

# Wisconsin Historical Society: The Menomonie Omaha Depot listed in National Register of Historic Places

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## **The Menomonie Omaha Depot listed in National Register of Historic Places**

Menomonie, Wis. – The Wisconsin Historical Society has announced the listing of the Menomonie Omaha Depot in Menomonie, Dunn County, in the National Register of Historic Places. National Register designation provides access to certain benefits, including qualification for grants and for rehabilitation income tax credits, while it does not restrict private property owners in the use of their property.

The Menomonie Omaha Depot helps tell the history of 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 Menomonie, Wisconsin, at the time, a small logging town.

The register is the official national list of historic properties in America deemed worthy of preservation and is maintained by the National Park Service in the U.S. Department of the Interior. The Wisconsin Historical Society administers the

program within Wisconsin. It includes sites, buildings, structures, objects and districts that are significant in national, state or local history, architecture, archaeology, engineering or culture.

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