

SUMMARY OF NOMINATION INFORMATION IN HPO FILES

(REVISED 1/2000)

NAME Princeton RR Station

COUNTY Monroe

MUNICIPALITY Princeton Borough

Type:

Individual 9

Historic District

Multiple Property X

DATE OF LISTING

New Jersey Register

National Register

3-17-1984

9-29-1984

NOMINATION FORM

HPO FILES

Nomination form (if there are
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RF: OPERATING RR STA

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Photographs (Indicate number)

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

N.J.H.S.I.#

Newspaper/Magazine Articles

HABS

Other (please specify)

Draft Nomination

Correspondence

Contextual Data

STAFF MEMBER Long Kersch

DATE 8-1-2001

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Survey # 1-6

NEW JERSEY TRANSIT RAILROAD STATION SURVEY

1. IDENTIFICATION

- A. Name: Common Princeton Historic Line: NE Corridor (Pennsylvania)
- B. Address or location: University Place Princeton, NJ (ca. 400' E. of Alexander St.) County: Mercer Municipality: Princeton Borough Block & lot: part of 45.01/4
- C. Owner's name: NJ Transit Address: Newark, NJ
- D. Location of legal description: Recorder of Deeds, Mercer County Courthouse, 209 South Broad Street, Trenton, N.J. 08607
- E. Representation in existing surveys: (give number, category, etc., as appropriate)

HABS _____ HAER _____ ELRR Improvement _____ NY&LB Improvement _____

Plainfield Corridor _____ NR(name, if HD) Princeton H.D. 6/28/75

NJSR (name, if HD) Princeton H.D. 10/29/73

NJHSI (#) _____

Northeast Corridor _____

Local _____ (date _____)

Modernization Study: site plan ☒ floor plan ☒ aerial photo _____

other views ☒ photos of NR quality? ☒

2. EVALUATION

- A. Determination of eligibility: SHPO comment? _____ (date _____)
NR det.? _____ (date _____)

- B. Potentially eligible for NR: yes ☒ possible _____ no _____
individual _____ thematic ☒

- C. Survey Evaluation: 130/165 points

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3. DESCRIPTION--COMPLEX IN GENERAL

Describe the entire railroad complex at this site; mention all buildings and structures, with notation of which are not historic. Check items which apply and discuss in narrative:

☐ Moved buildings (original location, date of and reason for move)
☐ Any non-railroad uses in complex (military recruiting, etc.)
☐ Any unusual railroad building types, such as crew quarters, etc. (specify)
☐ Known threats to complex or individual structures

Surroundings: ☐ urban ☐ suburban ☒ scattered buildings ☐ open space
☒ residential ☐ woodland ☐ agricultural ☐ industrial
☐ downtown commercial ☐ highway commercial ☒ other (specify) University campus
to NE

Relationship of station grade to track grade:

☒ Station and track grade at same level ☐ Station at street grade, track depressed
☐ Station spans track ☐ Track elevated above street grade, multi-level station

of tracks: 1 + siding

Pedestrian access across tracks:

☐ Pedestrian bridge: ☐ at street grade ☐ elevated
☐ Pedestrian/vehicular bridge: ☐ at street grade ☐ elevated
☐ Tunnel
☒ None provided

Discuss character of vehicular and pedestrian approaches to complex; landscaping; relationship to parking. Refer to, and key with, site plan.

The Princeton complex is located on a relatively open site at the S edge of the Princeton University campus. It consists of a 1½-story stone station, tracks, platform and canopy aligned generally N-S and a 1½-story stone freight house, located ca. 150' S of the station. There is small parking lot (1) SW of the Freight House, while additional parking is available along University Place (2) to the NW, W and SW. Pedestrian access is unrestricted. Bordering the tracks on the E is a high hedge, which visually separates station and campus. Both station and shelter are in Collegiate Gothic style.

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3. DESCRIPTION--PLATFORMS AND CANOPIES

 X Inbound 400' asphalt platform, edged discontinuously with an iron pipe
 rail. There are (2) original incandescent fixtures mounted
 Outbound on cast iron poles.
 Between tracks

Nature and extent of existing original material and alterations: roof type, material, supports; freestanding or attached to building; seating; lighting; signage; other.

The inbound canopy at Princeton is 17 bays long, the S six of which are attached to the E facade of the Freight House. At its N end the canopy is attached to the E facade entry to the station. A very shallow gabled roof with a wood frame is supported on a single row of wood columns with wood brackets and concrete bases. Tie beams have shaped ends. An incandescent lighting fixture with circular metal shade hangs from the framing in each bay. Hanging E of the Freight House door is a board sign (red, gold type and border). Materials appear original.

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4. DESCRIPTION - BUILDINGS (EXTERIOR)

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Account for original materials and finishes where different from existing.

Station x Shelter _____ Freight House _____ Other _____ (specify)

General architectural description, including style, shape, roof type, # stories, # bays, orientation to track, location of entrances, etc.

The station at Princeton, located W of the tracks, consists of a 1½-story rectangular block, 5 bays long and 3 wide, with a gabled roof, its ridge paralleling the tracks. Walls are coursed ashlar with limestone trim; roofing is slate. The E and W facades are essentially identical, each containing central paired doors surmounted by paired 12 pane windows in a transverse gable end and flanked on either side by (from the center) a triple grouping and a double grouping of windows. Windows are 9 pane transom over 12 pane horizontal casement, while doors are 9/2 panel. The S facade contains three windows and the N, a door with transom and 2 windows.

Although some openings are boarded, materials appear original.

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4. DESCRIPTION - BUILDINGS (EXTERIOR) CONTD.

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Station X Shelter _____ Freight House _____ Other _____ (specify)

EXTERIOR MATERIALS AND SYSTEMS:

	<u>Original</u>	<u>Existing, if different</u>
Structural system:	<u>bearing wall/frame roof</u>	_____
Foundation:	<u>stone</u>	_____
Base course:	<u>tooled granite</u>	_____
Walls:	<u>coursed ashlar</u>	_____
Trim:	<u>limestone, surrounds, sills, gable end coping</u>	_____
Doors:	<u>9/2 panel</u>	_____
Roofing:	<u>slate</u>	_____
Soffit:	<u>copper</u>	_____
Windows:	<u>12 pane casement with 9 pane transom</u>	_____
Lighting:	<u>incand. fixs.</u>	<u>none</u>
Signage:	<u>unknown</u>	<u>none</u>
Drainage:	<u>copper gutters and downspouts</u>	_____
Other:	<u>copper canopy over entry (W) chimney with rectangular base, polygonal pot, ashlar with limestone trim (E side of roof)</u>	<u>missing</u>

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4. DESCRIPTION - BUILDINGS (INTERIOR)

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Station x Shelter _____ Freight House _____ Other _____ (specify)

General architectural description of all spaces, including original materials and finishes, if known, any remodeling, etc.

The spaces of the Princeton station are on one level. The central half of the block comprises the Waiting Room, while the S quarter comprises the Ticket Office, and the N quarter, a short hall with the Ladies' Room to the W and Men's Room to the E. The Men's Room is accessible only from an exterior door in the N facade, and the basement, from an exterior stairway adjoining the E facade. The Waiting Room has a terrazzo floor, paneled wainscot and plastered walls and ceiling. The ceiling is barrel vaulted with a groin vault in the center on axis with the doors. Other rooms have similar finishes although wainscots are beaded matched board in the Ticket Office and marble panels in the Rest Rooms. Trim consists of molded board. All materials, with the exception of lighting fixtures, (see schedule) appear original.

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4. DESCRIPTION - BUILDINGS (INTERIOR) CONTD.

STATION - ROOM AND FINISH SCHEDULE

NUMBER OF ROOMS 5NAME Waiting Room

NUMBER ON FLOOR PLAN _____

OriginalExisting, if differentFloors: terrazzo (gray) marble border (beige) _____Base: marble (beige) _____Wainscot: wood paneling, stain _____Walls: plaster (yellow paint)Ceiling: plaster, barrel vault, groin vault (yellow paint)
in centerTrim: wood molded architraves, surrounds, sills stain
stainDoors: 9/2 panel; 1/1 to office, stain _____Seating: (2) double matched board benches
(2) single matched board benches, stain _____Lighting: (3) hang. incan. fix. w/ glass urn shades
(4) incan. fix. attached to ticket window (1 missing)
surroundsOther: (4) cast iron radiators Princeton bicentennial logo
(4) marble sills at ticket window (brown) S wall
(1) free standing phone booth
(2) wall mounted phone booths (N)

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4. DESCRIPTION - BUILDINGS (INTERIOR) CONTD.

STATION - ROOM AND FINISH SCHEDULE

NUMBER OF ROOMS 5NAME Ticket OfficeNUMBER ON FLOOR PLAN

	<u>Original</u>	<u>Existing, if different</u>
Floors:	<u>board (W) terrazzo (gray, E)</u> <u>stain or varn.</u>	<u>linoleum</u>
Base:	<u>board (W)marble (beige, E)</u>	<u>(green paint)</u>
Wainscot:	<u>vert. match, board (W) marble (beige,</u> <u>stain or varn. SE cor.)</u>	<u>(green paint)</u>
Walls:	<u>plaster</u>	<u>(lt. green paint)</u>
Ceiling:	<u>plaster, coved (attic entry)</u>	<u>(beige paint)</u>
Trim:	<u>wood molded surrounds, chairrail,</u> <u>cornice molding, stain or varn.</u>	<u>(green paint)</u> <u>(beige paint)</u>
Doors:	<u>(1/1)</u>	<u>(green paint)</u>
Seating:	<u>none</u>	<u></u>
Lighting:	<u>incand. fixs.</u>	<u>(2) hang. fluor. fixs.</u> <u>(3) hang. flour. fixs. over</u> <u>ticket window</u>
Other:	<u>(3) cast iron radiators</u> <u>built-in cabinets, counter (N)</u> <u>sink (E wall near SE corner)</u>	<u></u>

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STATION - ROOM AND FINISH SCHEDULE

NUMBER OF ROOMS 5

NAME Men's Room

NUMBER ON FLOOR PLAN

	<u>Original</u>	<u>NOT ACCESSIBLE</u>	<u>Existing, if different</u>
Floors:	_____		_____
Base:	_____		_____
Wainscot:	_____		_____
Walls:	_____		_____
Ceiling:	_____		_____
Trim:	_____		_____
Doors:	_____		_____
Seating:	_____		_____
Lighting:	_____		_____
Other:	_____		_____

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4. DESCRIPTION - BUILDINGS (INTERIOR) CONTD.

STATION - ROOM AND FINISH SCHEDULE

NUMBER OF ROOMS 5NAME Ladies' RoomNUMBER ON FLOOR PLAN OriginalExisting, if differentFloors: terrazzo (gray) marble border (beige) Base: marble (beige) Wainscot: marble (beige) wood paneling (E)Walls: plaster (yellow/blue/beige paint)Ceiling: plaster (yellow/white paint)Trim: wood molded surrounds (brown paint)
varn. or stainDoors: (1/1) Seating: none Lighting: incand. fix. (1) ceiling mounted fluor. fix.Other: marble partitions new toilets
cast iron radiator (W) doors missing
1 Of 3 toilets missing

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4. DESCRIPTION - BUILDINGS (INTERIOR) CONTD.

STATION - ROOM AND FINISH SCHEDULE

NUMBER OF ROOMS 5NAME Basement

NUMBER ON FLOOR PLAN _____

OriginalExisting, if differentFloors: poured concrete _____Base: none _____Wainscot: none _____Walls: coursed rock face ashlar _____Ceiling: poured concrete _____Trim: none _____Doors: 3 panel (gray paint)Seating: none _____Lighting: hang. incand. fix. _____Other: (7) 6 pane windows _____

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Account for original materials and finishes where different from existing.

Station _____ Shelter _____ Freight House X Other _____ (specify)

General architectural description, including style, shape, roof type, # stories, # bays, orientation to track, location of entrances, etc.

The freight house at Princeton, located W of the tracks and ca. 150' S of the station, consists of a 1½-story rectangular block, 6 bays long and 3 wide, with a gabled roof, its ridge paralleling the tracks. Adjoining the N end is a 1½-story transverse block, three bays wide and one deep. It too has a gabled roof. Walls are coursed ashlar and the roof, slate. Trim is concrete and gable ends have heavy concrete coping. The E facade contains a central door (originally double leaf, but now single leaf, with a clapboard surround). N of center are a window, another door, and another window, while S of center are two paired windows, a freight door, and a single window. The W facade contains two central paired windows flanked on either side by (from the center) a double leaf freight door and a single window, and on the N only, a small 1/1. The transverse block projects beyond the W facade line and contains one window on the S and two on the W. The S facade contains three windows, while the N contains two, and a central door sheltered by a bracketed hood. There are also windows in the gable ends, all of which are boarded over. A wood frame platform adjoins the main block on the W and S. An octagonal stone chimney rises from the E side of the roof. All materials appear original.

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Station _____ Shelter _____ Freight House X Other _____ (specify)

EXTERIOR MATERIALS AND SYSTEMS:

	<u>Original</u>	<u>Existing, if different</u>
Structural system:	<u>bearing wall, frame roof</u>	_____
Foundation:	<u>probably stone</u>	_____
Base course:	<u>none</u>	_____
Walls:	<u>coursed ashlar</u>	_____
Trim:	<u>concrete sills, lintels, coping; stone voussoirs, shaped rafter ends, wood brackets</u>	_____
Doors:	<u>4/2 panel</u>	<u>one altered with clap- board surround</u>
Roofing:	<u>slate, copper flashing</u>	_____
Soffit:	<u>matched board</u>	_____
Windows:	<u>6/1; 1/1</u>	_____
Lighting:	<u>soffit mounted incand. fixs.</u>	_____
Signage:	<u>std. Pa. RR, painted board</u>	_____
Drainage:	<u>copper gutter and downspout</u>	_____
Other:	<u>wood frame platform (W & S)</u>	_____

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Station _____ Shelter _____ Freight House ☒ Other _____ (specify)

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NOT ACCESSIBLE

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5. SIGNIFICANCE OF COMPLEX (ARCHITECTURAL/HISTORICAL):

Architect Alexander C. Shand* source (plans)
 Date 1918 Source (plans) Alteration dates Source
 Style Collegiate Gothic
 # passenger trains/day (present) 56 in 1980 Peak (#, Yr.) 56 in 1980
NO Original station on site 47 in 1941
 Present station replaced 1865 building (Lipp, p. 19) 33 in 1916
 which stood ca. ½ mile to the N.

The Princeton station and Freight House are good examples of the Collegiate Gothic style adapted to the functions of an early twentieth century rail terminal facility. In form and materials they are consistent with many of the buildings on the Princeton University campus nearby. Construction of the station coincided with a burst of Collegiate Gothic construction by the University following a decision by the Trustees in 1896 that future buildings would be in the English Gothic style. This transformation was led by noted "archaeological Gothic" architect Ralph Adams Cram who was the University's supervising architect from 1904 to 1927 (Greiff, 169, 174-175). The complex is unusual in that it was built with high level platforms. At most suburban stations on the Pennsylvania line, platforms were rebuilt at a later date. It is also a terminal, located at the N end of a branch line which joins the mainline at Princeton Junction, three miles to the SE, and is served by a shuttle train (locally known as the "dinky"). Until its consolidation with the New York Central line, the Pennsylvania operated through train specials via the branch line to Princeton University football games. A special train yard was once located E of the station near the stadium. In virtually original condition the complex continues to serve large numbers of commuters. The Freight House is used as a taxi office.

* Shand was chief engineer, Broad Street station, Philadelphia. The buildings may have been designed by others in his office. The builder was Matthews Construction Co. (Lipp, p. 19)

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6. GEOGRAPHIC DATA

Verbal boundary description (if Block/Lot not available)

Boundary is outlined on the site plan.

Acreage: ca. $\frac{1}{2}$ acreUTM coordinates: Zone: 18/Easting: 5 2 8 9 0 0/Northing: 4 4 6 5 7 4 0USGS Quad PrincetonScale 1:24 000

7. REFERENCES

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ICONOGRAPHIC:

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Plans, Princeton Station, Conrail, Philadelphia, PA.

8. PHOTO

Negative index # 1327 or NJT photo # -- slide # 1-6
Date 1978 Photographer Richard Browne Assocs.
Loc. of negative NJ Transit Direction of view: Station from south

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9. CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

A. HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

- i. Associated with important events or broad movements
in history
 - nationally (30)
 - state-wide (25)
 - locally X (20) rail link for Princeton U.
- ii. Representative of significant changes in railroad history
and/or technology
 - rare (30)
 - unusual (25)
 - common X (10) early example of high level platform
- iii. Original station on site (15)
- iv. Representative of a line's standard design (10)
- v. Constructed prior to 1900 (15)
- vi. Junction station (10)
- vii. Former long-distance service (10)
- viii. Other X (10) terminal
- ix. Less than 50 years old (-30)

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B. ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

- i. STYLE Collegiate Gothic
 - a. Example of a particular architectural style (check one)
 - Outstanding (50)
 - Excellent (40)
 - Very good (30)
 - Good X (20)
 - Fair (10)
 - b. Rare survivor of style
 - nationally (20)
 - state-wide (15)
 - locally (10)
 - c. As example of railroad architecture
 - rare (30)
 - unusual or early X (15)

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- ii. ARCHITECT (check one)
- a. building by architect important
 - nationally _____(25)
 - state-wide _____(20)
 - locally _____(15)
 - b. building designed by railroad and is known or appears to be the work of the supervising architect or engineer or chief designer _____(20)
 - c. building designed by railroad and is known or appears to be the work of the staff _____(5)
 - d. architect identified but not considered to be of special importance _____(5)
- iii. OVERALL ARCHITECTURAL QUALITY (check one)
- a. Outstanding composition, siting, or craftsmanship _____(40)
 - b. Notable composition, siting, or craftsmanship, or possessing especially picturesque or unusual exterior detailing _____(25)
 - c. Possessing some detail(s) of particular interest and/or quality _____(15)
 - d. Average quality or interest X (5)
- iv. SPECIAL QUALITIES
- a. Noteworthy overall interior design or detailing _____(15)
 - b. Some noteworthy interior detailing _____(5)
 - (____interior not accessible)
 - c. Part of cohesive complex
 - 1) station and ~~shelter~~ freight house X (5)
 - 2) more than two buildings _____(10)
- v. CONSTRUCTION
- a. Noteworthy example of particular construction method _____(30)
 - b. Rare or early survivor of particular method _____(20)
 - c. Interesting example of method _____(5)

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C. CONDITIONS

i. INTEGRITY

- a. Original condition _____(40)
- b. Alterations and/or additions,
beneficial _____(30)
- c. Alterations and/or additions, not
detrimental _____(20)
- d. Minor detrimental alterations and/
or additions, not affecting overall
integrity X (10) canopy removed
- e. Detrimental alterations and/or
additions, reversible at considerable
expense _____(-25)
- f. Detrimental alterations and/or additions,
essentially irreversible _____(-75)

ii. PHYSICAL CONDITION

- a. Excellent _____(10)
- b. Good X (5)
- c. Fair _____(0)
- d. Poor _____(-10)
- e. Severely deteriorated _____(-25)

iii. RELATIONSHIP TO COMMUNITY

- a. Pivotal building _____(40)
- b. Integral part of townscape X (30)
- c. Compatible with townscape _____(20)
- d. Unrelated to townscape _____(0)
- e. Incompatible _____-30)

iv. SUITABILITY FOR ADAPTIVE USE

- a. Excellent X (30)
- b. Very Good _____(25)
- c. Good _____(20)
- d. Average _____(15)
- e. Possible, with difficulty _____(10)

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TOTAL

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Attach copy of site plan

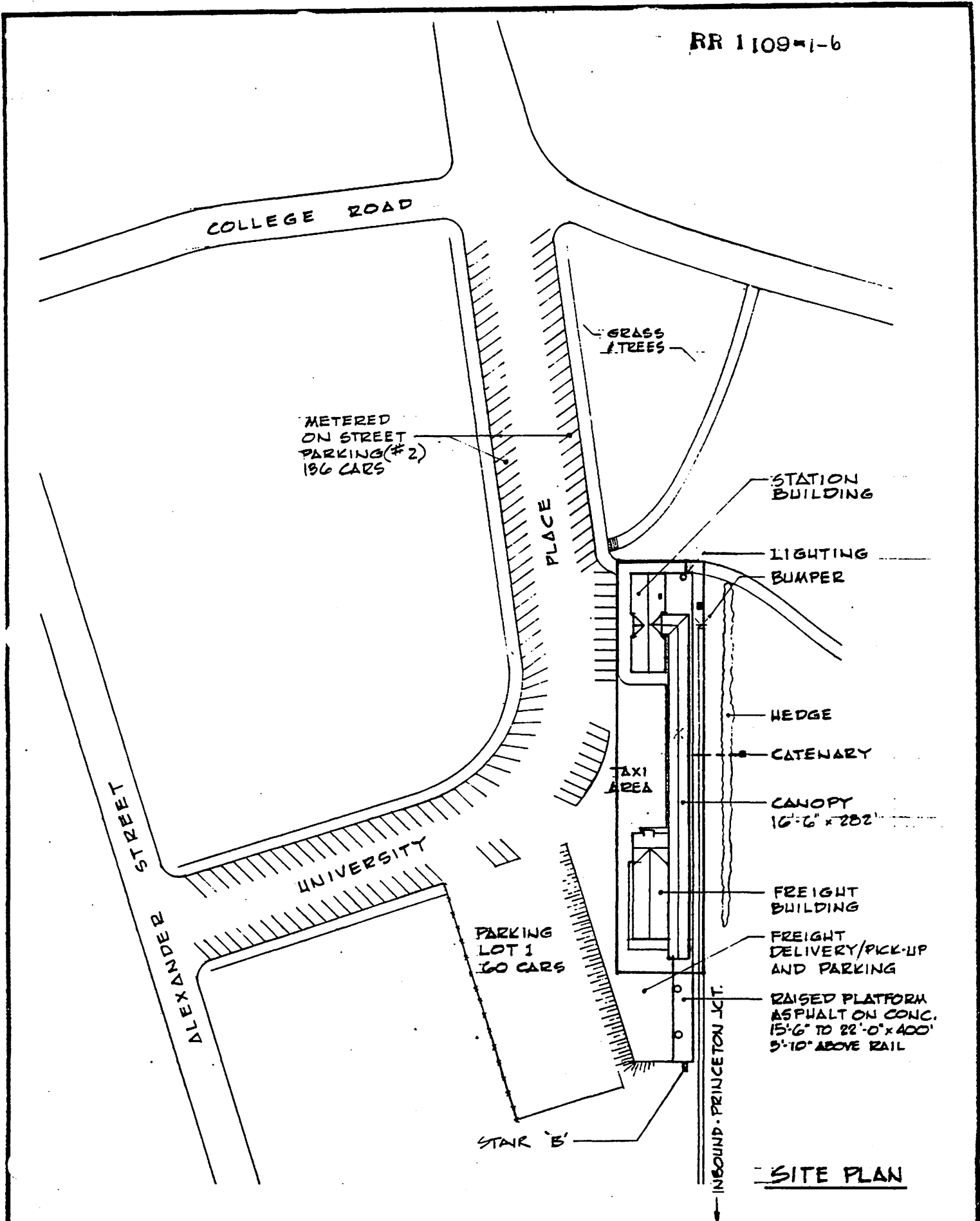
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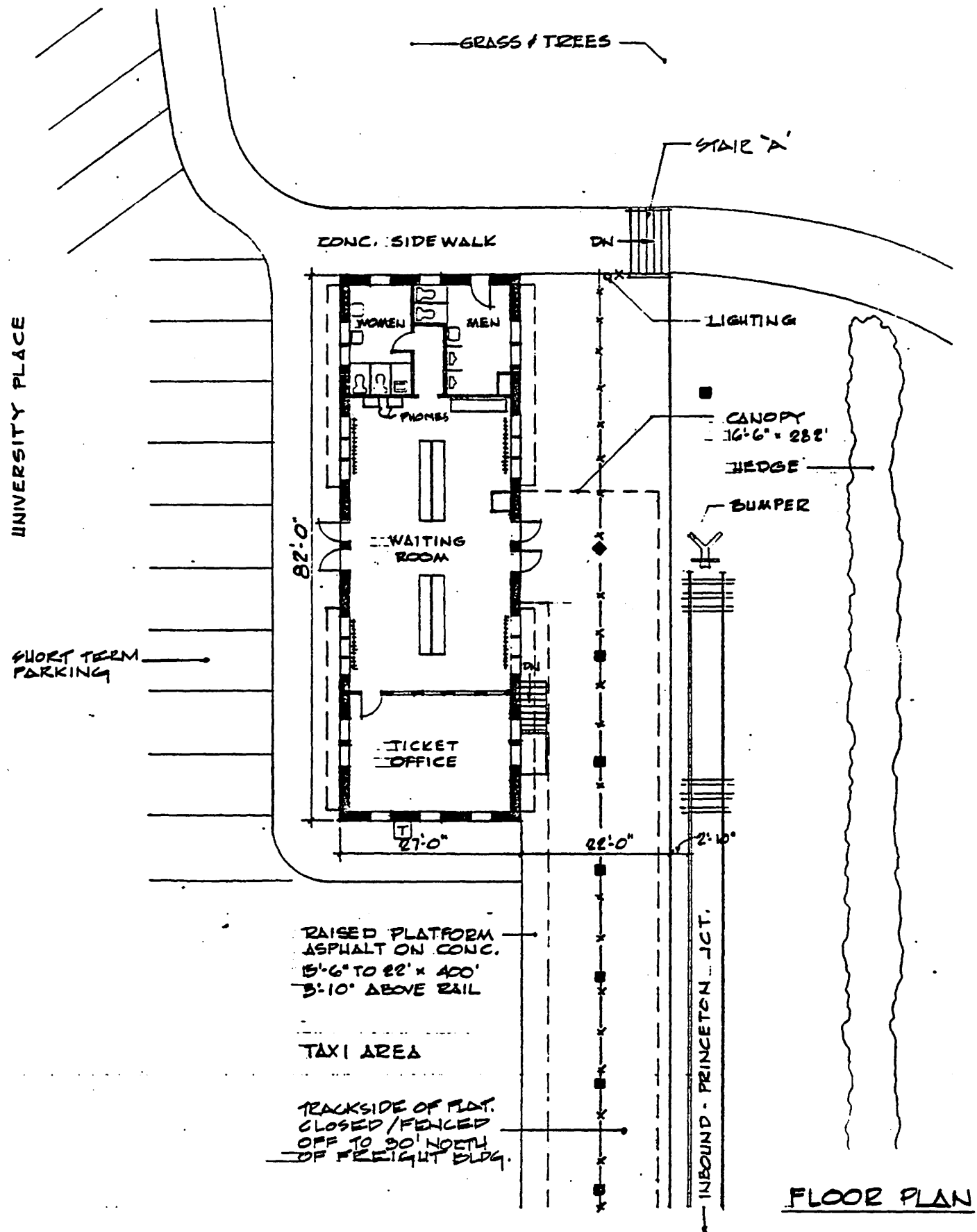
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(Pennsylvania)

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University Place
Princeton, NJ
(ca. 400' E. of Alexander St.)

County: Mercer
Municipality: Princeton Borough
Block & lot: part of 45.01/4

C. Owner's name: NJ Transit
Address: Newark, NJ

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Although some openings are boarded, materials appear original.

The spaces of the Princeton station are on one level. The central half of the block comprises the Waiting Room, while the S quarter comprises the Ticket Office, and the N quarter, a short hall with the Ladies' Room to the W and Men's Room to the E. The Men's Room is accessible only from an exterior door in the N facade, and the basement, from an exterior stairway adjoining the E facade. The Waiting Room has a terrazzo floor, paneled wainscot and plastered walls and ceiling. The ceiling is barrel vaulted with a groin vault in the center on axis with the doors. Other rooms have similar finishes although wainscots are beaded matched board in the Ticket Office and marble panels in the Rest Rooms. Trim consists of molded board. All materials, with the exception of lighting fixtures, (see schedule) appear original.

- 6 The freight house at Princeton, located W of the tracks and ca. 150' S of the station, consists of a 1½-story rectangular block, 6 bays long and 3 wide, with a gabled roof, its ridge paralleling the tracks. Adjoining the N end is a 1½-story transverse block, three bays wide and one deep. It too has a gabled roof. Walls are coursed ashlar and the roof, slate. Trim is concrete and gable ends have heavy concrete coping. The E facade contains a central door (originally double leaf, but now single leaf, with a clapboard surround). N of center are a window, another door, and another window, while S of center are two paired windows, a freight door, and a single window. The W facade contains two central paired windows flanked on either side by (from the center) a double leaf freight door and a single window, and on the N only, a small 1/1. The transverse block projects beyond the W facade line and contains one window on the S and two on the W. The S facade contains three windows, while the N contains two, and a central door sheltered by a bracketed hood. There are also windows in the gable ends, all of which are boarded over. A wood frame platform adjoins the main block on the W and S. An octagonal stone chimney rises from the E side of the roof. All materials appear original.

5. SIGNIFICANCE OF COMPLEX (ARCHITECTURAL/HISTORICAL):

Architect	Alexander C. Shand*	source	(plans)
Date	1918	Source	(plans)
Style	Collegiate Gothic	Alteration dates	Source
# passenger trains/day (present)	56 in 1980	Peak (#, Yr.)	56 in 1980
NO Original station on site			47 in 1941
Present station replaced 1865 building (Lipp, p. 19)			33 in 1916
which stood ca. ½ mile to the N.			

The Princeton station and Freight House are good examples of the Collegiate Gothic style adapted to the functions of an early twentieth century rail terminal facility. In form and materials they are consistent with many of the buildings on the Princeton University campus nearby. Construction of the station coincided with a burst of Collegiate Gothic construction by the University following a decision by the Trustees in 1896 that future buildings would be in the English Gothic style. This transformation was led by noted "archaeological Gothic" architect Ralph Adams Cram who was the University's supervising architect from 1904 to 1927 (Greiff, 169, 174-175). The complex is unusual in that it was built with high level platforms. At most suburban stations on the Pennsylvania line, platforms were rebuilt at a later date. It is also a terminal, located at the N end of a branch line which joins the mainline at Princeton Junction, three miles to the SE, and is served by a shuttle train (locally known as the "dinky"). Until its consolidation with the New York Central line, the Pennsylvania operated through train specials via the branch line to Princeton University football games. A special train yard was once located E of the station near

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