

OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST

- Kreisers Inc. The Rapid Canyon Line built this structure for use as a warehouse.
403 West Blvd.
- Gambrill Building. Built in 1910, its function was a storage warehouse.
822 Main St.
- Hotel Alex Johnson. Built in 1938 by Alex Johnson, Vice President of the Chicago and North Western Railroad.
523 6th St.
- MG Oil Company. Built as a large fuel depot for Standard Oil.
1002 W. Main St.
- Hubbard Feeds Inc. The c. 1937 Tri-State Milling Company office building was also used as a laboratory for testing flour.
426 Omaha St.

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The first rail line to reach Rapid City was the Fremont, Elkhorn and Missouri Valley Railroad in 1886. Next came the Chicago and North Western and the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroads in 1907.

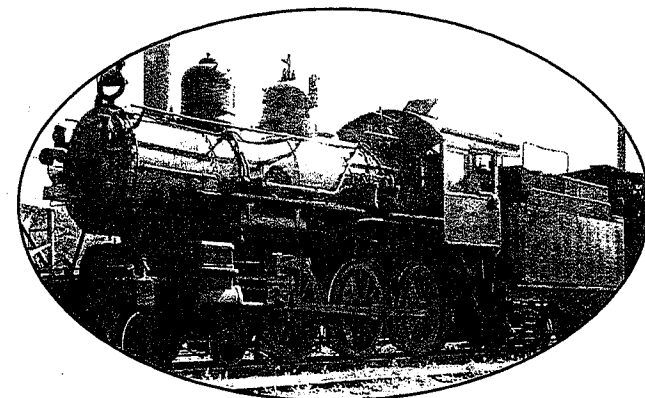


Passenger depots and warehouses were quickly built trackside to accommodate the arrival of travelers and the shipping and receiving of products. A number of these were built by the railroad, some of which survive today.



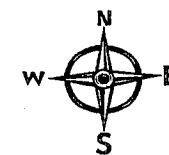
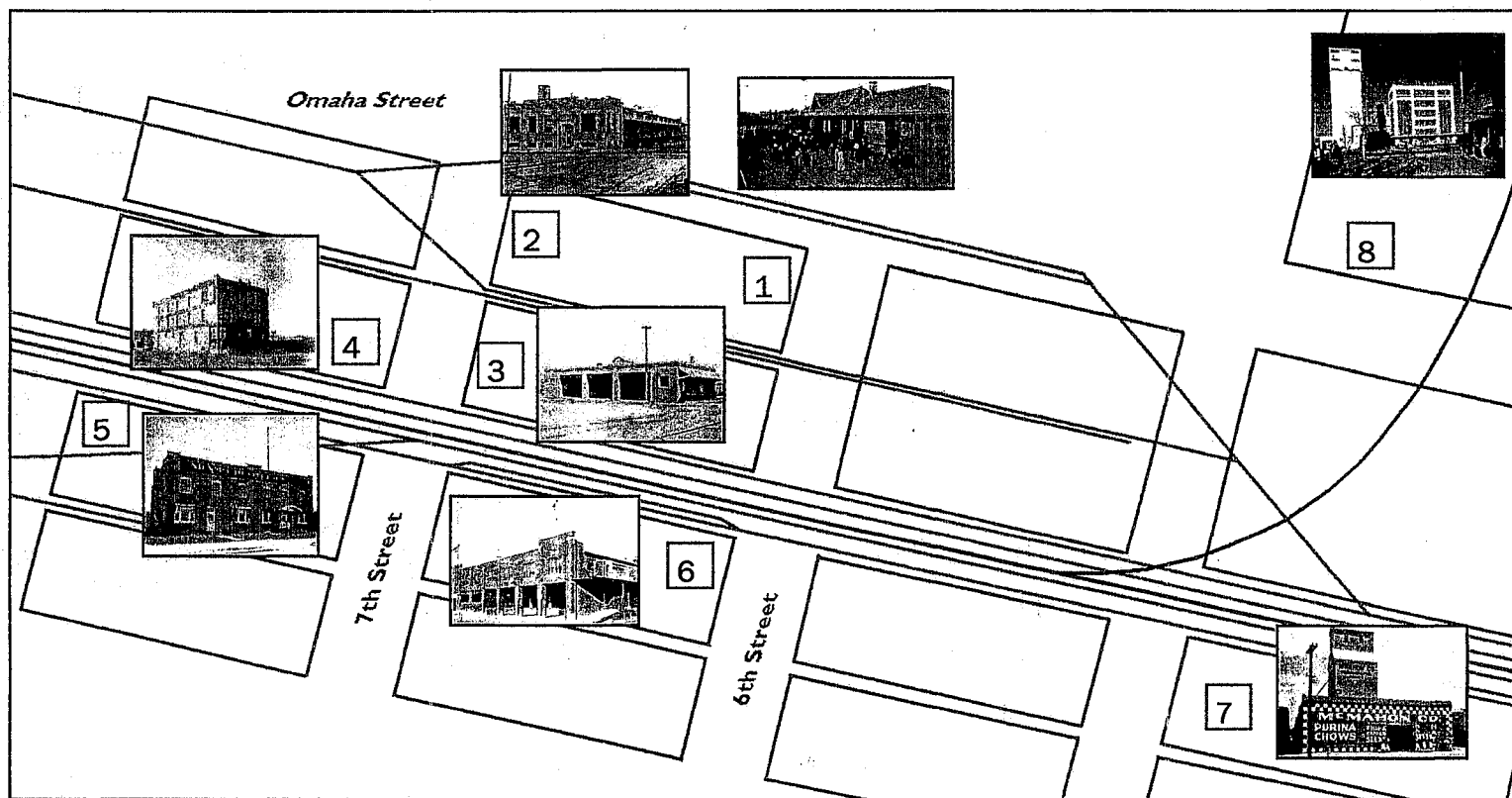
Just as these buildings and the remnants of rail tracks long unused are tangible reminders of the past, the sound of the train whistle and the presence of the Dakota, Minnesota and Eastern/Canadian Pacific Railroad today takes us into the future.

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A Walking Tour of Rapid City's Railroad History

The Rapid City
Historic Preservation Commission



Original Rail Track

Current Rail Track

1. The Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad Passenger Depot was built in 1915. Its design was chosen from an assortment of standardized plans. The importance of the community determined its size, scale, and building materials. 603 Omaha St.

2. Built in 1923, the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad Freight House contains 18 freight doors on the north side and 20 on the south. It is 225 ft. by 50 ft. and is built of brick and concrete. 306 7th St.

3. The 1920 Rapid City Fruit Company building was the first cold storage building in the city.

Signatures of former employees can still be seen on the basement walls and ceiling. It was built in 1920. 320 7th St.

4. One of the oldest surviving buildings in the railroad district is the Black Hills Wholesale Grocery building. Built in 1891, it was once used as headquarters for the Crouch Line Railroad as well as their warehouse. 321 7th St.

5. Housing office and warehouse space, the Adams Brothers Company was a division of Paxton & Gallagher, organized in Omaha NE in 1882. 414 8th St.

6. The first bonded public warehouse in the region

was the 84,000 square foot North Western Warehouse. Built in 1932 of brick and concrete, its utilitarian style exhibits some art deco features. 413 6th St.

7. Although its store front is not as colorful today, the McMahon Company's original brick building stands as a reminder of the area's once thriving agricultural and farming community. 410 5th St.

8. The original 1889 Rapid River Milling Company building still exists. In 1938 progress necessitated the construction of new facilities. At that time it was considered to be the most modern in the nation. 416 Omaha St.