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National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Hope Fire Company Engine House

and/or common Toledo Fire Station

2. Location

street & number 109 ~~South~~ Broadway \_\_\_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Toledo \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of

state Iowa code 19 county Tama code 171

3. Classification

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name City of Toledo

street & number 109 South Broadway

city, town Toledo \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of state Iowa 52342

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Tama County Courthouse

street & number

city, town Tama state Iowa 52342

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title n/a has this property been determined eligible? \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

date \_\_\_\_\_ federal \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ county \_\_\_\_\_ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

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## 7. Description

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**Condition** excellent good fair deteriorated ruins unexposed**Check one** unaltered altered**Check one** original site moved

date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

The Hope Fire Company Engine House (1887) survives with relative integrity and is of importance as a surviving example of a combination municipal building and fire engine house, as well as a rare application of Moorish design motifs in a small Iowa town.

The building is located one block southeast of the central square on the periphery of the small central business district. It originally stood alongside a frame house but between 1892 and 1899 a single story brick building was added along the southern side and that building remains extant. A large stable stood behind the fire house until about 1906, being succeeded by a gabled garage which remains.

The plan of this two-story building is rectangular, with a four foot wide projection of the front three-fifths of the southern wall, this projection encompassing the base of a three story bell and hose tower which stands at the southwest corner. The tower projects eight feet beyond the main facade in front. The walls are of brick on a stone foundation, the brickwork being laid in eight course American bond.

The main facade is horizontally divided by projecting pilasters into three bays. The first floor originally featured a centered double door with Moorish panels, with wide side windows set beneath segmental roman arches of stone (2/2 sash). Matching side windows were placed on the second floor above a projecting balcony with iron railing. In the central bay was placed a pair of narrower and slightly shorter matching windows with single panes of glass. The facade was broken up vertically by the repetition of horizontal lines. Beginning at the base a stone water table, stone sills and arches with belt course (the stone arches being capped with a single course of rowlock bricks) on the second floor, a belt course of dog toothed soldier bricks, a line of corbelled dentils in brick, and finally the decorated metal cornice itself. Pilasters continue above the parapet top, are ornamental in relief having a stacked cross pattern motif, and are capped with pointed stone blocks. A Moorish style pressed tin pediment with central sunburst motif with central finial is centered above a panel bearing the date 1887. Wave-like half pediments flank the central pediment. The bell tower continues the pilaster theme, the same window shape and the same decorative characteristics as found in the main facade. Doors are located at the tower base and exit from the second floor level to the balcony level (now removed and the door sealed). A circular stone window with stone surround is fronted between the second and third floors. Third floor windows were vented with wooden slats. The tower top features triangular pediments on each side between pilaster caps, with sunburst motifs. On the front a corbelled triangular design is placed below the cornice and pediment. Originally a wooden belfry topped the tower, but has been replaced by a metal siren tower.

Roman arched, narrow windows pierce the second story side and rear walls. Sills are of stone and segmental arches are composed of two courses of rowlock brick. Tie rods and plates are exposed on the north side and rear between floors. Two first story windows and a door have been sealed.

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Significant alterations have been made to the building, yet these reflect the evolving nature of fire fighting equipment and structural needs over time. Sometime after 1959 the first story facade was totally replaced by two square overhead doors. The balcony was removed, windows and vents in the tower were covered and the belfry eliminated (dates for these alterations not known). The brick base of the north side wall has been stuccoed. Upper sash have been replaced, the arches filled in, and single panes of glass substituted for 2/2 sash.

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Original Appearance of Hope Fire Company Engine House

# 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		Fire fighting

**Specific dates** 1887-1932      **Builder/Architect** Mr. Gruppe, arch. Andrew A. Jones, builder

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

The Hope Fire Company Engine House attests to the willingness of a county seat community in Iowa to provide large and ornate buildings to house public services. The building exemplifies the evolution of fire fighting technology over time. Finally, the building is illustrative of the building skills of Andrew A. Jones of Toledo.

The Toledo Hope Fire Company organized in 1876 as a volunteer organization and was originally housed in a simple two-story frame engine house, built in 1883, which was located across the street from the subject structure. The replacement building designed by Mr. Gruppe (unidentified), was built in late 1887 by Andrew A. Jones (1884-1923) who in 1910 was considered as "prominently known in Toledo as a contractor and builder."

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps indicate that the Toledo City Hall occupied part of the second floor of the fire engine house through 1928. The building represents the continuum of development in fire fighting capabilities on the local level. Toledo progressed from purchasing several fire extinguishers, digging fire water cisterns, establishing fire districts, building a simple equipment storage shed, to finally building a substantial fire engine house. The firemen themselves were required to raise funds to complete the interior of the structure. It was 1891 before the wood-work upstairs was completed. Between 1876 and 1915, the fire equipment remained the same while such items as hose types and quantities were improved. By 1959 the demands of modern fire fighting equipment required the large scale alteration of the first floor of the building.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Please see Continuation Sheet, Item #9, page 1.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name Tama

Quadrangle scale 1/24,000

### UTM References

A 

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

B 

Zone			Easting				Northing							

C 

Zone			Easting				Northing							

D 

Zone			Easting				Northing							

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F 

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G 

Zone			Easting				Northing							

H 

Zone			Easting				Northing							

### Verbal boundary description and justification

Lot 6 in Block 6, Original town of Toledo, being the land upon which the building stands and no more.

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state Iowa code 19 county Tama code 171

state \_\_\_\_\_ code \_\_\_\_\_ county \_\_\_\_\_ code \_\_\_\_\_

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title James E. Jacobsen, National Register Coordinator

organization Iowa SHPO date December 9, 1982  
Historical Building

street & number East 12th and Grand Avenue telephone 515-281-4137

city or town Des Moines state Iowa 50319

# 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 Adrian A. Anderson

title Executive Director Iowa State Historical Department date 24 November 1982

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Entered in the National Register date 1/27/83

for Melvyn Byers  
Keeper of the National Register

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

Chief of Registration

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