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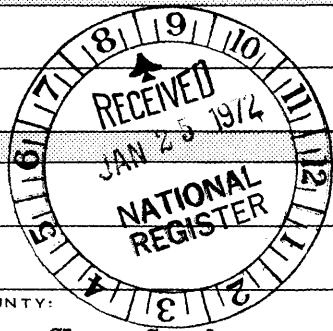
STATE: Colorado	
COUNTY: Clear Creek	
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## NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

1. NAME	
COMMON:	Alpine Hose Company No. 2
AND/OR HISTORIC:	

2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: 507 Fifth Street			
CITY OR TOWN: Georgetown			
STATE Colorado	CODE 08	COUNTY: Clear Creek	CODE 019



3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)  <input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	OWNERSHIP  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	PUBLIC ACQUISITION: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	STATUS  <input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC  Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government Storage Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments	
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNER'S NAME: Town of Georgetown			
STREET AND NUMBER: 404 Sixth Street (Star Hook & Ladder Building)			
CITY OR TOWN: Georgetown	STATE: Colorado	CODE 08	

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Clear Creek County Courthouse			
STREET AND NUMBER: 415 Argentine Street			
CITY OR TOWN: Georgetown	STATE: Colorado	CODE 08	

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY: Georgetown Society Survey			
DATE OF SURVEY: 1971 <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Town Hall			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN: Georgetown	STATE: Colorado	CODE 08	

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Alpine Hose No. 2 is two structures. However, when the bell tower was added it was tied into the back of the first building. Both sections retain their original appearance.

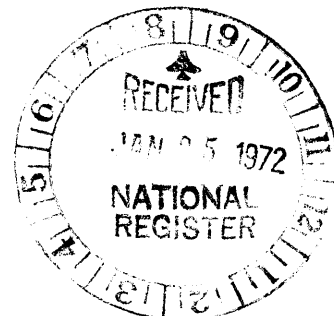
The front section is a two story rectangular structure with a false front topped by a plain cornice. A gable roof covers the building. The siding is white clapboard (ship lap). On the first story of the facade (north side) there is a long window on the left and a door on the right with double fire doors in the center. These are topped by a plain overhanging lintel which runs the width of the building. The second story front is marked by three long windows with individual lintels. There are no windows on the sides or in the rear of this section.

The hose house was built in 1878 and has not undergone any major remodeling since that time. The bottom floor was for storage of hose carts and equipment. The second floor contains a large meeting room with an elevated platform on the north end and at the south end an office room and the stairwell from the lower floor. The second floor is not in use at the present moment and has deteriorated; however, remnants of the original wallpaper still exist.

The bell tower portion of the building was built on in 1880. The foundation was attached to the front building and the buildings were joined so the tower could be entered from the rear of the hose house. The tapered tower is 65 feet in height and sided with white clapboard to match the front structure. The siding is horizontal up to the night watchman's room under the bell balcony, at which point siding of the same material is herringboned. At the base of the tower there is a window on the east side and a door on the west. (North base opens into hose house.) A crude staircase inside the tower leads to the night watchman's room which is marked by windows on all four sides (no distinguishing characteristics). Pride and joy of the building is the high, ornate bell tower which houses the original 1200-pound bell. The tower has a low wooden balustrade with posts at each corner. The posts support a low, single-peaked roof. Elaborately sculptured brackets project from the posts to support the eaves of the roof. On top of the roof is a flag pole that can be reached by climbing a narrow ladder from the bell balcony. Over the years winds and weather have twisted the bell tower counter clockwise.

In June 1971 the Town of Georgetown appointed a committee to investigate the restoration needs of these buildings. Restoration should be underway by fall of 1971.

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**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

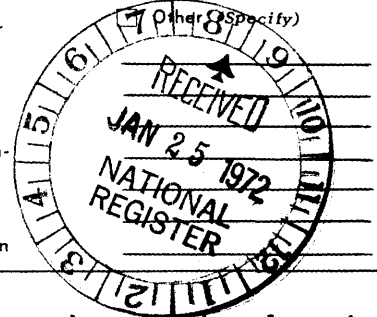
- Pre-Columbian |  16th Century |  18th Century |  20th Century  
 15th Century |  17th Century |  19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

1874 and 1880 until the 1920s

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input type="checkbox"/> Political           | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |   |  |  |



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Alpine Hose Co. No. 2 was built in 1874 to house hose cart and equipment and provide a meeting hall for the Alpine Volunteers. The Alpines were one of four volunteer fire companies in Georgetown at the time. Others were the Hope Hose Co. No. 1, The Star Hook and Ladder Co., and the Georgetown Fire and Hose Co.

These companies responded so promptly and combatted fire so efficiently that Georgetown is one of the few original frame and wood constructed towns in Colorado which has not been swept by fire.

Most of Colorado's major mining towns were hit by one or more disastrous fires that wiped out large sections of the community. Cripple Creek (2 within two weeks), Victor, Central City, Caribou, Gold Hill, Ward, Fairplay, Kokomo, St. Elmo, Red Mountain Town, Creede and Silver Cliff, are just some of Colorado's largest and more important mining towns that were either completely swept by fire or large portions of the town were burned down in fires out of control. Although Georgetown had its fair share of fires, all were contained within a short period and did not spread.

The volunteers answered to the fire bell and ran their hose carts to the fire. Three of these carts, two complete with hose, and a hook and ladder cart with hook and ladder are on public display in the bottom of the Alpine Hose.

Competition between the volunteer fire departments were popular events in those days, particularly between the mining communities. The Georgetown volunteers ran with the best of them. In 1877, the Alpines won the first state championship held under the auspices of the State Association. Two years later they again won the state competition, held at Denver, setting a record time for running 500 feet to a hydrant, unreeling 200 feet of hose and getting water.

In 1880 William A. Hamill, a wealthy mining man, offered to purchase the Alpines a bell if an appropriate hose tower could be built. The tower was constructed as it stands today and the original inscribed bell still rings out over Georgetown.

The many trophies won by the fire companies are still the possession of the Georgetown Volunteer Fire Dept. When the Alpine Hose No. 2 is restored the bottom floor will be used to display the hose carts and equipment and the meeting room will be used to show the trophies.

*Restoration completed, and use as museum. 1/2/72*

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

1. History of Clear Creek & Boulder Valley, 1880  
O. L. Baskin & Co. Historical Publishers
2. Colorado State Firemans Association 1918  
Convention Brochure
3. Unpublished research

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: About 1/2 acre

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
Cynthia Wadsworth

ORGANIZATION: Georgetown Society, Inc.      DATE: Nov. 22, 1971

STREET AND NUMBER:  
P. O. Box 657

CITY OR TOWN: Georgetown      STATE: Colorado      CODE: 08

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name Stephen H. Hart

Title Colorado State Liaison Officer

Date December 27, 1971

**NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

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

Robert W. Utley  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 1/25/73

ATTEST:  
Wm. Stewart  
Keeper of The National Register

Date 1.17.73

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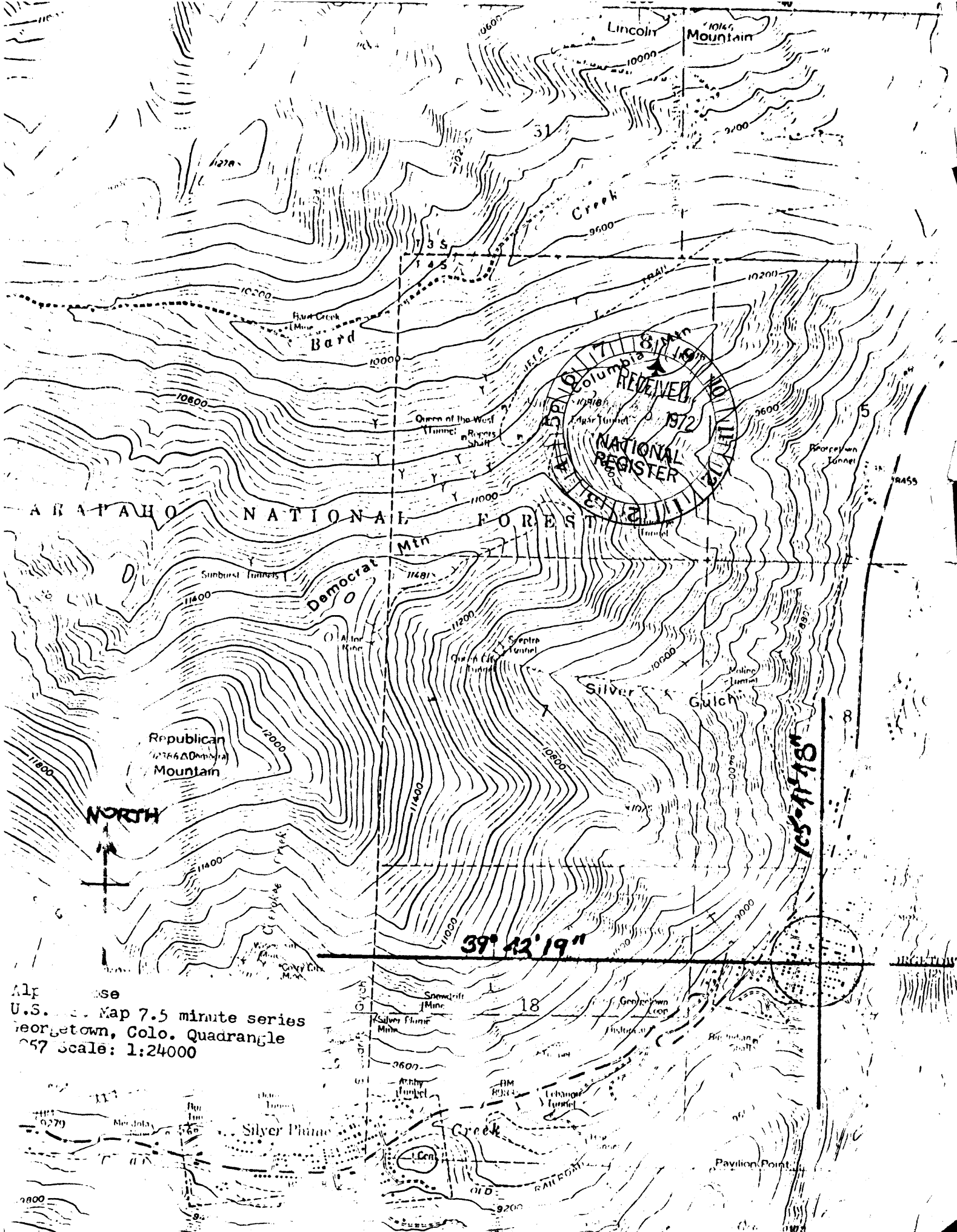
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Alpine Hose Company No. 2

Statement of Significance: (continued)

The Alpine Hose No. 2 building differed architecturally from the other fire department buildings in Georgetown and other Colorado mining towns in that its bell tower was much larger, higher and far more prominent than the others.





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 U.S. Map 7.5 minute series  
 Georgetown, Colo. Quadrangle  
 257 Scale: 1:24000

Form 10-301  
(Dec. 1968)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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**PROPERTY MAP FORM**

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<b>3. MAP REFERENCE</b>			
SOURCE: USGS			
SCALE: 1:24000			
DATE: 1957			
<b>4. REQUIREMENTS</b>			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			

