

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Engine Company 2 Fire Station
other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 1515 Main Street N/A not for publication
city, town Hartford N/A vicinity
state Connecticut code CT county Hartford code 003 zip code 06120

3. Classification

Ownership of Property

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>1</u>	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
<u>1</u>	_____
	Total

Name of related multiple property listing:
Firehouses of Hartford, Connecticut

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of certifying official _____
Director, Connecticut Historical Commission
State or Federal agency and bureau _____

January 10, 1989
Date

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official _____
State or Federal agency and bureau _____

_____ Date

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain): _____

Entered in the
National Register

Signature of the Keeper _____

3/2/89

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

GOVERNMENT/fire station

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

GOVERNMENT/fire station**7. Description**

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Italian Renaissance

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation concretewalls brickroof asphaltother limestone**Describe present and historic physical appearance.**

The firehouse of Engine Company 2 is located north of the downtown at the intersection of Main and Belden Streets in a commercial and residential area. The two-story firehouse, built in 1910, was designed in the Italian Renaissance Style and features an unusual beige brick-face facade (Photograph 1).

The foundation of the building is concrete, except for a brownstone foundation along the facade. The walls of the facade are beige-color brick, with projecting courses at the corners imitating quoins. Three entrance bays with metal overhead doors span the first floor level of the central projecting pavilion. At the second floor of the facade, bricks are arranged in a basketweave pattern over a row of one-over-one arched windows set in concrete panels. Historic photographs reveal that the building originally had a projecting cornice across the facade adorned with brackets and a tile pent roof (Photograph 2). It is unclear when or why this was removed.

The other walls of the building are red brick pierced by nine and six-over-one windows with brownstone lintels. Two bay windows project on the north and south elevations (Photograph 1). A shallow cornice of corbelled brickwork projects beneath a shallow hipped roof.

The interior of the building is rich in original features. The walls and ceiling of the apparatus room are covered with narrow wainscot paneling, now partially concealed by a drop ceiling. Recessed at intervals in the walls are semi-circular spaces housing the sliding poles. To the rear of the room is a row of horse-stable doors (Photograph 3), and to their left, two large doors which appear to have led to the harness room. Behind the doors are two rooms. The room to the left retains its wood flooring and a set of iron posts which stood at the ends of the horse stalls (Photograph 4). The room to the right, also the location of horse stalls, has been converted to a kitchen, and the iron posts have been removed.

The second floor retains most of its original woodwork, including window and door frames and double doors concealing the sliding poles. A drop ceiling has been added in the dormitory at the front of the building. Over the first-floor stable area is an unfinished room with a double loading door which served as the hayloft (Photograph 5).

The structure of the building is wood frame and load-bearing brick masonry.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G N/A

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Community Planning and Development

Period of Significance

1910-1938

Significant Dates

1910

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Barker, Russell F.

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

1515 Main Street was the second firehouse built for Engine Company 2, organized when the City created the paid department in 1864. It is one of two surviving Hartford firehouses built to house both men and horses, which places it in a distinct period in the history of the city's fire service. Overall, the firehouse displays a high level of integrity and is an uncommon example of the Italian Renaissance style applied to the design of a firehouse.

Station No. 2 was designed by Russell F. Barker (1873-1961), a Hartford architect. Barker began his career without academic training and as a draftsman for Hartford architect George Keller until c. 1901. He later started his own practice and designed several buildings in the Hartford area, including five schools, between 1910 and 1930.

The firehouse retains integrity of design, materials, setting, and association. A basis on which to evaluate its significance is contained within the associated historic context, "Fire Service in Hartford, 1789-1939."

This firehouse meets the requirements for registration as outlined in the multiple property submission, "Firehouses of Hartford." While it has lost some exterior decorative details, it retains its original fenestration, layout, and massing. It also retains those features characteristic of firehouse design: large entrance bays, apparatus room, watchroom, sleeping quarters, hose-drying racks, and sliding poles and chutes. The horse-stall doors and wainscoting are additional elements typical of firehouses of its period.

See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

See multiple property form.

Previous documentation on file (NPS): N/A
 preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
 previously listed in the National Register
 previously determined eligible by the National Register
 designated a National Historic Landmark
 recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
 recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

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Primary location of additional data:

State historic preservation office
 Other State agency
 Federal agency
 Local government
 University
 Other

Specify repository:

Connecticut Historical Society

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property approximately .42 acre

UTM References

A

1	8	6	9	3	0	3	5	4	6	2	7	1	9	5
Zone			Easting				Northing							

C

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B

Zone			Easting				Northing							

D

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Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated property occupies the City of Hartford Parcel Number 619-003-015.

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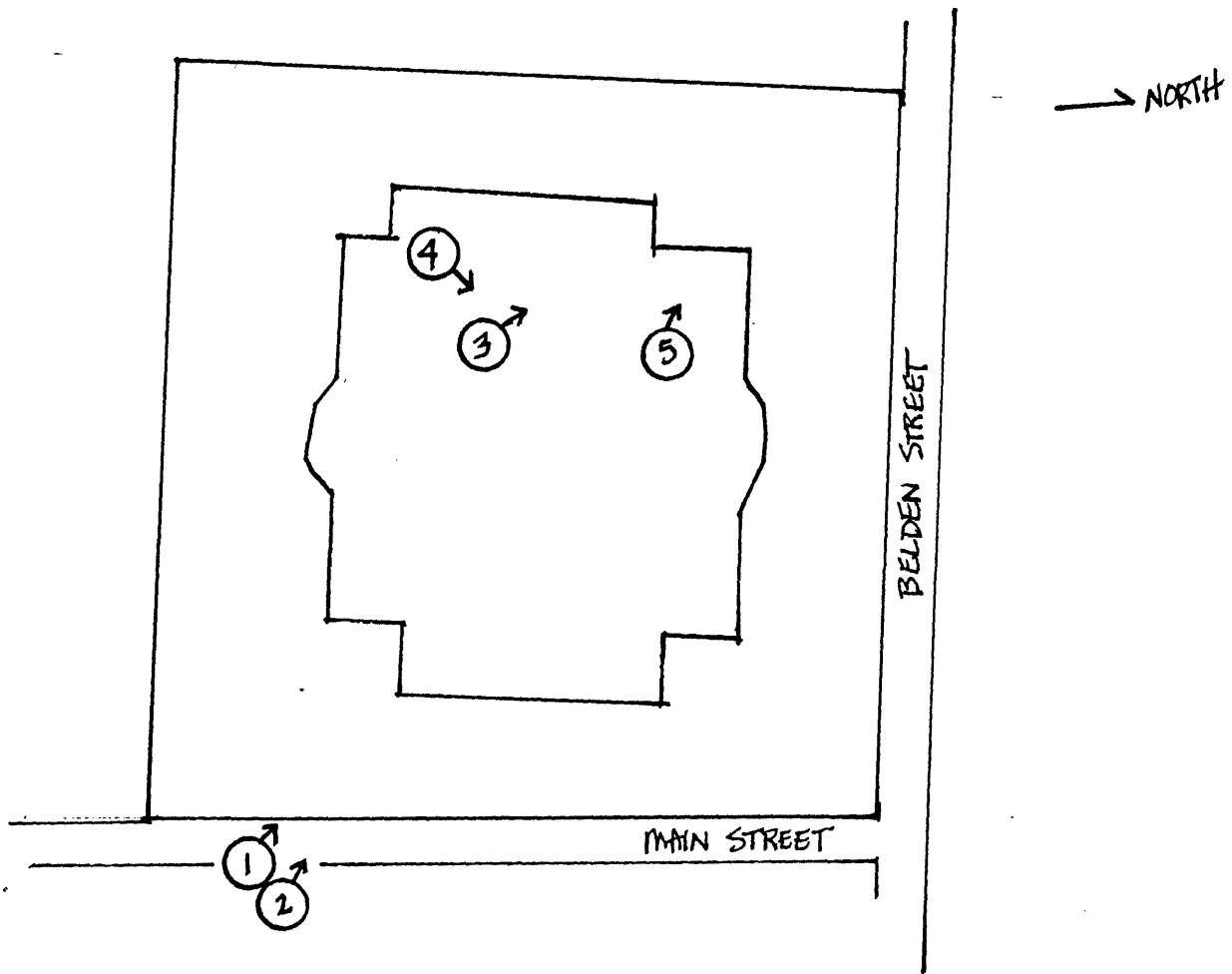
Boundary Justification

The boundary of the property surrounds the building and immediate setting historically associated with the firehouse.

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11. Form Prepared By Reviewed by John Herzan, National Register Coordinator

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city or town Hartford state CT zip code 06106



Sketch Map

Engine Company 2 Fire Station
1515 Main Street
Hartford, Connecticut

Not to Scale

Photo Key: (circle with arrow)

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Hartford, ConnecticutSection number Photos Page 1Photographs

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<u>Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>View</u>	<u>Comment</u>
1	1515 Main Street East and south elevations.	Northwest	
2	1515 Main Street As it appeared circa 1910.	Northwest	*CHS Photo
3	1515 Main Street Horse stall doors, rear of apparatus room.	Northwest	
4	1515 Main Street Posts in former horse stalls, behind apparatus room.	Northeast	
5	1515 Main Street Second floor, former hay loft room.	Northwest	