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Form 10-300
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Maryland
COUNTY:	Montgomery
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ENTRY DATE	

1. NAME

COMMON:
Rockville Railroad Station

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Rockville Station, Baltimore & Ohio Railroad

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Church Street and Baltimore Road

CITY OR TOWN:
Rockville

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
Eighth

STATE: Maryland CODE: 24 COUNTY: Montgomery CODE: 031

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>VEW Post</u>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
B & O/C & O Railroad Company

STREET AND NUMBER:
2 Charles Street (main office: Huntington, West Virginia)

CITY OR TOWN:
Baltimore

STATE: Maryland CODE: 24

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Montgomery County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
Courthouse Square

CITY OR TOWN:
Rockville

STATE: Maryland CODE: 24

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic Sites in the Bi-County Region

DATE OF SURVEY: 1969
 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:
8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Silver Spring

STATE: Maryland CODE: 24

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Rockville Station is a nineteenth-century Victorian picturesque structure with some Eastlake detailing, particularly in the roofline and gable decoration. The building is of red brick with a gabled central bay and board-and-batten dormered longitudinal wings. The pointed arch windows of the first floor facade have verigated stone voussoir block surrounds, while the architraves of the dormer windows are painted a rust-color. Continous light-colored courses run below the sills of the ground floor windows; a brickwork decorative motif runs across the facade in the central gable.

The end walls of the wings are brick and have pointed arched windows with verigated voussoir blocks both on the ground floor level and in the gable. The gable end is hipped, with an arched bracket support under the eaves. Light colored courses run beneath the sills of the ground floor and the gable windows.

The rear facade is more functionally austere, with a wing at right angles to the main body of the building decoratively marked only by a dormer window, with the dormer breaking into the eaves of the building.

The roof is covered with slate tiles laid in verigated light and dark bands. The body of the building is red brick and the woodwork is painted fawn with rust trim.

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) May 19, 1873

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Rockville B & O Station is one of the few survivors of the many picturesque county stations built along the tracks of the B & O and other 19th Century American railroads. Unlike most surviving stations, the exterior character of the Rockville station remains unmarred by unsympathetic additions or painting.

The construction of the Rockville station as part of the development of the Metropolitan Branch of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad was an important factor in the growth of the City of Rockville. The population of Rockville in 1873, the year the station opened was 670 persons. By 1890, the population had increased to 1,500, primarily because of the City's easy access to Washington via train. The coming of the station area so as to make Rockville a more attractive stopping off point for passengers desiring hotel accommodations. Because of cheap, efficient transportation (a trip from Washington cost 60 cents and took 45 minutes), Rockville soon began to enjoy some popularity as a summer resort. Local hotels prevailed upon City dwellers in Washington to enjoy the cool shade of the country with its health-giving mosquito- and malaria-free air. Summer and weekend visitors stepped off the train into horse-drawn carriages to be deposited at one of three grand hotels. Hotel proprietors boasted the presence of many of Washington's elite. Residential lots in the area known as "West End Park" were vigorously promoted by developers because of access to the railroad. Rockville's size and population expanded around the resort trade and purchasers of subdivision lots. Rockville also served as the transfer point for passengers going to Sandy Spring, Olney and Brookeville, who would complete their journey by "private conveyances."

The station and its freight sidings have had a continued influence on the development of Rockville, particularly along the Right-of-Way. At least one "long'time" Rockville business, Wire Hardware and Lumber Company, which has been in business since the late 19th century, was opened as a direct result of the location of the railroad station. The Sentinel in 1873 reported that residential development began on Baltimore Road adjacent to the station shortly after the tracks were completed.

The Rockville station was the model for the Atlas model train company's passenger station (#706-300) in HO scale, first made in the early 1960's.

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No. 8 Significance Continued.

The station will celebrate its 100th anniversary May 19, 1973. It remains in use today both as a depot for the two daily commuter trains and as a headquarters for the local chapter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

NOTE: The station is threatened by METRO.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1873 issues of the Montgomery County Sentinel, Roackville, Maryland.

Historic Montgomery County, Maryland, by Roger Brooke Farquhar.

A History of Montgomery County, by Everett B. Williams.

Peerless Rockville, by Henry Copp. Promotional booklet, 1890.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Eileen S. McGuckian, Chairperson mh

ORGANIZATION: Rockville Historic District Commission DATE: May, 1973

STREET AND NUMBER:
City Hall, 111 South Perry Street

CITY OR TOWN: Rockville STATE: Maryland CODE: _____

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION **NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

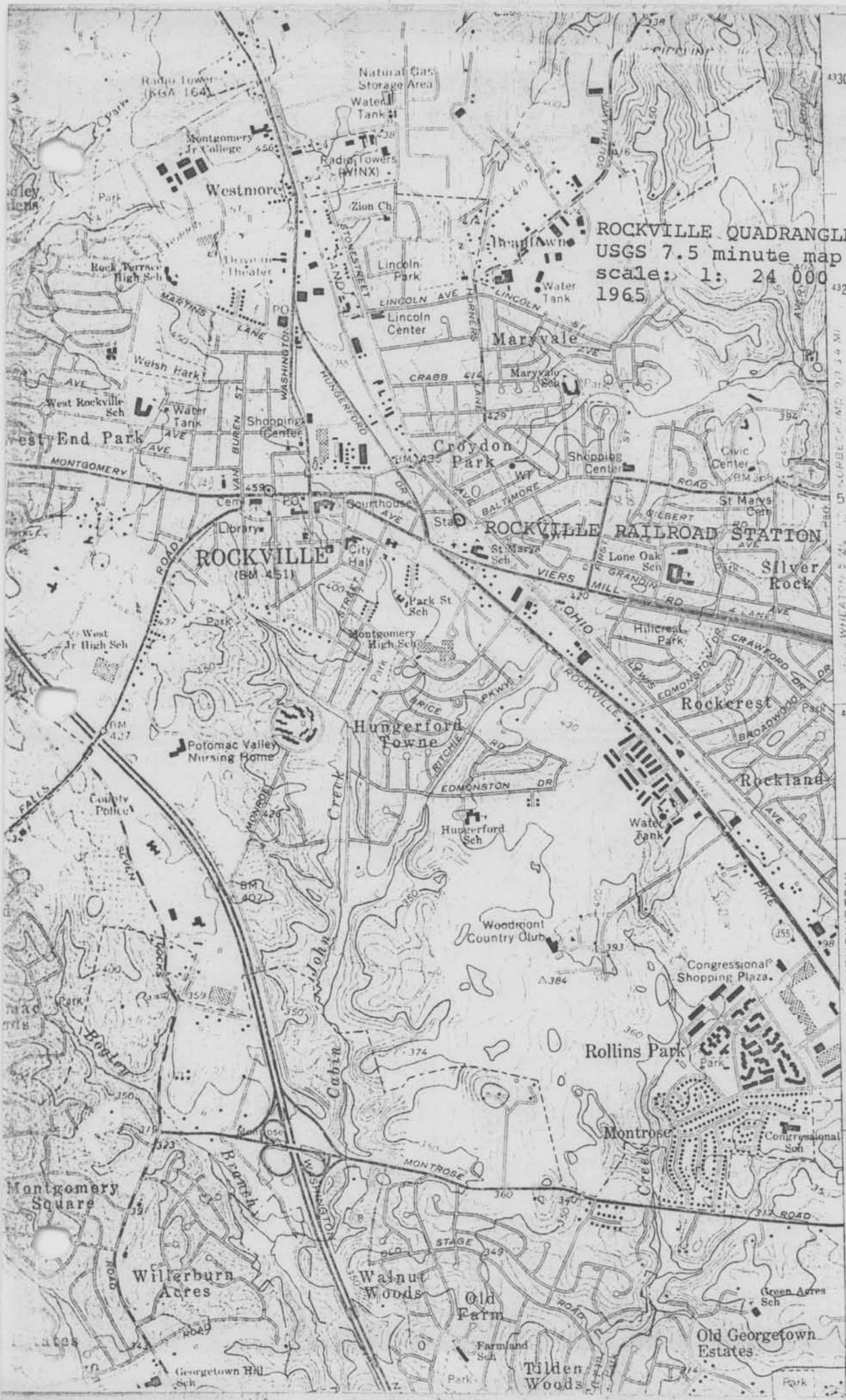
<p>As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:</p> <p>National <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Title _____</p> <p>Date _____</p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p>_____ <i>Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</i></p> <p>Date _____</p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p>_____ <i>Keeper of The National Register</i></p> <p>Date _____</p>
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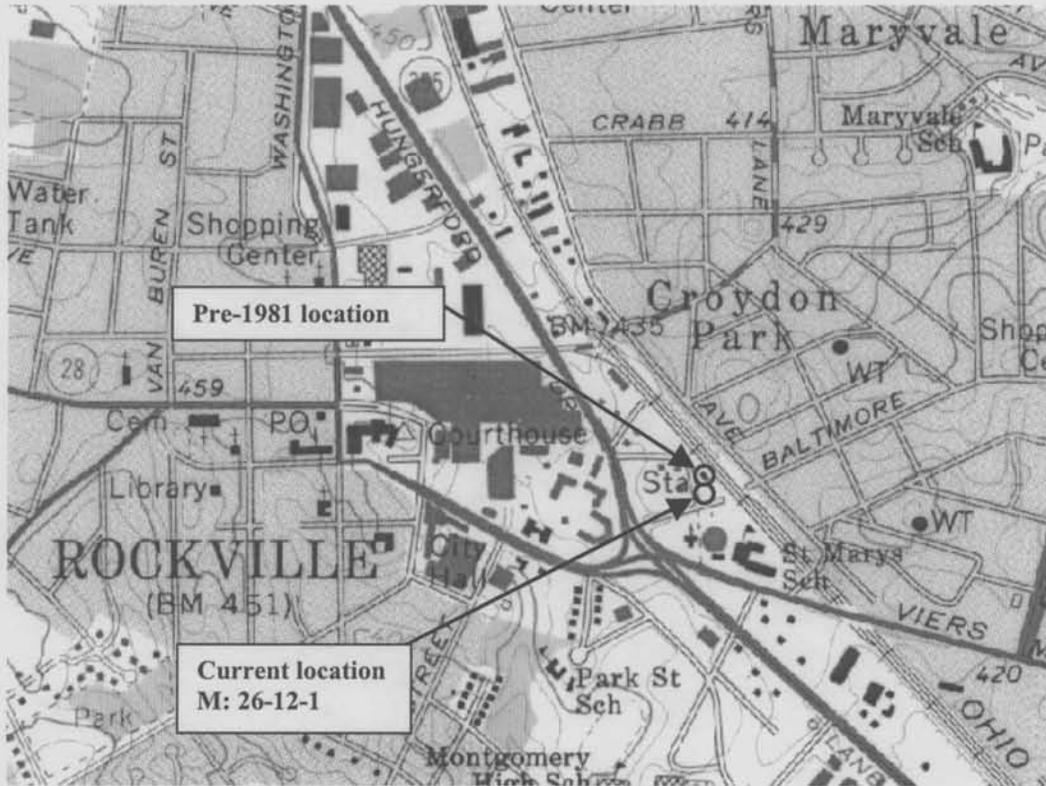
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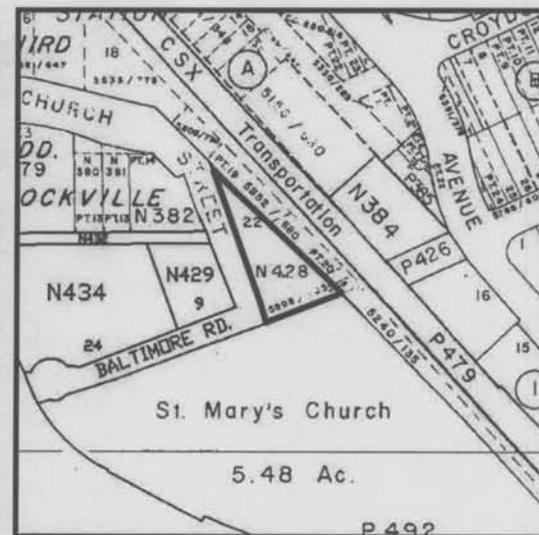
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 Rockville Railroad Station
 (Rockville Station, B & O Railroad)
 98 Church Street
 Rockville Quadrangle



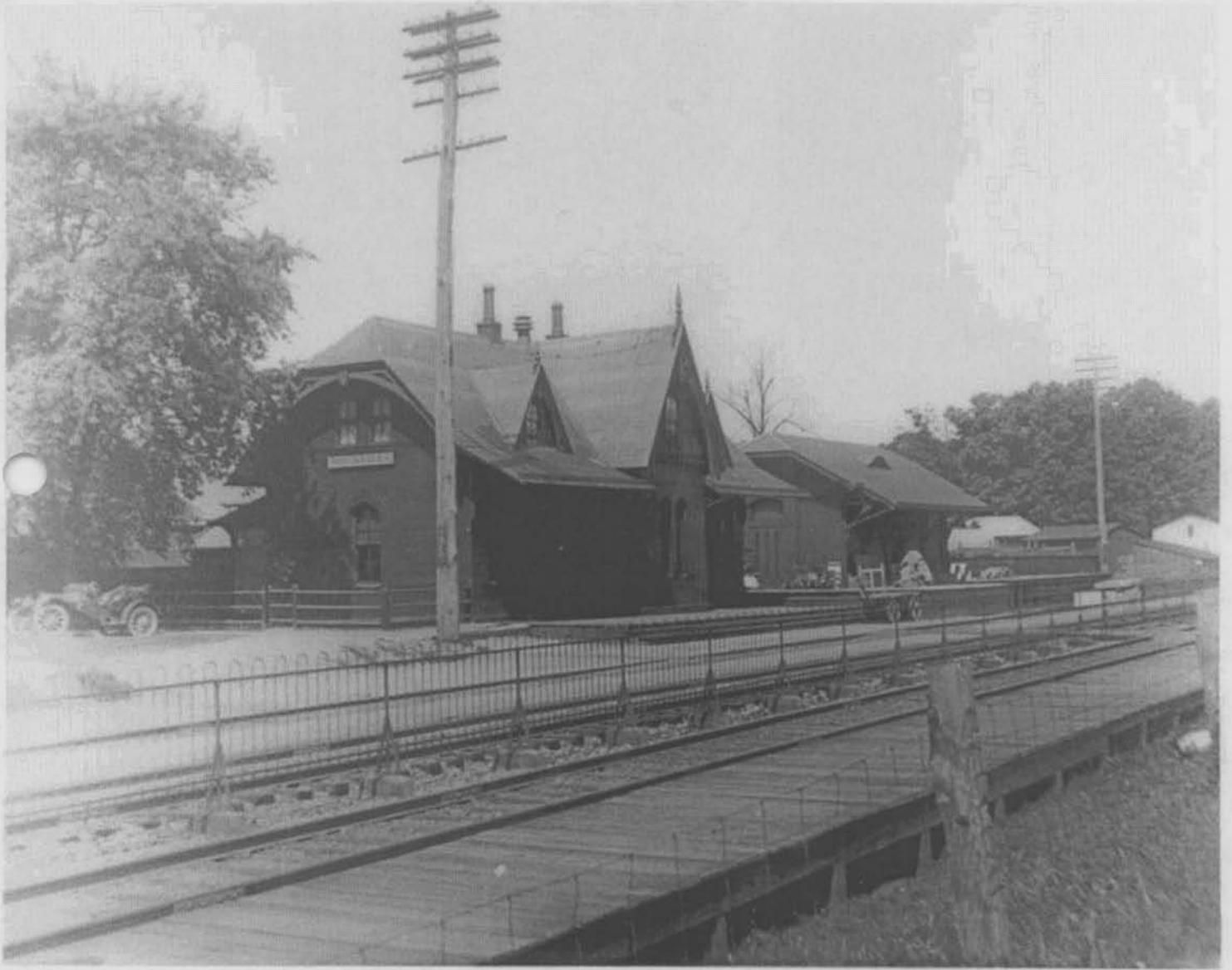
1993-94 Aerial Photo



Tax Map GR42



Rockville Railroad Station & Freight House with
Dr. George Lewis' EMF Studebaker automobile.





Rockville Railroad Station

Relocating the 400-ton Passenger Station, 1981. Photo by John Spano won children's color category in contest sponsored by Peerless Rockville.





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NAME BYO STATION (Rockville Railroad Station)

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