HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME)

New London Railroad Station (Union Railroad Station)

SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE

Union Railroad Station

COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES)

State Street Vicinity

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE)

1886-1887

ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)

Henry Hobson Richardson

SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE)

This railroad station was designed by H.H. Richardson just before his death. It is one example of Richardson's notable later works of excellent design. Although Richardson died before the building was completed, his associates at Shepley, Rutan and Coolidge probably just finished the original plan Richardson executed.

STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)

MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS)

Brick

SIZE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE)

Rectangular, 2½ stories

EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE

Hip roof with low dormers and two gables, hipped dormers, center double door with fan light, 2nd story project outward

INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)

Waiting room with ceiling the full height of the building, exposed wooden ceiling beams

MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES

1975, extensive restoration

PRESENT CONDITION AND USE

Houses facilities for Penn Central Railroad, also restaurant, office space

OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE

The exterior has been completely restored to the original 1885 appearance during the 1975 restoration. This was the first recycled Amtrak railroad station in the nation.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.)


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