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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: Cotton Belt Railroad Depot

other name/site number: DA0062

2. Location

street & number: Southwest Corner of Main and First Streets

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Fordyce

vicinity: N/A

state: AR county: Dallas code: AR 039 zip code: 71742

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Building

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	_____	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: N/A

Name of related multiple property listing: Historic Railroad Depots of Arkansas, 1870-1940

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4. State/Federal Agency Certification
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As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X 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 X meets _____ does not meet the National Register Criteria. _____ See continuation sheet.

Cathryn A. Boyd _____ 4-24-92
Signature of certifying official Date

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
State or Federal agency and bureau

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

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5. National Park Service Certification
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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): _____

Signature of Keeper Date of Action

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6. Function or Use
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Historic: TRANSPORTATION Sub: Rail-related

Current: VACANT/NOT IN USE Sub: N/A

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification:

LATE 19TH AND 20TH CENTURY REVIVALS
CRAFTSMAN

Other Description: Mediterranean

Materials: foundation CONCRETE roof STONE/Slate
walls BRICK other Wood brackets

Describe present and historic physical appearance. X See continuation sheet.

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8. Statement of Significance

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

Applicable National Register Criteria: A, C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): N/A

Areas of Significance: TRANSPORTATION
ARCHITECTURE

Period(s) of Significance: 1925-1940

Significant Dates: 1925

Significant Person(s): N/A

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Cotton Belt Railroad

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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9. Major Bibliographical References

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See *Historic Railroad Depots of Arkansas, 1870-1940* Multiple Property Documentation Form, Section H.

___ See continuation sheet.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- 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: _____

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10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property: Less than one

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

A	<u>15</u>	<u>554440</u>	<u>3741140</u>	B	___	_____	_____
C	___	_____	_____	D	___	_____	_____

___ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: ___ See continuation sheet.

Beginning at a point formed by the intersection of a line running along the northern edge of the St. Louis Southwestern Railroad (Cotton Belt) tracks with a perpendicular line running parallel with the depot's eastern elevation and located approximately 50 feet to the east thereof, proceed northerly along said line for a distance of approximately 100 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel with the depot's northern elevation; thence proceed westerly along said line for a distance of approximately 200 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel with the depot's western elevation; thence proceed southerly along said line for a distance of approximately 100 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line running along the northern edge of the railroad tracks; thence proceed easterly along said line for a distance of approximately 200 feet to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification: ___ See continuation sheet.

This boundary includes all the property historically-associated with this resource that retains its integrity.

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11. Form Prepared By

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Summary

The Cotton Belt Railroad Depot in Fordyce is a single-story, brick masonry freight and passenger railroad depot designed in the Mediterranean/Craftsman transitional style that was growing in popularity among the railroad lines that traversed Arkansas during the third decade of the twentieth century. Its plan is fundamentally rectangular, with an open porch at its eastern end and a telegrapher's bay projecting from its southern elevation. Its hipped, slate roof and brick walls are supported upon a continuous, cast concrete foundation.

Elaboration

The Cotton Belt Railroad Depot in Fordyce is a single-story, brick masonry freight and passenger railroad depot designed in the Mediterranean/Craftsman transitional style that was growing in popularity among the railroad lines that traversed Arkansas during the third decade of the twentieth century. Its plan is fundamentally rectangular, with an open porch at its eastern end and a telegrapher's bay projecting from its southern elevation. Three interior brick chimneys rise through the roof: one projects through the southern slope of the hipped roof and just to the west of center; the second projects from the northern slope of the roof, on center; and the third rises through the ridge, to the west of the eastern hip. Its slate roof and brick walls are supported upon a continuous, cast concrete foundation.

The northern or front elevation is composed of a single, small six-over-two wood sash window placed next to the eastern porch, followed by four identical, larger six-over-two wood sash windows. Another small, six-over-two window is placed just to the west of center, and the remainder of the wall to the western end of the elevation is blank except for the large, rolling freight door placed near the western end. The southern elevation opposite features a row of four large, six-over-two wood sash windows in the wall just to the west of the open porch, and a single-leaf opening just to the east of the projecting telegrapher's bay. The eastern side of the telegrapher's bay is lighted with a single narrow window, the southern side is lighted with two large six-over-two wood sash windows, and the western side is blank. The wall to the west of the telegrapher's bay is accessed by a large, rolling freight door and a single-leaf door toward the western end; it is otherwise blank.

The western elevation is punctuated only by a large, central rolling freight door that is accessed by a wood loading dock; the eastern elevation opposite, recessed beneath the porch roof, is lighted by two symmetrically-placed six-over-two wood sash windows.

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Significant exterior details include the relatively elaborate Craftsman brackets that extend around the cornice and that ornament the brick columns that support the porch roof; the corbelled brick wall brackets that support the wood trusses; and the unusual six-over-two wood sash windows.

The Cotton Belt Depot in Fordyce is currently closed and unoccupied; however, it is in good condition.

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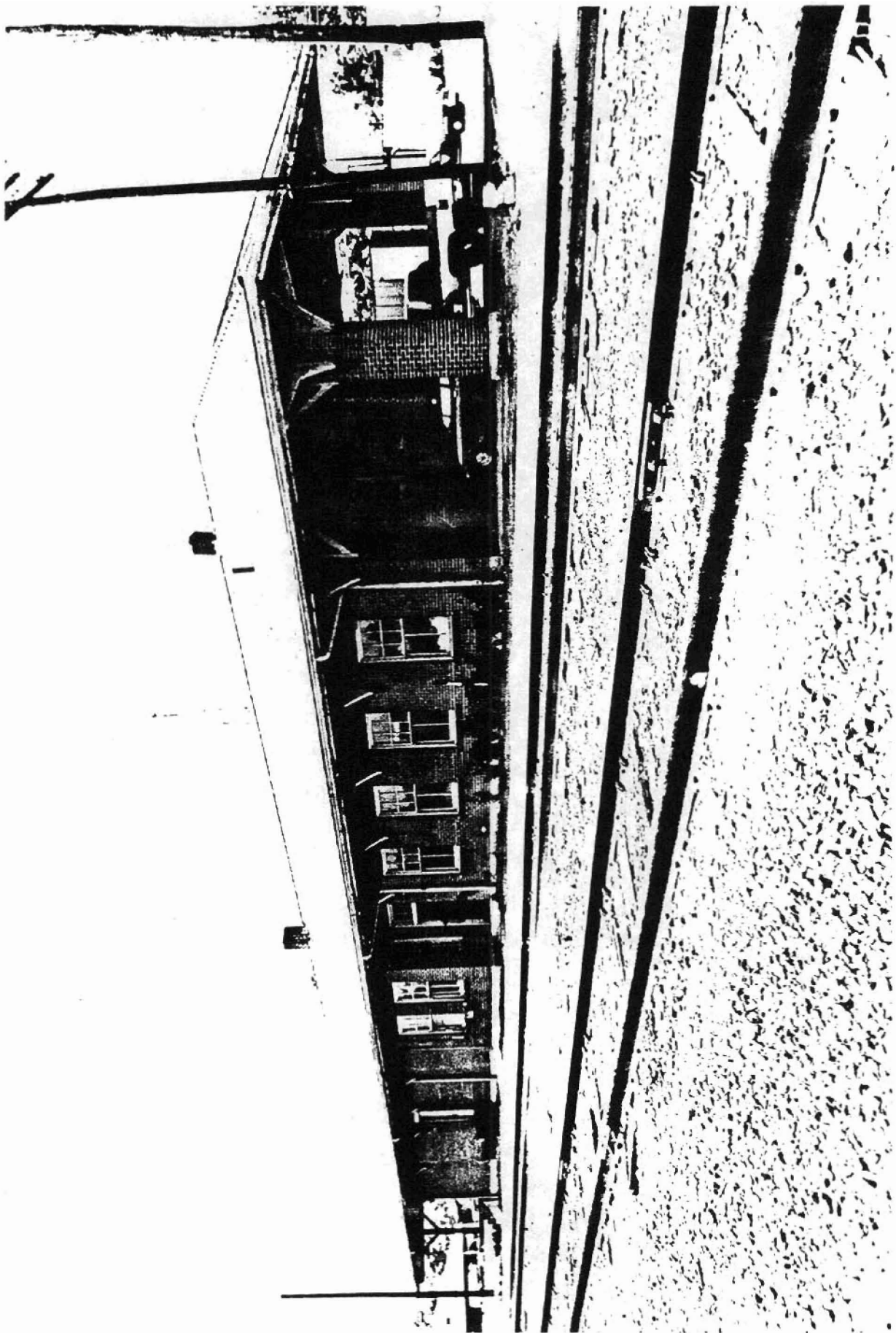
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Significance

Criteria A and C, local significance

The St. Louis Southwestern Railroad, commonly known as the Cotton Belt, has been one of the longest running railroads in Arkansas, and is, in fact, still in operation today, though only as a freight carrier. In fact, it was the Texas and St. Louis Railway Company that in 1886 first brought a rail line through this city (the Rock Island Railroad, the Fordyce Depot of which was listed on the National Register on 10/28/83, came through Fordyce considerably later), and eventually spurred the relocation of the county seat to Fordyce from its former location in Princeton, approximately twenty miles to the northwest. The prosperity brought to the city of Fordyce and the surrounding agricultural region by the Cotton Belt (and the Rock Island line) necessitated the replacement of the earlier wood frame depot with this brick depot by 1925.

This passenger and freight railroad depot is associated with the Railroad Growth and Development in Arkansas, 1870-1940 historic context as a structure financed and erected under the auspices of one of the larger early twentieth-century railroads in the state. As such, it is eligible under Criterion A by virtue of those associations; however, with its Craftsman cornice brackets and multi-pane windows, the Cotton Belt Railroad Depot in Fordyce is eligible not only under Criterion A, but also under Criterion C for its being a good example of the Mediterranean/Craftsman transitional style.



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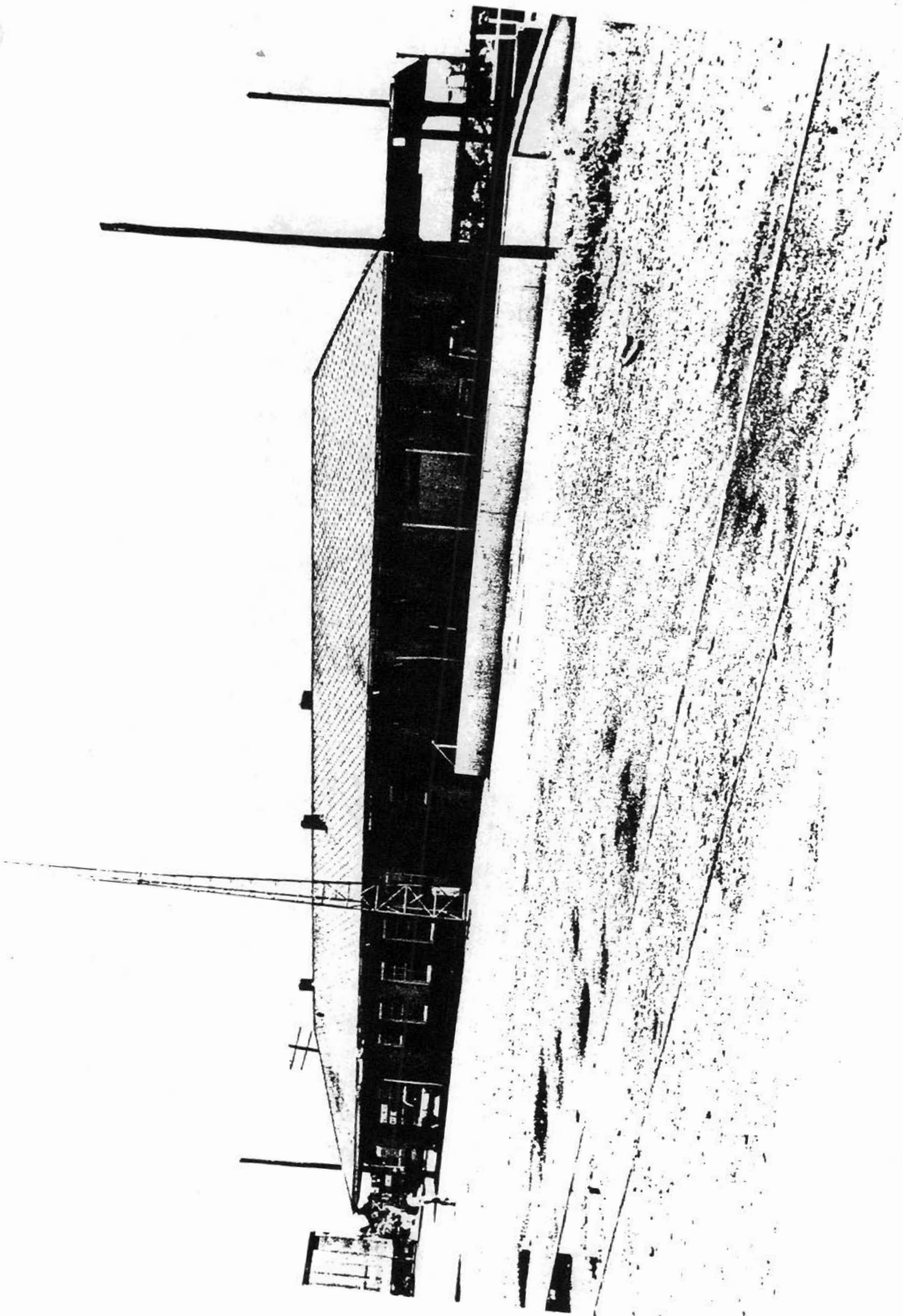
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