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- Published materials including newspaper and magazine clippings
- · Bound material including brochures and pamphlets
- Microfiche
- Negatives (photocopy any contact sheets and clip to negatives)
- Computer disks or CDs
- . Documents
- Items over 17 x 11

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The D & hG Depot in Castle Rock, Colorado is a single detached structure of rectangular plan measuring 24' X 40'. On the side is a portice from which switching and telegraphy could be performed. The building is 12 stories with a tin roof. There is a crawl space underneath the structure. It was built of native rhyolite stone, a volcanic rock, quarried within a mile of its original and present location.

This railway station is distinctive with its wood-carved buttressing supporting walls and large, overhanging roofline. Over each doorway is a transom. Over each window is a lintel with slipsills underneath. The walls are of double-stone thickness, cut stone, coursed.

On the interior are the original teller cages, switches and ticket cabinetry, In what was the luggage and shipping room (now the livingroom) a 20' high natural rock wall with names and dates dating back to 1875 are found. Overhead are massive wooden beams connected to the outside carved buttresses mentioned above.

The depot was built by Benjamin Hammar, now buried in the Castle Rock cemetary. Hammar constructed the original Denver Union Terminal in downtown Denver. Although the architect is not known, the original ink and water color architectual renderings have been donated by the Rio Grande and hang inside the building.

This structure is one of Colorado's older original buildings. Its "authentic" Victorian railway motief gives it a uniqueness in "Colorado architecture". Otherwise slated for destruction, the station was moved off its original site by its present owners in 1970. It stands just several blocks away and sustained very little damage from the move --which saved the building from being torn down.

Due to the permanence of this structure, the U.S. Coast & Geological Survey located the Castle Rock Station as a "Benchmark" for elevation purposes.

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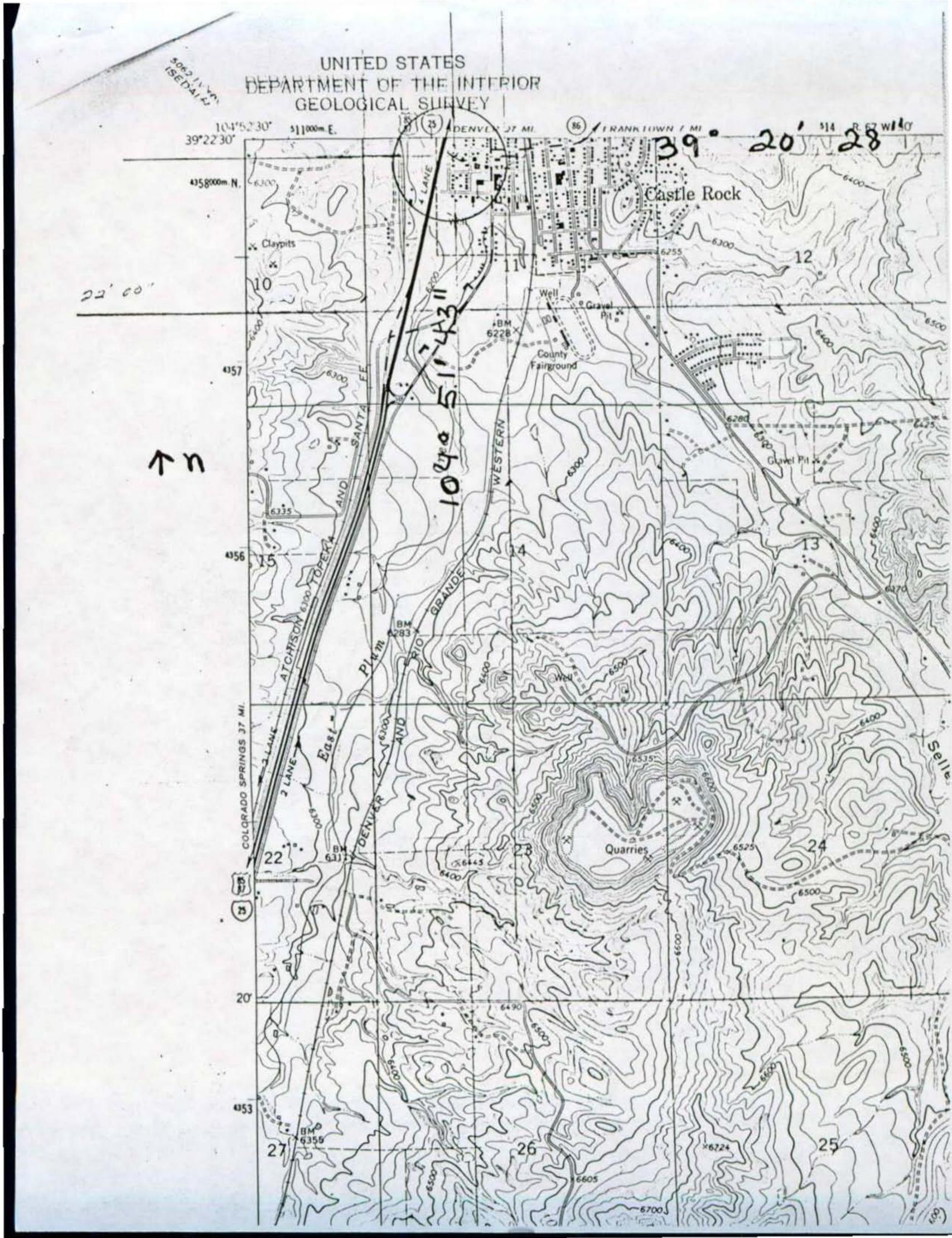
Several years before Colorado Statehood, Gen. Wm. Jackson Palmer was constructing his initial railhead between Denver and Pueblo. That link was completed between 1871-72. Colorado Springs was a mere village. The town of Castle kock was platted in 1874. Only a few stone railroad depots were constructed by the D & RG (or any of the railroads). Neither town records or those kept by the D & RG recount a specific date of construction --since the building was a public utility and the D & RG was being run by the Sante Fe R.R. in that time of hardship. But by dates on the walls and by dates of manufacture of hardware, the year of construction was placed at 1875.

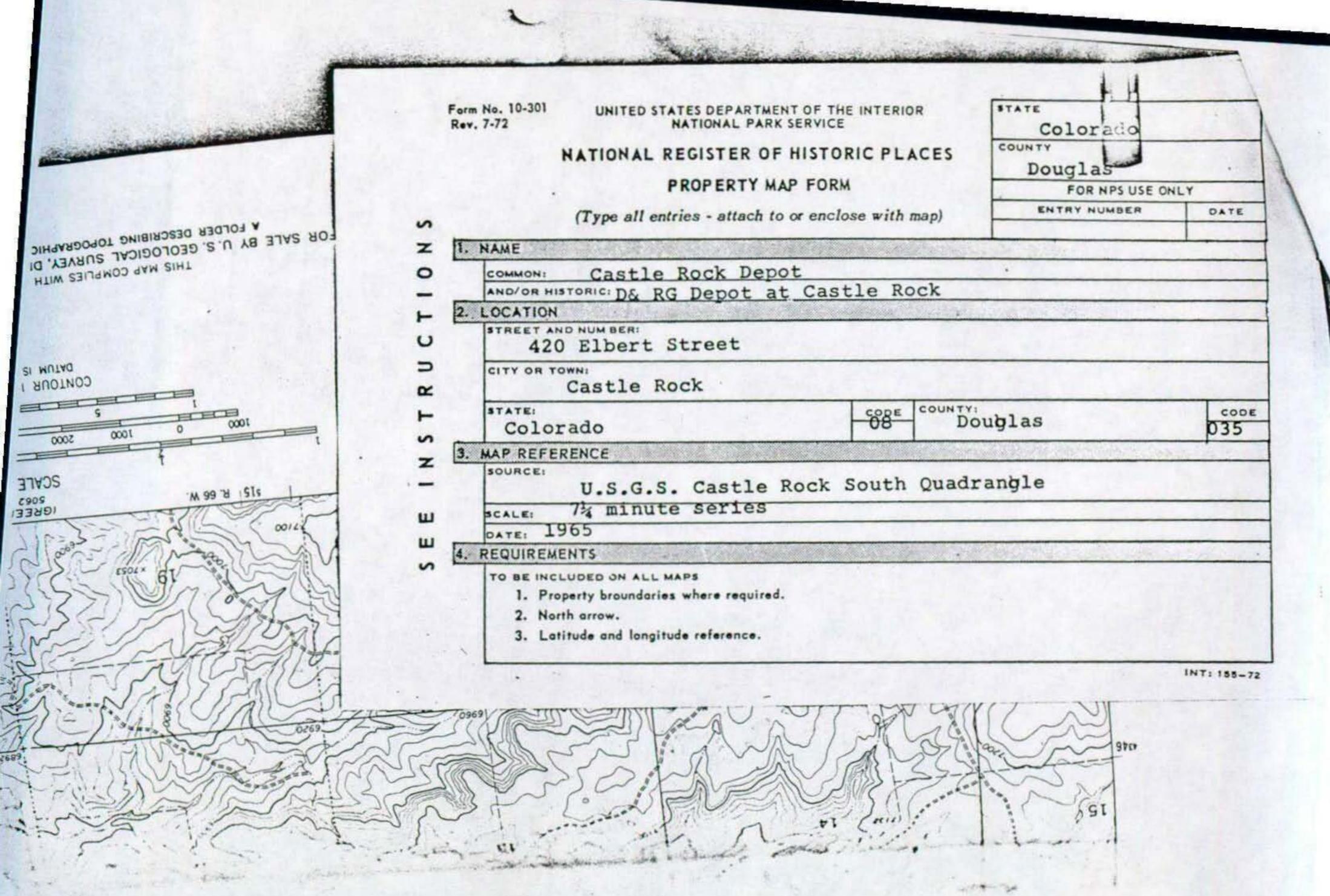
Unlike many other railroad depots, this one at Castle Rock was not added onto or otherwise "defaced". Probably due to the fact that Castle Rock itself did not witness tremendous growth as a town such as Littleton, or did not wither and die. Yet the Denver & hio Grande railroad did grow and make a giant contribution to the State of Colorado. This building stands as a graphic reminder of that pact.

Undoubtedly many famous personages and some noteworthy events have happened in or nearby this old structure. One lady ticket agent working there after the turn of the century standardly carried a pistol strapped to her side as she has written. Yet, unlike the names and dates written in carbon black on the interior walls, other history on this place is lost or unknown.

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The Director of the National Park Service
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is pleased to inform you that the historic property listed on the enclosed sheet has been nominated by the State Historic Preservation Officer responsible for your State's implementation of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, P.L. 89-665 (80 Stat. 915), as amended. It has accordingly been entered in the National Register of Historic Places. A leaflet explaining the National Register is enclosed for your information and convenience.

Enclosures

