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National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Bangor Hose House No. 5

other names/site number State Street Fire Station, Hose 5 Fire Museum

2. Location

street & number 247 State Street N/A not for publication

city or town Bangor N/A vicinity

state Maine code ME county Penobscot code 019 zip code 04401

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, 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. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  statewide  locally. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of Certifying Official/Title

Date

Maine Historic Preservation Commission

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of Certifying Official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. 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): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

Edson H. Beall 9/11/97

Bangor Hose House No. 5  
Name of Property

Penobscot, Maine  
County and State

**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**  
(Check as many boxes as apply)  
 private  
 public-local  
 public-State  
 public-Federal

**Category of Property**  
(Check only one box)  
 building(s)  
 district  
 site  
 structure  
 object

**Number of Resources within Property**  
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)  
Contributing      Noncontributing  
  
\_\_\_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_\_\_ buildings  
\_\_\_\_\_ sites  
\_\_\_\_\_ structures  
\_\_\_\_\_ objects  
  
\_\_\_\_\_ 1      \_\_\_\_\_ 0      \_\_\_\_\_ Total

**Name of related multiple property listing**  
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)  
  
\_\_\_\_\_ N/A \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register**  
  
\_\_\_\_\_ 0 \_\_\_\_\_

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)  
  
Government/Fire Station  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Current Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)  
  
Recreation and Culture/Museum  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**  
(Enter categories from instructions)  
  
Romanesque Revival  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Materials**  
(Enter categories from instructions)  
  
foundation Brick  
walls Brick  
  
roof Stone/Slate  
other Slate-Roofed,  
Frame Cupola Contains Bell

**Narrative Description**  
(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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Bangor Hose House No. 5 is a predominantly Romanesque Revival brick structure with a strong Colonial note provided by the Colonial Revival cupola on the square Romanesque tower. The three-bay building is a basic hip-roof block with transverse gable, a corner tower, and a gable at the other corner of the facade, all creating a balanced yet asymmetrical composition. Its round-head engine doors, smaller pedestrian door, and round-head windows establish the basic style (some of the latter have recently been closed in at the tops, with shorter sash inserted). The rustication of the brick voussoirs of the doors is carried into an overall pattern of rustication on the facade's first story. More fine brick detailing is seen in the second story Romanesque window archivolt and the geometric band on the tower. Granite is used only sparingly, in the basement coping and window sills.

The open interior of the first floor features narrow tongue and groove sheathing on the walls and ceiling, as well as a staircase on the south side wall.

Except for the alterations to some windows, the building has been remarkably little changed since its construction.

**8. Statement of Significance**

**Applicable National Register Criteria**

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

**Criteria Considerations**

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or a grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

**Period of Significance**

1897

**Significant Dates**

1897

**Significant Person**

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

**Cultural Affiliation**

N/A

**Architect/Builder**

Mansur, Wilfred E.

**Narrative Statement of Significance**

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**Bibliography**

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

**Previous documentation on file (NPS):**

- 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 # \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary location of additional data:**

- State Historic Preservation Office
  - Other State agency
  - Federal agency
  - Local government
  - University
  - Other
- Name of repository: \_\_\_\_\_

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Bangor Hose House No. 5 shows Bangor architect Wilfred E. Mansur in his best Romanesque Revival idiom, which, as always, was tinged with other influences, here the Queen Anne in the building's basic asymmetry, and the Colonial Revival in the cupola. It is eligible for nomination to the National Register under criterion C for its local architectural significance.

The building ranks with Bangor Theological Seminary's Gymnasium as the architect's most successful institutional building in the predominantly Romanesque style. Mansur had a special talent for brick detailing. Originating in the need for economy, he achieved wonders with his archivolt of recessed courses of molded bricks, his diaper patterning (as on the tower) the use of colored mortar, and here, in creating overall rustication of the first story or "rustic." This pattern prefigured a similar use of terra cotta on his greatest building, the Chicago Style Morse-Oliver Building (1899, burned 1911). Since many of Mansur's pleasing late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century institutional buildings have disappeared, the State Street Fire Station merits nomination not only because of its splendid design, but as a survivor of a class. Such buildings typically were part of residential districts, and Mansur took trouble to design each of them as a response to its individual location and the character of its neighbors. The State Street Fire Station is particularly well designed in relation to the Comfort C. Farrington and Walter L. Savage Houses (241 and 262 State Street respectively).

Bangor Hose House No. 5 served in its original capacity until 1993, when a new fire station was put into service. Over the years it became more difficult to accommodate modern firefighting equipment in a building designed originally for horse-drawn engines. Since closing, the building has been converted into a fire museum.

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Name of Property

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**10. Geographical Data**

Acreege of Property Less Than 1

**UTM References**

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

|   |      |          |           |   |      |         |          |
|---|------|----------|-----------|---|------|---------|----------|
| 1 | 119  | 51189610 | 496111710 | 3 |      |         |          |
|   | Zone | Easting  | Northing  |   | Zone | Easting | Northing |
| 2 |      |          |           | 4 |      |         |          |

See continuation sheet

**Verbal Boundary Description**

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

**Boundary Justification**

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

**11. Form Prepared By**

name/title Deborah Thompson, Ph.D., Architectural Historian  
organization Bangor Historic Pres. Comm. date September 8, 1988; July, 1997 (Revised)  
street & number City Hall telephone (207) 947-8016  
city or town Bangor, state Maine zip code 04401

**Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

**Continuation Sheets**

**Maps**

- A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

**Photographs**

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

**Additional items**

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

**Property Owner**

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name \_\_\_\_\_  
street & number \_\_\_\_\_ telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
city or town \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ zip code \_\_\_\_\_

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## Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated property occupies the City of Bangor Tax Map 55, Lot 68.

## Boundary Justification

The boundary embraces the entire city lot that is historically associated with the Bangor Hose House No. 5.