATION

Notice is hereby given that the Landmarks Commission of the City of Whitewater has designated the following building as a Landmark pursuant to the Landmarks Ordinance, Title 17, Whitewater Municipal Code:

Whitewater Railway Station (Depot Museum)
301 Whitewater Street

Exterior construction and alteration of this structure or grounds requires approval by the Landmarks Commission

- cc: ✓ City Clerk
 ✓ Building Inspector
 ✓ City Assessor
 Plan Commission
 Owners of record of property within 300 feet of above structures



Grafton H. Hull, Jr.
Chairperson
Landmarks Commission