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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** *Shrewsbury Township Hall*

HISTORIC  
*Shrewsbury "Township Hall" (1892) and Red Bank "Borough Hall" (1908)*

AND/OR COMMON  
*Red Bank Police Headquarters (1958)*

**LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

*51 Monmouth Street*

\_\_NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

*Red Bank*

\_\_ VICINITY OF

*3rd*

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

*New Jersey*

CODE

*034*

COUNTY

*Monmouth*

CODE

*025*

**CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

**PRESENT USE**

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER:

**OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

*Borough of Red Bank*

STREET & NUMBER

*32 Monmouth Street*

CITY, TOWN

*Red Bank*

\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE

*New Jersey*

**LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

*Monmouth County Hall of Records*

STREET & NUMBER

*Main Street*

CITY, TOWN

*Freehold*

STATE

*New Jersey*

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

*New Jersey Historic Sites Inventory*

DATE

*1980*

\_\_FEDERAL  STATE \_\_COUNTY \_\_LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

*Office of Historic Preservation*

CITY, TOWN

*Trenton*

STATE

*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 _____
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The building which is currently known as the Red Bank Police Headquarters is a three-story brick structure. By floors; the basement has three rooms, the first floor has seven rooms, the third floor also has seven rooms and the attic area is on the top floor. The full basement is made of cement, while the first and second floors are of hardwood construction, with wood joists.

At one time, the interior walls reflected a pine and enameled finish. Presently, thin veneer wood paneling has been placed over this finish. The building is not insulated according to an early deed, yet is constructed of a fireproof materials. Steam heating and armored cable wiring are in existence as well. The structural frame consists of columns and main beams.

The slate hip roof with intersecting gables is accented by a stately clock tower, located at the North-east corner of the building. Although the tower had deteriorated to some extent, the clock itself could probably be restored to working order after a general cleaning and oiling, and the replacement of four shaft bushings. This historic clock, whose hourly chimes could once be heard for blocks around, dates back to its purchase in 1892.

The clock was originally purchased using the proceeds of a fund-raising drive that began shortly after ground was broken for what was then the Shrewsbury Township Hall back in September, 1892.

The November 23, 1892 issue of the Red Bank Register reported that residents had raised \$500 for the clock, and that local officials agreed to change the building plans to accommodate it. The original plans would have made it possible to have only two clock dials on the tower, but officials agreed to raise the height of the tower by 16-to-20 feet in order to make room for the four clock faces now installed there.

Leon de la Reussille, who arrived in Red Bank in 1886 to set up a jewelry store on Broad Street, had supervised in the erection of the town hall clock. He was under contract with the town to make necessary repairs, and about once a week he would set the clock's two winding mechanisms.

Breakdowns were infrequent due to Mr. de la Reussille's expertise, except when parts had to be obtained and when snow and ice got into the belfry striking mechanism.

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Presently, the clock is not running because the tower itself has deteriorated to a great extent. It is believed that the vibration of the clock's machinery would further weaken some of the exterior sheathing and siding at the top of the tower. Indeed, the repair of this clock tower would mark a great improvement and achievement for the borough.

The Fire Station Garage addition on the rear South-west corner of the structure was built on in circa 1913 or 1914. Also, in 1977, jail cell quarters were added on to the South-east corner of the building.

Interior and exterior alterations performed on the building include: In 1974, some of the original windows (36" x 74") on the side and rear facades of the building were removed and replaced with smaller standardized windows (36" x 46"). The spaces left vacant over the new windows were bricked in.

However, in the Courtroom (2nd floor), the Police Chief's Office (2nd floor) front center and in the east stairwell leading up into the clock tower, the original windows have been preserved in their original state. These front windows, as well as the eastern side clock tower facade windows, are unique in that they have the smaller half-moon (fan-like) windows decorating the space above each window (comparable to a fanlight over a doorway).

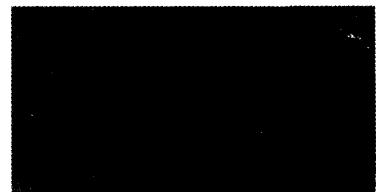
In any event, the fenestration of the structure has remained quite decorative and interesting to the watchful eye. Additional alterations to the interior include paneling to cover original walls in first and second floor offices. Also, ceilings have been dropped to insure more effective insulation. Finally, in 1974, new exterior steps were added on to the rear of the station.

The original plans of the clock tower would have made it possible to raise the height of the tower by 16 to 20 feet in order to make room for the four clock faces now installed there.

The tower itself is composed of a timber frame, with exterior scalloped tin sheathing. There are concrete column supports and beams in the interior dome portion of the tower, which are in turn supported by a wood plank floor with built in trap door leading down to wooden ladder below.

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Hanging in this clock tower dome is the belfry bell. On this bell is inscribed the 1892 date, marking the year it was purchased by community funds raised through major fund raiser spurred on by individuals Yanko and Adlem.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES \_\_\_\_\_ BUILDER/ARCHITECT R.D. Chandler (architect)  
 O.E. Davis (Builder)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The present day Red Bank police headquarters, built ca. 1892, is significant for its historic associations with the development of community and local government activity in both Shrewsbury Township and the Borough of Red Bank. The building is also significant for the excellence of its craftsmanship, detailing, and ornate side tower. It is a fine example of public architecture in Monmouth County.

The building has served the Shrewsbury-Red Bank area faithfully in many capacities. In September, 1892 the building was constructed for use as the Township Hall for Shrewsbury Township. The building was designed by R. D. Chandler, a local architect, and constructed by O. E. Davis, a local builder, for \$16,160, except for the price of the clock and heating equipment.

Subsequently, when Red Bank broke away from Shrewsbury Township and became a separate Borough, the Shrewsbury Township Hall became the Red Bank Borough Hall. As the Borough Hall, the building housed the Mayor's office and Town Council chambers, as well as the court room. The court room has served as a meeting place for various civic organizations throughout the early years of the 1900's.

Indeed, in 1917 meetings were held at the Borough Hall to discuss Red Bank's contribution in various ways to the war effort. In 1922, the Congregation B'Nai Israel met at Borough Hall until they found a synagogue. By meeting in the Hall for services, they were able to bring to life their dream for a united congregation. B'Nai Israel, since this time, has expanded into an organization sponsoring both synagogue-related and community-oriented programs. Recognizing the need for more spacious quarters for its growing congregation, B'Nai Israel now resides in its present building in Rumson.

As the population of Red Bank Borough grew and the number of buildings rapidly increased, the need for a new Borough Hall with greater office capacity became apparent. Thus, in 1958, the Borough offices relocated to another building at 32 Monmouth Street. At this time, Police Headquarters moved their offices into the building at 51 Monmouth Street which was the former Borough Hall.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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**ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED**  
**UTM NOT VERIFIED**

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .34 of 1 acre

QUADRANGLE NAME Long Branch Quadrangle, NJ

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES

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### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The property nominated is a rectangular lot 127' by 118', bounded on the North by Monmouth Street, West by Drummond Avenue, South by Gold Street and East by the Palace Diner.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Pamela L. Clark, Historic Preservation Coordinator  
George Clayton, Jr., Chief of Police, Malcolm Minton, Red Bank Historical Soc.

ORGANIZATION Historic Preservation Office DATE December 12, 1979

STREET & NUMBER Corner of River Street and Shrewsbury Avenue TELEPHONE (201) 747-3161

CITY OR TOWN Red Bank STATE New Jersey

## 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL      STATE      LOCAL X

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.

Deputy  
STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE *Laura Schultz*

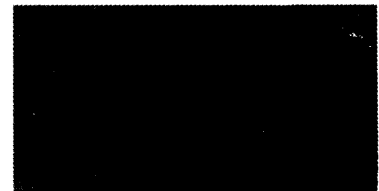
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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER	
<u><i>[Signature]</i></u> KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER	DATE <u>12-8-80</u>
ATTEST: <u><i>[Signature]</i></u> CHIEF OF REGISTRATION	DATE <u>12-5-80</u>

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Presently, the building is still the Red Bank Police Headquarters, adequately housing the office of the Chief of Police (at one time the Mayor's office), the court room and various other related offices.

In concluding a discussion of the significance of the building at 51 Monmouth Street, it may be said that this structure has positively contributed to the successful development of the Borough of Red Bank since its creation in 1908. Its use as the Borough Hall prior to 1958, and since that year as Police Headquarters has provided comfortable housing for many important officials of Red Bank. The building retains much of its original structural and visual architectural character.

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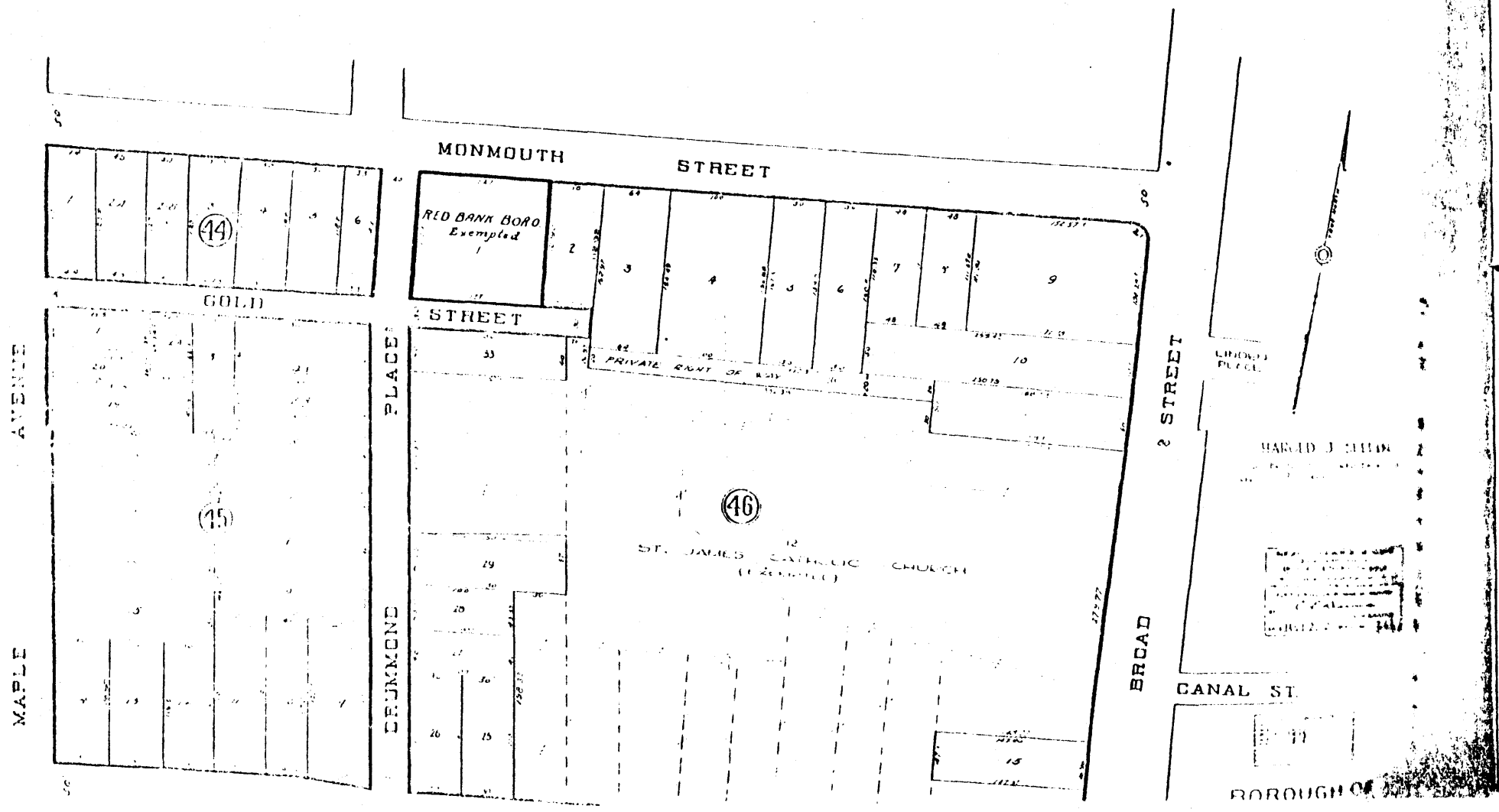
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MAPLE AVENUE

GOLD STREET

DRUMMOND PLACE

MONMOUTH STREET

BROAD STREET

CANAL ST.

RED BANK BORO  
Exempted

ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH  
(EXEMPTED)

LIFTING PLACE

HAROLD J. SMITH

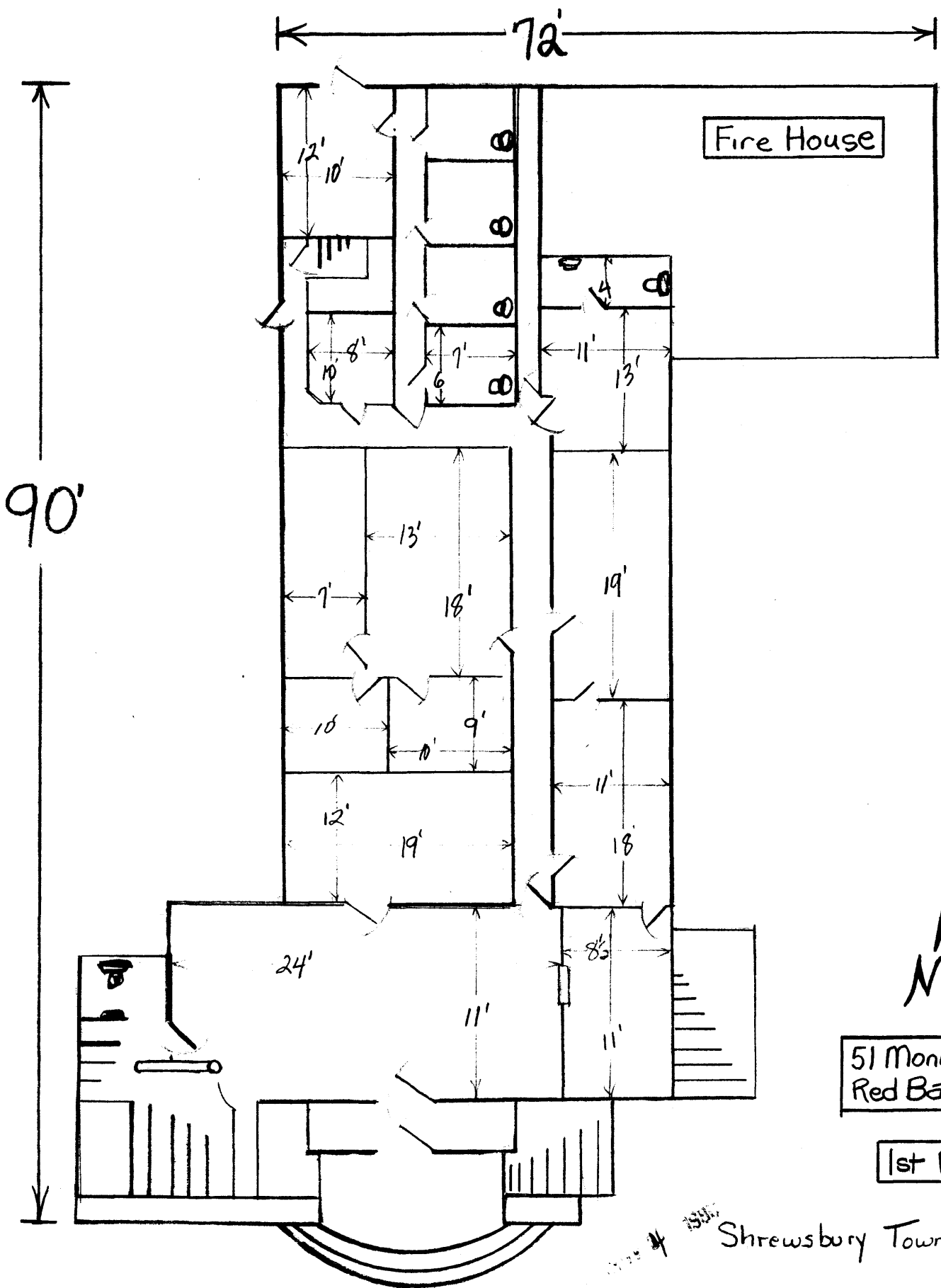
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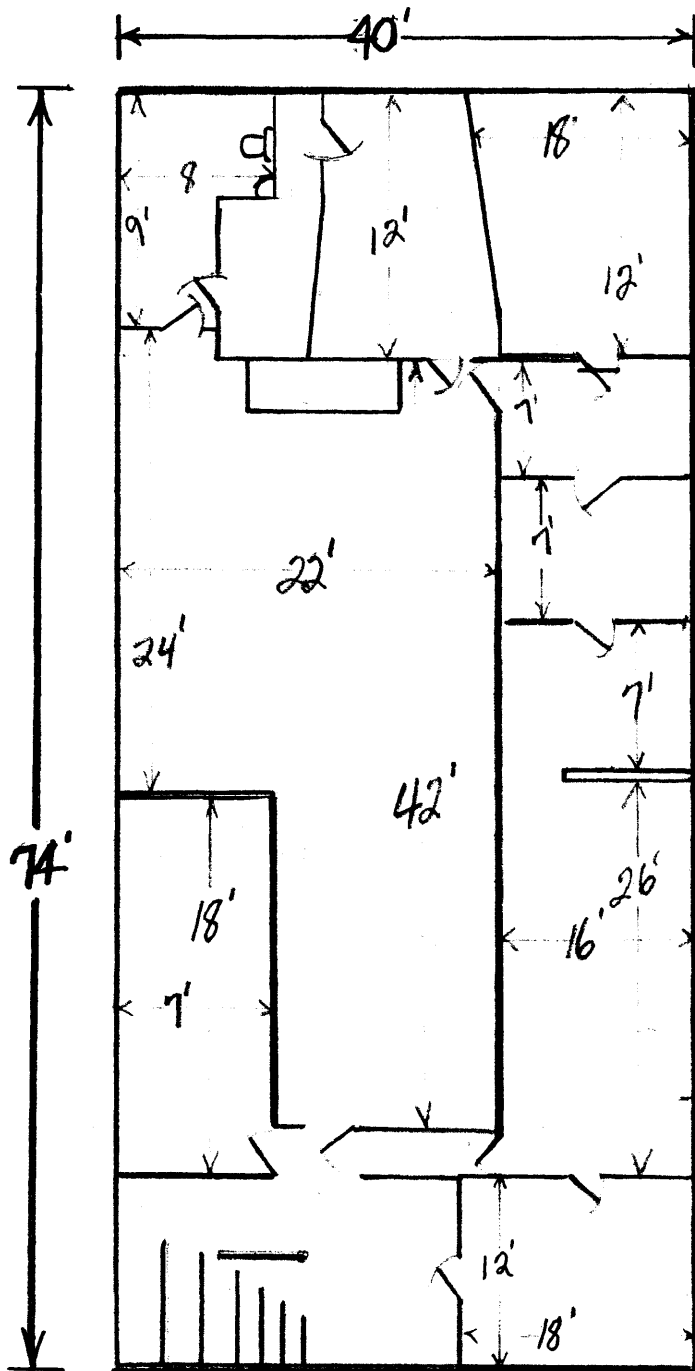
PRIVATE RIGHT OF WAY



51 Monmouth St.  
Red Bank, N.J.

1st Floor

Shrewsbury Township Hall



51 Monmouth St  
Red Bank, N.J.

2nd Floor

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