

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC Chicago, Burlington, and Quincy Railroad Depot

AND/OR COMMON Batavia Depot Museum

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 155 Houston Street

CITY, TOWN Batavia NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE Illinois VICINITY OF 15th COUNTY Kane CODE

3 CLASSIFICATION

<p>CATEGORY</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> SITE</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT</p>	<p>OWNERSHIP</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> BOTH</p> <p>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED</p>	<p>STATUS</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS</p> <p>ACCESSIBLE</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>	<p>PRESENT USE</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> PARK</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:</p>
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4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Batavia Park District

STREET & NUMBER Box 433

CITY, TOWN Batavia VICINITY OF STATE Illinois 60510

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Kane County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER South Thrid Street

CITY, TOWN Geneva STATE Illinois

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Illinois Historic Landmarks Survey

DATE 1974 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Office of Preservation Services, Ill. Dept. of Conservation

CITY, TOWN Springfield STATE Illinois

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED exterior	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED interior	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE <u>1973</u>

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The building is a two-story wood railway passenger station with vertical, red board and batten siding. The eaves of the gable roof have a deep overhang supported by large, single gothic brackets. The roof line is broken in the gothic manner to admit light to the second floor windows.

The original dimensions of the building were 22' by 45'. Additions were built in 1868, consisting of four rooms on the ground floor attached to the gable ends. Two of the additions remain on the north gable end today, encompassing an area of 14' by 22'. They have flat roofs with a bracketed cornice and identical board and batten siding.

After having been abandoned for many years the depot was moved in 1973 to protect it from the effects of vandals and increasing railroad traffic. During the renovation of the depot for use as a museum, very few exterior changes were made. Two chimneys were removed and minor repairs were made. The building today appears as it did in 1919 (according to a description compiled by the Interstate Commerce Commission at that time), and very likely as it did originally, except for the basement.

The cinder block foundation which was built in 1973 contains a basement which serves as a warming house for winter activities. In its new location, the depot is situated upon a slope. In this way the original track elevation is level with the ground on the west and the basement warming house opens onto the bottom of the slope on the east. To the east, the building faces a lagoon of the Fox River.

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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input checked="" 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 1854

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

According to the records of the Burlington Northern Railroad, successor to the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy, this was the first depot built by the company. Since it was the first to be constructed, the plans called for "special rather than standard design." In effect, the special design called for more elaborate detail and fenestration.

Aside from the depot being preserved for its architectural merit, it represents the vital role of the railroad in the development of Batavia and northern Illinois. For many years Batavia served as an important manufacturing center for windmills, and the service of the railroad contributed to the areas prosperity.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

File 3.45.9, Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad.
Engineering Dept., Burlington Northern Railroad, St. Paul, Minn.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY approx. 1.3
UTM REFERENCES

A	1,6	391,190	463,390,0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

From the NE corner of Houston and Water Streets E to the W bank of the Fox River, then 250' N along the river bank, then due W to a point on Water Street, then S along Water Street to the NE corner of Houston and Water Streets.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Theodore Hild, National Register Assistant 3 Aug 1976
 ORGANIZATION Office of Preservation Services, Ill. Dept. of Conservation
 STREET & NUMBER 901 1/2 South Spring Street TELEPHONE 217/782-3340
 CITY OR TOWN Springfield STATE Illinois CODE 62706

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 National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE

DATE

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ILLINOIS HISTORIC SITES SURVEY INVENTORY

NR
200104

1. Name of Site:

Common CB & Q Depot

Historic

2. Location:

Street and Number

Township

Section

NE cor Water & Houston St.
City or Town

Zip Code

Range

1/4 Section

Batavia
County

Kane

3. Classification:

Category (check one)

- District
- Building
- Site
- Structure

Integrity (check one)

- Altered
- Unaltered
- Moved
- Original Site

4. Ownership:

- Private
- Public

Status (check one)

- Occupied
- Unoccupied
- Preservation work in progress

Access to Public

- Yes
- Restricted
- Unrestricted
- No

Present Use (check one or more)

- Agricultural
- Commercial
- Educational
- Entertainment
- Government
- Industrial
- Military
- Museum
- Park
- Private Residence
- Religious
- Scientific
- Transportation
- Other (specify)

5. Ownership of Property:

Owner's Name

Phone Number

Street and Number

City or Town

State

County

Zip Code

6. Description: Frame railroad station

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Deteriorated
- Ruins
- Unexposed

Is there a program of preservation underway? Yes No

TRANSPORTATION

7. Historical Themes : (check one or more of the following)

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|---|--------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Archeological Site | (Pre-Columbian) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Archeological Site | (Post-Columbian to 1673) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> French Influence | (1673-1780) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Illinois Frontier | (1780-1818) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Illinois Early | (1818-1850) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Illinois Middle | (1850-1900) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Illinois Late | (1900-present) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Famous People | (give names & dates) |

8. Specific Date: ca. 1870

Areas of significance (check one or more of the following)

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

Brief statement of significance: (include all names and dates) Use additional sheets if necessary. Restored railroad station.

9. Form prepared by:

Name and Title: T.H. Date: _____

Organization: _____ Phone: _____

Street and number: _____

City or Town: _____ County: _____ Zip Code _____

During the course of the Survey we often find it necessary to search for references for a particular site. When filling out the Survey form, please list according to the following example, published references to the site for which forms are being completed. If a bibliography can be compiled, it will greatly deduct from the Survey's task.

Bibliography

Robertson, Robert, Of Whales and Men. New York, Alfred K. Knopf, Inc., 1954.

