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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

Bayonne Truck (Hook and Ladder) House #1

AND/OR COMMON

Exempt Firemen's Association

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

12 West 47th Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Bayonne

VICINITY OF

13th

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

New Jersey

034

Hudson

017

3 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:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

City of Bayonne

STREET & NUMBER

630 Avenue C

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Bayonne

VICINITY OF

New Jersey

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Hudson County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

595 Newark Avenue

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Jersey City

New Jersey

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

New Jersey Historic Sites Inventory #246.5

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Department of Environmental Protection

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Trenton

New Jersey

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The firehouse was built in the early months of 1875. It is a two-story structure with a flat roof. The building is approximately 25' X 70' long, with a one-story addition to the rear, measuring 25' X 28' long. The one-story rear addition is masonry with a flat roof and a frame structure with a steep hipped roof. There is also a part basement at the rear of the two-story addition, which is approximately 25' X 25'. The front and left side are stuccoed. The rear and right side have been exposed brick exterior walls.

The structure of the firehouse has exterior masonry bearing walls, wood floors and roof beams, wood interior partitions. The interior has wood strip flooring, plastered walls, metal ornamental ceilings with ornamental metal crown moldings. The wooden trim throughout is oak.

The facade of the building was exposed brick and brownstone which is presently covered with a rough textured stucco. The original windows, doors, and wood cornice are intact.

The ornamental ceiling pattern on the interior is of egg and dart frieze (metal crown molding) installed around 1900.

The roof cornice is wood and it is solid with the Itlaianate style.

The window treatment has a flat arched lintel with an indication of drip moldings at each end made of brownstone. The center double window is treated similarly to the single windows, Except that its arch is a semi-circular with a sunburst beneath the arch.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1875

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Bayonne, New Jersey, was a small town that was rapidly developing into a city during the late 19th century. The citizens felt that one of the most important needs to urban development was protection from the menace of fire. A fire company was organized in 1870, for this purpose. It was typical of those in other blossoming cities. With what was modern equipment at the time, the fire house gave the citizens the protection that was needed for development and a sense of safety.

One of the main reasons the citizens of Bayonne sought a city charter in 1869 was the need for a government strong enough to organize and control an adequate volunteer fire department.

On November 7, 1870, the Bayonne City council passed an ordinance "To establish, regulate and control a fire department in the City of Bayonne." That night a group of thirty (30) volunteers on the uptown section organized the first unit in the Bayonne Fire Department "Bayonne Hook & Ladder No. 1."

It was not, however, until 1875 that the first firehouse was built. The first meeting was held in June of 1875. This firehouse was used by the volunteers until 1906 when they were replaced by a full-time paid fire force. A fire alarm telegraph system was installed in 1895 which replaced the bell that was located in the tower in the rear yard. The full time department used this fire house until a larger firehouse was built on Avenue B at 56th Street in 1928. In 1929, the old firehouse was turned over to the volunteer firemens association.

The firehouse was an essential building in a growing city. Although the houses were being constructed more soundly, the threat of fire was still felt by the people. Without some type of protection from fire the people knew if a fire came, saving anything was hopeless. This was the feeling that prompted the citizens to organize the Bayonne Hook and Ladder No. 1 and to get the city to build a firehouse.

This building, although small in size, housed the fire equipment for the City of Bayonne for over 50 years until the need for larger quarters prompted them to build another firehouse. The building

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Chief John Brennan, Bayonne Fire Department
 Edward A. Gottko, Principal Engineer, City of Bayonne
 Joseph J. Bronikowski, A.I.A.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .06 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A

1	8	5	7	5	6	4	9	4	5	0	3	5	1	0
ZONE		EASTING				NORTHING								

B

ZONE		EASTING				NORTHING							

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

Edward A. Gottko, P.E., Principal Engineer

ORGANIZATION

DATE

City of Bayonne

additional information

STREET & NUMBER

Nancy Kostrub, Historical Sites Office - Trenton

630 Avenue C

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Bayonne

New Jersey

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

TITLE

Commissioner, Department of Environmental Protection

DATE

September 11, 1975

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

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DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

1/2/76

ATTEST:

Ronald M. Huntley

DATE

12/31/75

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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....is used today as a museum and as a meeting house for the Exempt Firemen's Association. It still contains much of the original equipment that was needed to operate the firehouse in 1875.