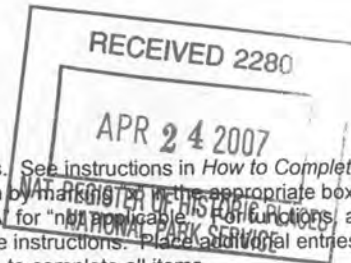


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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form



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 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 Truck House No. 13

other names Engine Company 10 (1940); Trinidad Firehouse (common)

2. Location

street & number 1342 Florida Avenue, NE not for publication

city or town Washington, D.C. vicinity

state District of Columbia code DC county _____ code 001 zip code 20001

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, 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).

DAVID MALONEY, ACTING SHPD 4-20-2007
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

DC HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE
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 Patrick Andrews Date of Action 6/6/2007

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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	
2		buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
2		Total

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

Firehouses in Washington, D.C.

number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

GOVERNMENT/Firehouse

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

GOVERNMENT/Firehouse

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

20th CENTURY REVIVALS/Colonial Revival

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick
walls Brick with limestone trim

roof Slate; standing seam copper (tower)
other _____

Narrative Description

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

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Description Summary:

Truck House No. 13 (Engine Company 10; Trinidad Firehouse) is located at 1342 Florida Avenue, NE at the intersection of Florida Avenue and Orren Street, NE in a residential neighborhood comprised of early 20th-century two-story brick row houses. The firehouse, constructed in 1925, is a two-story, gable-fronted building designed in a Colonial Revival style. It is rectangular in plan, measuring forty-eight feet wide by ninety-eight feet deep. The building is executed in dark-red brick with a pedimented façade, broken on-center by the central hose tower rising three stories in height. Originally, a square lantern with an arched double-hung window on each side topped the hose tower which was, in turn, capped by a round tempieto covered with a domed roof and featuring a weather vane. A pyramidal hipped, standing-seam copper roof covers the tower today.

A small gable-fronted brick outbuilding located at the rear of the lot was originally used to store fuel. Two side-by-side doors provide access to the building.

General Description:

Exterior:

The southern (front) elevation facing Florida Avenue is three bays wide with the hose tower on center flanked by large round-arched apparatus doors on the first story. Above these doors are single 8/8, double-hung windows at the second story. Between the apparatus doors at the base of the tower is a small vertical window, above which is a stone panel with a flagpole mounted above. The pedimented gable end of this front elevation has a bold raking cornice and cornice returns, both with large modillions.

The eastern and western elevations extend five bays deep with each bay being defined by large blind arches. On the eastern elevation single the blind arches are filled with single 6/6 double-hung windows. Above the blind arches at the second floor are eight 6/6 windows. The western elevation is almost identical with the exception that the arch nearest the front of the building contains a door instead of a window. The door is fenestrated and topped by a tiny pediment. The rear elevation contains the same windows as found those on the other three elevations. All the windows in the building feature limestone keystones.

Interior:

The building today features the conventional firehouse plan with bunkroom directly above the apparatus room. Originally, the apparatus room was two stories in height. During the renovations of the 1980s, a floor was inserted over the apparatus room, producing the typical two-story plan. Despite this interior alteration, the firehouse maintains integrity.

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)

- Criteria A, B, C, D with checkboxes and descriptions.

Criteria Considerations

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

Property is:

- Criteria A-G with checkboxes and descriptions.

Narrative Statement of Significance

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

Area of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

- Architecture
Community Planning and Development

Period of Significance

1925-1957

Significant Dates

1925

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Builder

Parks & Baxter

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 files (NPS):

- Criteria for previous documentation on files.

Primary location of additional data:

- Criteria for primary location of additional data.

Name of repository:

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Summary Statement of Significance:

The context for firehouses is described in the National Register Multiple Property Listing: *Firehouses in Washington, D.C.: 1806-1945*. Originally constructed in 1925, Truck House No. 13 meets Criteria A and C for listing in the National Register. The building is significant as one of the first fire stations to have been built after World War I, at which point firehouse construction in the city had reached a hiatus. In addition, this firehouse, along with Engine Company 29 was constructed in a Colonial Revival-style—a long-lived, but not very prolific period of design in firehouse construction that was ushered in by the Office of the Municipal Architect in the 1920s and 1930s, with the encouragement of the Commission of Fine Arts. In addition, Truck House No. 13 (along with Engine Company 29), was innovative in plan, breaking a strict pattern of the full, two-story firehouse that had been established in the antebellum, volunteer fire company period.

The Period of Significance for Truck House No. 13 extends from 1925 when the building was constructed until 1957, a point fifty years in the past from the present.

Resource History and Historic Context:

When constructed in 1925, this firehouse was known as Truck House No. 13. In 1940, a year after the plan to consolidate Washington firehouses deemed the “old” Engine House 10 at 1341 Maryland Avenue, NE (1894) redundant, the two companies (Truck Company 13 and Engine Company 10) were combined at this site. The “old” Engine Company 10 was vacated, and this firehouse eventually became known as Engine Company 10.¹ At the time of construction, the neighborhood was completely platted but only partially developed as a solidly middle-income neighborhood of row houses.

As originally constructed, this firehouse was experimental in plan. Unlike the previous generations of District firehouses, Truck House No. 13 did not have a full second story. Instead, it had the only example of an apparatus bay open to the floor above, with dormitory rooms arranged above and around the two-story space, lit by a skylight in the tower and made secure by a balcony. Firepoles were at the edge of the balcony. This might have been an attempted solution to combine better separation of the apparatus and sleeping spaces with the ability to better monitor the whole interior. Ultimately, however, the experimental scheme proved unsuccessful, likely because there was an insufficient buffer from the noise and fumes and temperatures of the first floor. Such a plan was never replicated and since its construction, the “atrium” has been filled in with a new floor.

The firehouse was designed by the firm of Parks & Baxter, known primarily for its designs of apartment buildings. Harvey P. Baxter, (b. Petersburg, Va., 1894, d. 1964) received no formal architecture

¹ Fire Fighters Association, 100 Years of Glory: A History of the District of Columbia Fire Department, 1871-1971, p. i-iii.

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training, but came to Washington in 1920 and later joined in partnership with Parks, about whom little is known.² Baxter designed numerous houses in Wesley Heights for developer L.E. Breuninger and Sons, and others. Together, Parks & Baxter designed the grounds of Hampshire Gardens—the first garden apartment complex in Washington.³ From 1921-1933 Baxter served as chief of the Office of Municipal Architect and, in that capacity, planned and erected seventeen public schools, preferring Renaissance or Colonial Revival designs⁴ and two other firehouses, Engine Company 31 at 4930 Connecticut Avenue, NW, 1930; and Engine Company 16 at 1018 13th Street, NW, 1932. In later years, he was associated with Arthur B. Heaton designing buildings at George Washington University and the plan for the campus quadrangle.⁵

Truck Company 13 and Engine Company 10 still operate out of this firehouse.

² James M. Goode. Best Addresses: A Century of Washington's Distinguished Apartment Houses. Washington, D.C.: Smithsonian Institution Press, 1988, p.290; and Sally L. Berk, Environmental Impact Statement for the Mid-City Sector of the Green Line of the Washington Metro. October 1989.

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 11,190 square feet

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

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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 Sally Berk, Architectural Historian; Kim Williams (edited, 2007), Architectural Historian

Organization The Capitol Fire Museum Date March 2001

street & number 2214 Wyoming Avenue, NW telephone _____

city or town Washington, D.C. state _____ zip code 20008

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

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

Photographs

- X 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 District of Columbia Fire Department

street & number _____ telephone _____

city or town _____ state _____ zip code _____

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Verbal Boundary Description:

Truck House No. 13 occupies Lot 828 of Square 4068 in the District of Columbia. The lot is located at 1342 Florida Avenue, NE.

Boundary Justification:

Truck House No. 13 has been associated with this lot since construction of the firehouse on the site in 1925.

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PHOTOGRAPHS

The following information is common to all photographs:

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Washington, D.C.
Kim Williams, photographer
March 2007
DC Historic Preservation Office (DC HPO)

- 1) View looking northeast showing south (front) and west (side) elevations
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- 2) View looking northwest showing south and east elevations
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- 3) View looking north showing south elevation
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- 4) View looking southwest showing east (side) and north (rear) elevations
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- 5) View looking southwest showing north rear elevation
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- 6) Fuel Shed, view looking northwest
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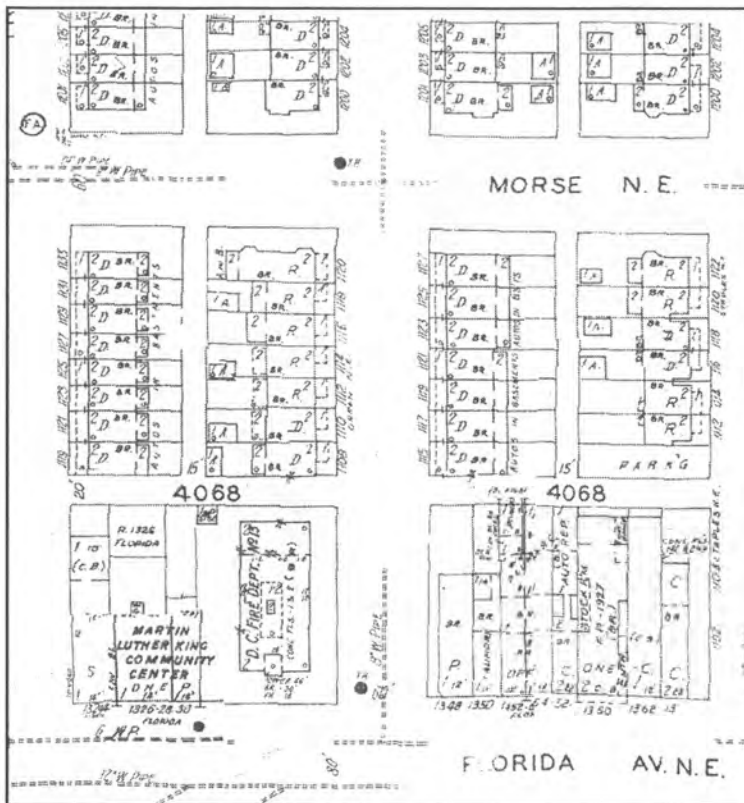
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SITE MAP



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(From Sanborn Map, 1991)

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HISTORIC PHOTOS



Historic Photo of Truck House No. 13 (circa 1950s)
(From the Collection of Jackson Gearhart)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Truck House No. 13

MULTIPLE NAME: Firehouses in Washington DC MPS

STATE & COUNTY: DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, District of Columbia

DATE RECEIVED: 4/24/07 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 5/14/07
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 5/29/07 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 6/07/07
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 07000535

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 6/6/07 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept A&C
REVIEWER Patrick Andrus DISCIPLINE Historian
TELEPHONE _____ DATE 6/6/2007

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.



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Kim Williams

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View looking northeast at south (front) and west (side) elevations

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View looking northwest at south and east elevations

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Track House No. 13

1342 Florida Avenue, NE

Washington, DC

Kim Williams

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View looking north at south elevation

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Truck House No. 13

1342 Florida Avenue, NE

Washington, DC

Kim Williams

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View looking southwest showing east (side) and north (rear)
elevations

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Truck House No. 13

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View looking southwest showing north
rear elevation

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Kim Williams

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Fuel shed, view looking northwest

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Please refer to the map in the
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for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500979