

# Wisconsin Historical Society: Menomonie Omaha Depot placed on the State Register of Historic Places

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Menomonie, Wis. – The Wisconsin Historical Society placed the Menomonie Omaha Depot in Menomonie, Dunn County on the State Register of Historic Places on May 18, 2018.

The Menomonie Omaha Depot is significant for its association with the growth and expansion of railroad transportation, and the history of transportation in Menomonie. From the mid-eighteenth century to the mid-nineteenth century, rail travel was the primary means of transportation in the United States. Fledgling communities vied for railroad companies to build rail lines through their towns. The arrival of the railroad often precipitated economic expansion and population growth.

As a result, the railroad depot became a nexus of social and commercial interaction. This is true here, as this depot shows how the railroad industry and the passenger depot enhanced the growth of the small logging town of Menomonie, Wisconsin.

The State Register is Wisconsin’s official list of state properties determined to be significant to Wisconsin’s heritage. The State Historic Preservation Office at the Wisconsin Historical Society administers both the State Register and National Register in Wisconsin.