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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Number 4 Engine House

AND/OR COMMON

Green Glass Company

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1339 Lincoln Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Racine

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Wisconsin

CODE

55

COUNTY

Racine

CODE

101

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

___DISTRICT

___PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

___AGRICULTURE

___MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

___UNOCCUPIED

COMMERCIAL

___PARK

___STRUCTURE

___BOTH

___WORK IN PROGRESS

___EDUCATIONAL

___PRIVATE RESIDENCE

___SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

___ENTERTAINMENT

___RELIGIOUS

___OBJECT

___IN PROCESS

___YES: RESTRICTED

___GOVERNMENT

___SCIENTIFIC

___BEING CONSIDERED

___YES: UNRESTRICTED

___INDUSTRIAL

___TRANSPORTATION

___NO

___MILITARY

___OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Ardelle G. Green

STREET & NUMBER

2028 Chatham Street

CITY, TOWN

Racine

VICINITY OF

STATE

Wisconsin

53402

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Racine County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

730 Wisconsin Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Racine

STATE

Wisconsin

53403

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Wisconsin Inventory of Historic Places

DATE

1975

___FEDERAL STATE ___COUNTY ___LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

State Historical Society of Wisconsin

CITY, TOWN

Madison

STATE

Wisconsin

53706

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Number 4 Engine House is located on the southeast corner of Lincoln and Barker Streets, the main entrance being on Lincoln and the long axis of the building parallel to Barker. It is a two-story, gable-roofed rectangular structure with a four-story hose-drying and observation tower on the northwest corner. A handmade brick of cream color is the principal material used in the building. The foundation is a dressed yellow sandstone.

Breaking up the exterior wall surface is a grid of brick pilaster strips and belt courses. The pilaster strips, each about two feet wide, are spaced irregularly except at the northwest corner where they define the vertical mass of the tower, and on the east elevation where one bisects the angle of the gable and the other two define the corners. Between the first and second floors and above the second level, a belt course of about a foot in width and at the same surface level as the pilaster strips runs completely around the building. There is a two-brick corbel above and below the belt courses.

The recessed panels between the pilasters are punctured, where needed, by tall, narrow, segmentally-arched windows with two-over-two panes in double-hung sash. Windows and doors on each level are arched at the same height.

The west and principle elevation of the firehouse has a parapet above the second level which rises at a 45-degree angle from the southwestern corner and then cuts back to horizontal to meet the tower wall. Within the recessed surface of this parapet are two limestone panels bearing in relief the message "No. 4" and "1888." The engine door of the firehouse is located in the southern half of the Lincoln Street elevation and is arched with a span of about ten feet. A hood molding of header bricks outlines the span of the arch.

Incorporated within the body of the station at the first and second levels, but visually distinguished by the pilaster strips which run its full length, the tower is free-standing on the second and third levels. Above the third level is a wooden observation platform supported by a pair of large wrought-iron angle irons on each side. Cast-iron cresting serves as a railing for this platform. Under the eaves of the pointed hipped roof are small brackets of corbelled brick. On the Barker and Lincoln Street elevations a bull's-eye window pushes into the corbelled cornice. On the south elevation a small round-headed door also pushes into the belt course.

The interior is not significant to the nomination.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

1888¹

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

W. F. Goodhue¹

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Number 4 Engine House is an important landmark in Racine. It possesses architectural significance as an interesting High Victorian Italianate building in an excellent state of preservation. It possesses historical significance as an intact example of a late-nineteenth-century ward firehouse, an ordinary but nonetheless significant type of a building. The architecture and striking appearance of the firehouse, combined with the important role it played in its neighborhood while it housed Engine Company Number 4, makes this building a key landmark in the northside of Racine.

Ever since its construction in 1888 the firehouse, with its four-story Italianate tower, has stood sentinel over the small brick and frame workers' cottages of the Northside, providing a strong visual focus for the neighborhood. The firehouse is stylistically interesting, but unlike many High Victorian Italianate structures, it gains its attractiveness from its design clarity and good proportions rather than from applied ornament, of which it has only a small amount.

In 1882, a major fire consumed more than forty buildings in Racine and helped lead the city fathers to devote substantial resources for the improvement of Racine's fire-fighting capabilities. In 1883 the city abolished its volunteer fire brigades, replacing them with all-professional companies. Engine Company Number 4 was assigned a new steam-powered pumper in 1885. The quality of Engine House Number 4 reflects Racine's concern for fire protection during this period.

On December 19, 1887, the Common Council approved the purchase of a site for the "hose house" in the Fourth Ward on the corner of Lincoln and Barker Streets, then being offered for \$300. The City Engineer and Fire Committee were requested to prepare plans and specifications for a brick engine house on January 9, 1888, said engine house to be about 20 x 60 feet and two stories high. A week later City Engineer W. F. Goodhue presented the council with appropriate plans, which he estimated could be carried out for \$3,200.

Low bid on the structure was \$2,465, submitted by Hannibal Lugg, an immigrant builder from Cornwall, England. Lugg's bid was accepted on May 7, and in the summer of 1888 he erected the engine house with Peter Beffel, a Northside contractor and builder.

The new firehouse replaced a frame building at the south end of the park containing the Fourth Ward (now Jones) School. The new building served the city until 1926 when a bungalow-type station was built at Marquette and Kewaunee Streets.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See Continuation Sheet.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 0.0474
 QUADRANGLE NAME Racine South QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A	1 6	4 3 5	4 3 0	4 7 3 1	7 8 0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	ZONE	EASTING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C						D			
E						F			
G						H			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

North 21.03 feet of the East 97 ft. of that part of blk. lying south of Barkers St. and East of Lincoln St. Blk. 19, NW quarter section 9.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

David Donath, Historian

ORGANIZATION

State Historical Society of Wisconsin

DATE

July 7, 1978

STREET & NUMBER

816 State Street

TELEPHONE

608/262-3390

CITY OR TOWN

Madison

STATE

Wisconsin 53706

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Richard Henry

TITLE

Director, State Historical Society of Wisconsin

DATE

7/23/79

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

6.21.79

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

William H. Bralham

6.21.79

DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

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Today the building houses a glass company, but it has lost little of the appearance it had when it housed Engine Company Number 4. It remains the striking visual landmark it was when it was built in 1888.

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1. Minutes of the Common Council and autobiography of the builder.

Item 9: MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHIC REFERENCES:

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