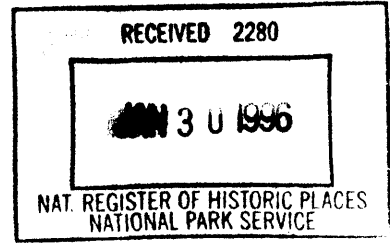


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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Illinois Central Railroad Passenger Depot

other names/site number Hazlehurst Depot

2. Location

street & number 138 North Ragsdale Avenue N/A not for publication

city or town Hazlehurst N/A vicinity

state Mississippi code MS county Copiah code 29 zip code 39083

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, 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. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Kenneth H. P'Neal January 23, 1996
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer
State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the 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:)

Edson H. Beall
Signature of the Keeper
Entered in the
National Register

Date of Action
3/1/96

Name of Property

County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property

(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	0	buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1	0	Total

Name of related multiple property listing

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Historic and Architectural Resources of

Copiah County, Mississippi

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

Transportation: rail-related

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

Commerce/Trade: specialty store

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

Other: Railroad Vernacular

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation concrete

walls brick

roof asphalt

other

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

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 # _____

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Transportation

Period of Significance

c. 1925-1945

Significant Dates

c. 1925

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

Illinois Central Railroad Passenger Depot
Name of Property

Copiah County, Mississippi
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property less than one acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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 See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Brenda R. Crook/Architectural Historian

organization Mississippi Department of Archives & History date November 27, 1995

street & number P.O. Box 571 telephone (601) 359-6940

city or town Jackson state MS zip code 39205-0571

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Mrs. Sandra Y. Deaton

street & number 138 N. Ragsdale Avenue telephone (601) 894-2455

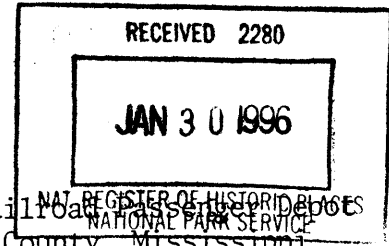
city or town Hazlehurst state MS zip code 39083

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Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Projects (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

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7. DESCRIPTION

Located one-and-one-half blocks northeast of the Copiah County Courthouse on North Ragsdale Avenue (formerly West Railroad Avenue), the Illinois Central Railroad Passenger Depot in Hazlehurst is a one-story, brick-veneered building resting on a concrete foundation and crowned by a hip roof with widely overhanging, flared eaves. The walls are finished with brick laid in running bond, with a soldier course at the roofline. A concrete belt course encircles the building and serves as window sills. The building was constructed circa 1925 and retains a high degree of architectural integrity.

The west elevation, which faces Ragsdale Avenue, has ten bays. All window openings are Craftsman-style, three-over-one, double-hung sash unless otherwise described. From left to right (north to south) the openings are as follows: short, paired windows; paired windows; double-leaf panelled and glazed doors topped by a five-light transom; paired windows; a box bay having two short windows; paired windows; double-leaf, panelled and glazed doors with a five-light transom; paired windows; and a sliding freight door with five-light glazed panel in the upper section.

The east, or track side, elevation has nine bays, which contain from left to right (south to north) a sliding wood freight door with 10-light upper glazed panel; paired windows; double-leaf panelled and glazed doors topped by a five-light transom; paired windows; a boxed observation bay crowned by a gable-on-hip roof and containing a trio of three-over-one windows and two two-over-one windows; paired windows; double-leaf panelled and glazed wood doors with a five-light transom; and two pairs of windows.

The north elevation contains two bays having short, paired, three-light windows with concrete sills. The south elevation has three bays: the center bay has a single, short window while the outer bays have paired windows.

The interior of the building has a linear plan, containing from south to north, the luggage and freight area, the "colored waiting room," ticket office, "white waiting room," and the original bathrooms. The wall between the luggage and freight area and the "colored waiting room" did not originally open into the remainder of the depot, but a doorway and window opening have been added to make this area usable as shop space. The interior of the depot retains its ticket windows,

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five-panel doors with plain trim and molded lintels, and window trim. The original flooring is extant in half of the building, and the southernmost room retains its beaded board walls and ceilings. The building is currently used as a frame and gift shop.

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8. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Illinois Central Railroad Passenger Depot in Hazlehurst is locally significant under Criterion A in the area of transportation, representing the importance of rail transportation to the history and development of Copiah County. Rail transportation was vital to the economy of the county, providing ready access to markets for agricultural products and manufactured goods. In addition to transporting goods to market, the Illinois Central Railroad played an important role in the truck farming industry by developing specialized facilities and services to assist growers and local shippers. The Hazlehurst depot derives further significance from the fact that it is the only extant depot in Copiah County. The period of significance extends from circa 1925, when the depot was built, to 1945, the end of World War II and fifty years prior to the current date. (The associated historic context developed in the MPS cover document entitled "Historic and Architectural Resources of Copiah County, Mississippi" and represented by this property is "Copiah County's Development from the Post-Bellum Period to the End of World War II, 1866-1945.")

The first railroad line through Copiah County, the New Orleans, Jackson, and Great Northern (NOJ&GN) Railroad, was completed on March 31, 1858, and Hazlehurst was established about that time along the rail line. The Illinois Central Railroad purchased the assets of the NOJ&GN in 1877, merging that line with the Mississippi Central to form the Chicago, St. Louis and New Orleans Railroad, which was controlled by the Illinois Central and subsequently consolidated into that system in 1882.

Although three rail lines historically ran through Copiah County, only the old NOJ&GN (now Illinois Central) line has not been abandoned. The tracks of the other two lines through the county have been removed. (See the MPS cover document for a history of the railroad in Copiah County.) The only depot remaining in Copiah County is the Illinois Central Railroad Depot in Hazlehurst. The depot retains a high degree of architectural integrity and currently houses a gift and frame shop.

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Verbal Boundary Description: A parcel of land situated in the SW 1/4
SW 1/4 of Section 3, Township 10 North, Range 8 East, City of
Hazlehurst, Copiah County, Mississippi, described as follows: From a
point in the center of Green Street, said point being 150.0 feet
westerly from the center of the northbound track of the Illinois
Central Gulf Railroad; thence run southerly and parallel to said
railroad and the east right-of-way line of Ragsdale Street for 156.0
feet to the point of beginning; thence continue south along the east
line of Ragsdale Street for 174.0 feet; thence turn left through an
angle of 90 degrees and run easterly for 110.0 feet, more or less, to
a point that is 25 feet westerly from the center of the southbound
track; thence run northerly and parallel to the southbound track for
174.0 feet; thence turn left through an angle of 90 degrees and run
westerly for 110.0 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification: The boundary being nominated includes the
depot and its immediate setting and is the parcel of land presently
owned by the current property owner.



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Brenda R. Crook

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South and east elevations, view to Northwest

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Southernmost room of interior, view to Southeast

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