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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

Arkansas
COUNTY:
Pulaski
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
Choctaw Route Station
AND/OR HISTORIC:
Rock Island Station

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:			
East Third and Rock Island Railroad 1010 E. 3rd			
CITY OR TOWN:		CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT	
Little Rock		Second	
STATE	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Arkansas	05	Pulaski	119

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
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 type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>not in use</u> <u>at present</u>
			<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:		
Arkansas Building Company		
STREET AND NUMBER:		
Post Office Box 1821		
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE
Little Rock	Arkansas	05

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:		
County Clerk's Office		
STREET AND NUMBER:		
Pulaski County Courthouse		
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE
Little Rock	Arkansas	05

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY:	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> State	<input type="checkbox"/> County	<input type="checkbox"/> Local
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE		

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

 Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

 Altered Unaltered

(Check One)

 Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Built circa 1899 the Choctaw Route Station served as a passenger depot for the Choctaw, Oklahoma and Gulf Railroad Company. It is a two storey red pressed brick building of rectilinear plan, approximately 125 feet by 56 feet in dimension. One storey wings with flat roofs and simulated parapets flank each end of the main part of the structure. The station is oriented on a north-south axis with a long covered loading area on the east side, and a smaller covered loading area on the west side.

The east and west elevations are organized into three bays, the central bay being emphasized by a brick parapet which serves as a marquee for the railroad company. This bay is further set off by brick quoins at each end, and the alternating use of segmental and triangular pedimented arches over the windows. Three triangle pedimented arched windows are located in each second storey end bay. All windows on the ground floor have flat arched windows, three per bay. The end elevations have four windows on each storey.

The most significant feature of the station is the exterior embellishment. The entire entablature of the upper storey is made of terra cotta. It is exceptionally ornate, exhibiting the influence of Louis Henry Sullivan in its floral and fruit embellishment of the cornice, soffit, and extended frieze. The projecting cornice is decorated at regular intervals with bouquets, and underneath, by muted brackets inlaid with acanthus leaves. The soffit is panelled with a floral ornament centered in each panel. A band of egg-and-dart ornamentation and dentils complete the cornice. The frieze has been widened until it incorporates the pedimented arches of the second storey windows. A continuous cornice band connects all of the window arches of the upper storey windows.

The enlarged frieze is exceptional in the use of terra cotta ribbon and draping fruit band and cartouches. Fruit wreaths with conical fruit filled baskets infill the pedimented arches of each upper storey window, complementing the ornate entablature.

The interior ground floor of the main building is organized into five bays. A central two storey concourse fills two bays. The restaurant and dining hall occupied the two north bays, and a baggage room the remaining south bay. The second storey spaces served as general business offices of the railroad, as did the one storey wings.

The interior spaces of the station are essentially unadorned. However, the original ceiling of the two storey concourse was exceptional with its coved corners creating a semi-vault. This was covered with a terra cotta ornamental tile and heavy cornice.

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7. Description (Choctaw Route Station - Page 2)

The internal structural support for the roof and upper floor is provided by a series of two storey brick columns nineteen feet apart, and brick arches spanning the distance between the columns and the solid brick exterior walls. Four of these arcades create the five bay interior space organization, spanning the shorter dimension of the station. A molded trim is used throughout and walls are plaster on brick.

The station has undergone one major interior renovation (date unknown). A new suspended plaster ceiling was installed which lowered the ceiling height about six feet, thus leaving it thirty-five feet above the concourse floor. All arch openings were enclosed. Interior trim for doors and windows was replaced and plaster caps, moldings and ornaments on the arches were removed.

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| <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/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | osophy | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | itarian | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

During the latter half of the nineteenth century the growth of railroads in the United States paralleled the economic growth of the country. The continuous expansion of railroad track brought about a corresponding need for more railroad terminal buildings. Varying in size, shape and material of construction, these railroad stations were built all over the Nation

Though railroad stations once covered the country, a large percentage of these structures have disappeared. The diminished importance of railroad traffic has resulted in the deterioration and/or destruction of many terminals. As the number of stations diminishes, the significance of those remaining increases. Arkansas still has a number of railroad stations, and the continued preservation of these stations is important to both the architectural and transportation history of the state.

Located in Little Rock's historic Quapaw Quarter district is the Choctaw Route Station. This turn-of-the-century railroad depot is one of the finest examples of railroad architecture in Arkansas.

It is a two storey rectangular structure with one storey wings projecting from both the north and south elevations. A long one storey porch covers the passenger loading area along the entire east elevation, with a smaller porch over the entry on the west elevation.

The most interesting feature of this red brick building is the highly decorative terra cotta frieze surrounding the second storey. Inset into this intricately adorned frieze are the window heads of the second storey windows. Unlike the plain window heads on the first floor, those on the second floor have alternating pedimented and segmental arched heads.

The Choctaw Route Station was built in 1899 by the Choctaw, Oklahoma and Gulf Railroad. This railroad amalgamated with many small lines in Oklahoma and extended into Arkansas in the early 1890's. Used as a passenger station, the Little Rock terminal building housed two waiting rooms, a baggage room, restaurant and dining room.

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8. Significance (Choctaw Route Station - Page 2)

When the Choctaw, Oklahoma and Gulf Railroad was sold in 1902, the Choctaw Route Station became the property of Rock Island Railroad. Until the mid 1950's it continued to serve as a passenger station for Rock Island. Now owned by the Arkansas Building Company the building, though not in use, remains in good condition.

The Choctaw Route Station is an architecturally significant commercial structure in the most historic section of the state's largest city. As a well preserved turn-of-the-century railroad station it is also historically significant.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Hull, Clifton E. Railroading in Arkansas. Arkansas History Commission, Microfilm Collection.
Insurance Maps of Little Rock. New York: Sanborn-Perri's Map Company, 1908.
 Woods, Stephen E. "Development of Arkansas Railroads." Arkansas Historical Quarterly, Vol. VII (Autumn, 1948).

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		34 ° 44 ' 43.1 "	92 ° 45 ' 32.1 "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than 1 acre

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

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

NAME AND TITLE:
 Anthony S. Riddle and Dianna Kirk, Historian

ORGANIZATION: Arkansas Historic Preservation Program DATE: 12-10-74

STREET AND NUMBER:
"The Old State House" 300 West Markham

CITY OR TOWN: Little Rock STATE: Arkansas CODE: 05

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: William E. Henderson
 William E. Henderson

Title: State Historic Preservation Officer

Date: December 10, 1974

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date: _____

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7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPH)

NE 1/4 ALEXANDER 15' QUADRANGLE

CONWAY 32 MI. (VIA U.S. 65)
 0.5 MI. TO JUNG. U.S. 65

IVESVILLE 10 MI.
 WOODLAND HEIGHTS 7.9 MI.

17'30" | 1 910 000 FEET

564 |

1.7 MI. TO NORTH TERMINAL
 INTERCHANGE

90-15'

ARKANSAS



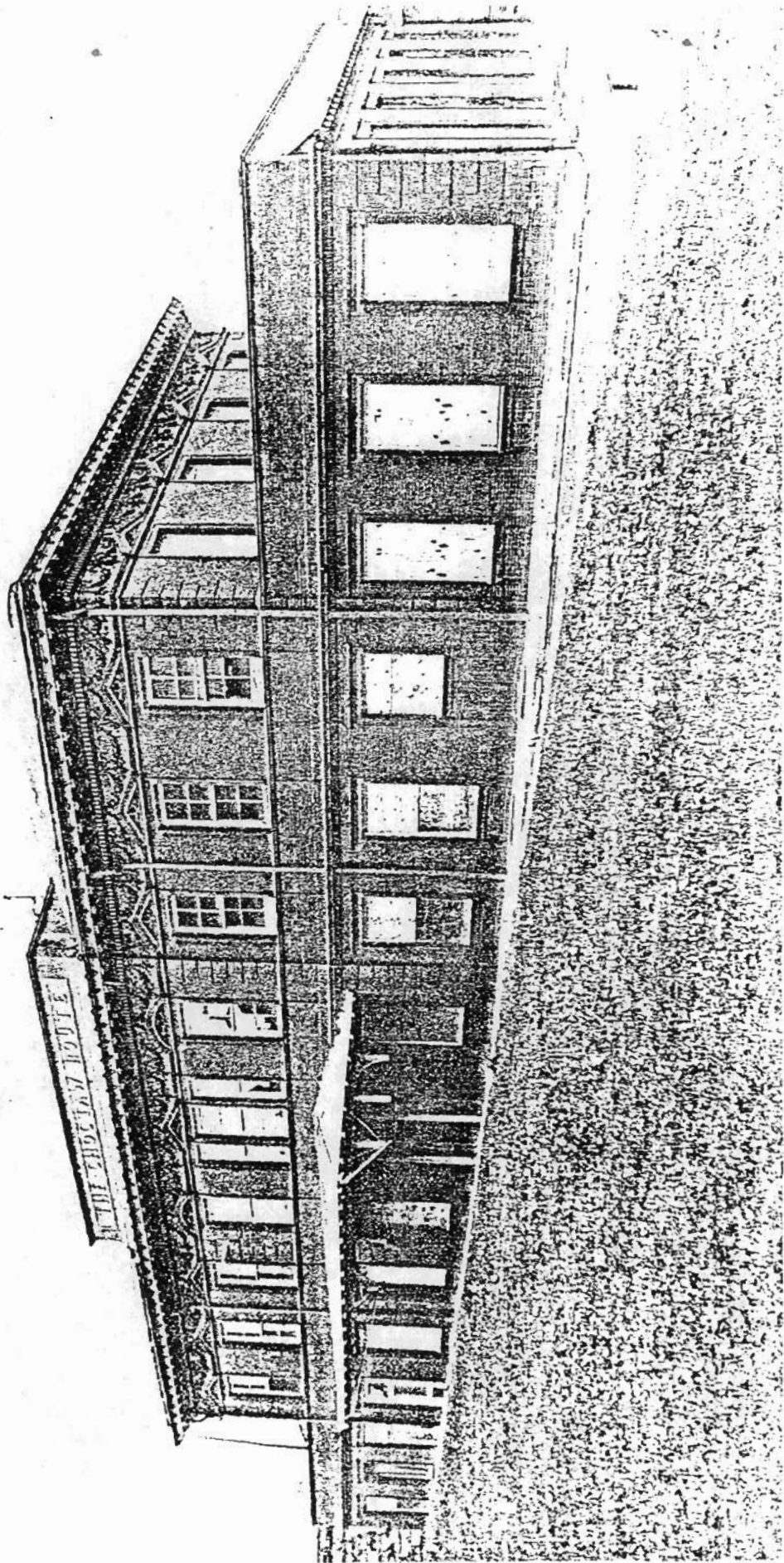
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PROPERTY MAP FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

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Choctaw Route Station	Rock Island Station	
2. LOCATION STATE	COUNTY	TOWN
Arkansas	Pulaski	Little Rock
STREET AND NUMBER		
East Third Street and the Rock Island Railroad		
3. MAP REFERENCE SOURCE	DATE	SCALE
U.S.G.S. 7.5 Minute Little Rock Quadrangle	1961 Photorevised 1970	1/24000

REQUIREMENTS: PROPERTY BOUNDARIES, WHERE REQUIRED, AND NORTH ARROW.



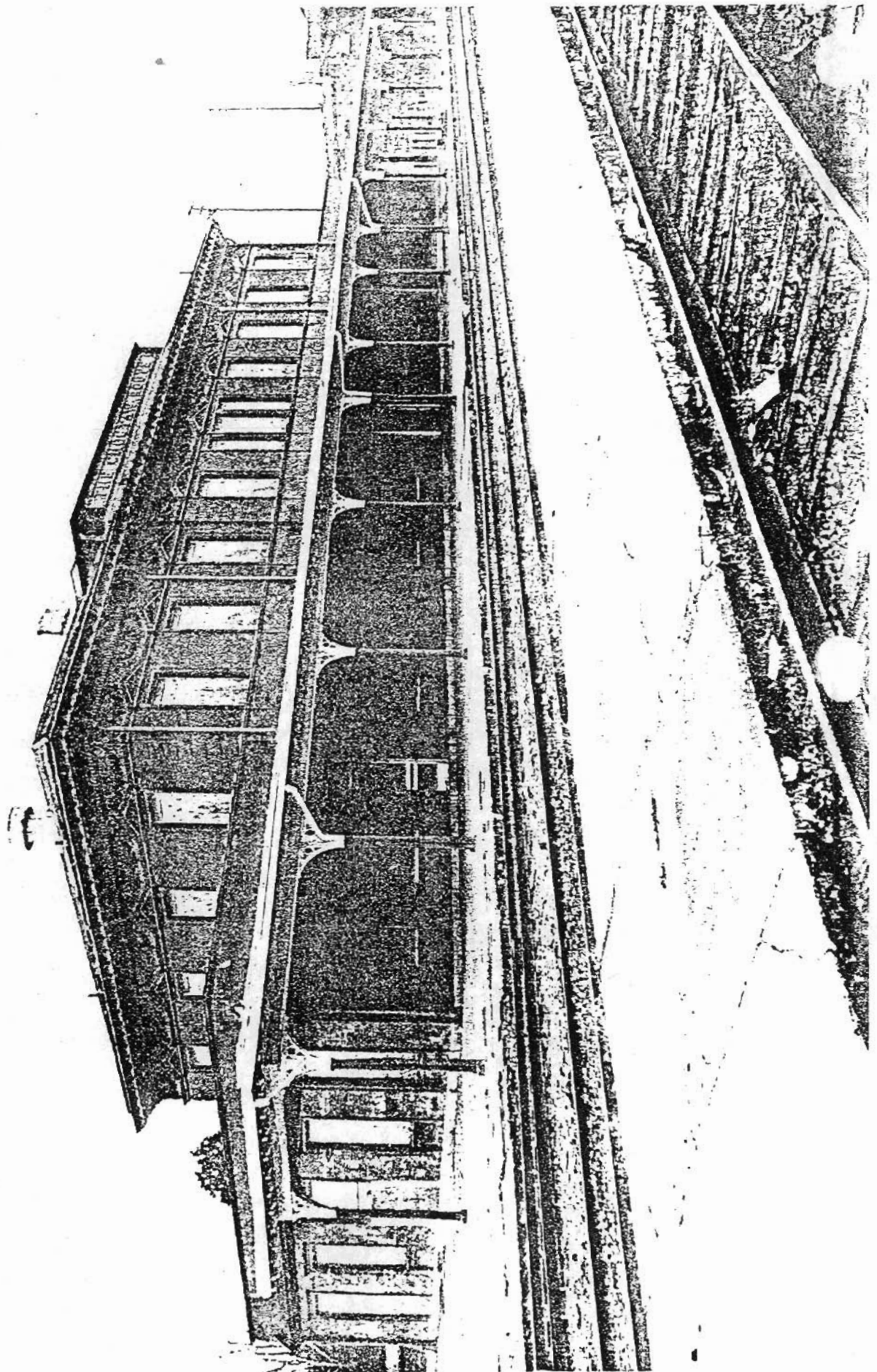
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PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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Arkansas	Pulaski	Little Rock	
STREET AND NUMBER			
East Third and Rock Island Railroad			
3. PHOTO REFERENCE PHOTO CREDIT		DATE	NEGATIVE FILED AT
Robert Dunn		November, 1974	Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.			

West elevation, viewed from the southwest



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NAME

HISTORIC Choctaw Route Station

AND/OR COMMON

Rock Island Station



LOCATION

CITY, TOWN Little Rock

—VICINITY OF

COUNTY Pulaski

STATE Arkansas



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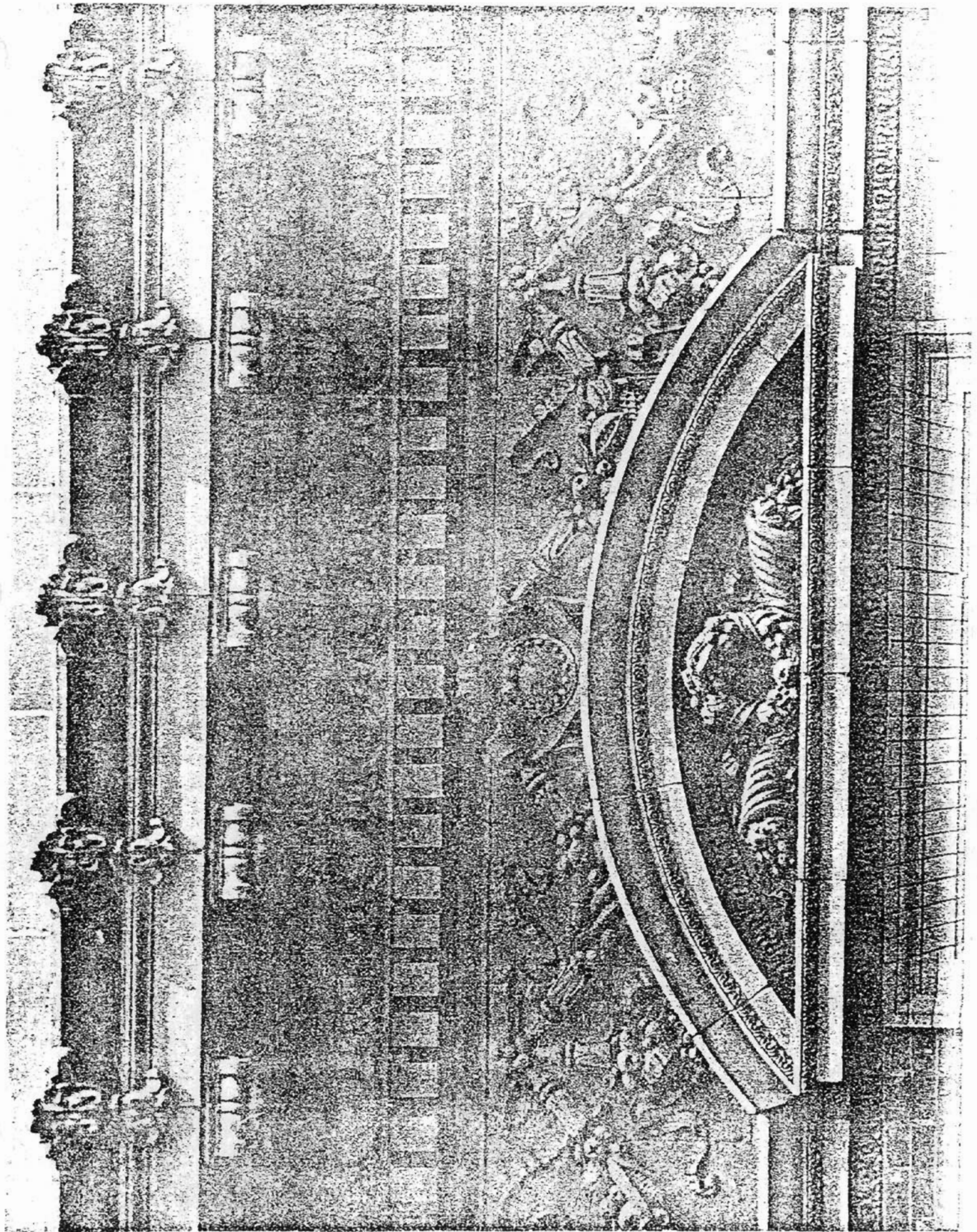
Arkansas Historic Preservation Program



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DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT. GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET
east elevation, viewed from the southeast

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LOCATION

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STATE Arkansas



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detail of terra cotta frieze

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