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Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Engine Company 6 Fire Station
other names/site number Stewart B. McKinney Shelter

2. Location

street & number 34 Huyshope Avenue N/A not for publication
city, town Hartford N/A vicinity
state Connecticut code CT county Hartford code 003 zip code 06106

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	<u> </u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u> </u>	<u> </u> objects
		<u>1</u>	<u> </u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:
Firehouses of Hartford, Connecticut

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. 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. See continuation sheet.

[Signature] January 10, 1989
Signature of certifying official Date
Director, Connecticut Historical Commission
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. 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] Entered in the National Register 3/2/89

Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

GOVERNMENT/ fire station

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

GOVERNMENT/other: homeless shelter

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

Moderne

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation concrete

walls brick

roof other: tar and gravel

other sandstone

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The firehouse at 34 Huyshope Avenue, formerly the home of Engine Company 6, is located southeast of Hartford's downtown in an industrial area near the Colt Firearms factory. Built in 1938, the two-story brick building was designed in a Moderne style with square massing, a flat roof, and brownstone trim. It is now used as a homeless shelter operated by the City of Hartford.

The foundation of the building is brownstone along the facade, and concrete in the rear. The brown brick walls are interrupted by brick piers with brownstone caps located at the corners of the building and between the three bays of the facade (Photograph 1,2). Bands of brownstone also serve as lintels above the windows and two entrance bays of the facade, and as trim around the watchroom door on the north side. Here, the stone is incised with Art Deco-style detailing (Photograph 3). Above the central window on the facade is a stone plaque marked "Steam Fire Engine No. 6," which originally appeared on the Engine Company's first building at 98 Huyshope Avenue (Photograph 1).

The firehouse retains its original windows - tall bands of metal casements - in groups of two and three along the facade and south side. A three-story square hose tower stands to the rear of the building.

The firehouse is entered via a watchroom on the left side which is separated from the apparatus room by a wood-paneled wall. The apparatus room is a plain rectangular space with brown and tan glazed-brick walls and a concrete floor. On the second floor are three offices with the dormitory and bathrooms behind. The dormitory is lit by a skylight and period light fixtures.

The structural frame of the building is reinforced concrete.

Alterations to the building have been few. The sliding poles were removed when the building was converted to a shelter, a drop ceiling was installed in the second-floor offices, and the entrance bays now have overhead metal doors.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G N/A

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture
Community Planning and Development

Period of Significance
1937-1938

Significant Dates
1937

Cultural Affiliation
N/A

Significant Person
N/A

Architect/Builder
Hartford Architectural Bureau

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The 34 Huyshope Avenue firehouse displays a high level of integrity in design, materials, setting, and association. A basis on which to evaluate its significance is contained within the associated historic context, "Fire Service in Hartford, 1789-1939."

34 Huyshope Avenue was the second firehouse built for Engine Company 6, organized in 1873. The company's first house, a large brick Italianate building, was damaged by the flood of 1936 and demolished the same year. Company 6, called the "Colt Engine Company" in the 19th century, was one of the first fire companies in the city. The building ceased operation as a firehouse in 1982 when the company was disbanded.

The firehouse was designed by the Hartford Architectural Bureau, supervised by architect Frank W. Whiton. As an agency of the City of Hartford, the Bureau was responsible for the design of two firehouses, this one and the station of Engine Company 5 at 129 Sigourney Street. Both are very similar in style and design, although the design of this station is simpler. It serves as an excellent example of the work of the Bureau and the conservative application of the Moderne style to firehouse design in a time of limited financial resources.

This firehouse meets the requirements for registration as outlined in the multiple property submission, "Firehouses of Harford." It retains its original massing, layout and decorative elements and contains those features characteristic of firehouse design: apparatus room, watchroom, large entrance bays, sleeping quarters, hose tower. The sliding poles were removed when the building was converted to a shelter.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See multiple property form.

Previous documentation on file (NPS): N/A

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 # _____

See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:

State historic preservation office

Other State agency

Federal agency

Local government

University

Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property approximately .20 acre

UTM References

A

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Zone			Easting					Northing						

C

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B

Zone			Easting					Northing						

D

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Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated property occupies the City of Hartford Parcel Number 136-004-003.

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Boundary Justification

The boundary of the property surrounds the building and immediate setting historically associated with the firehouse.

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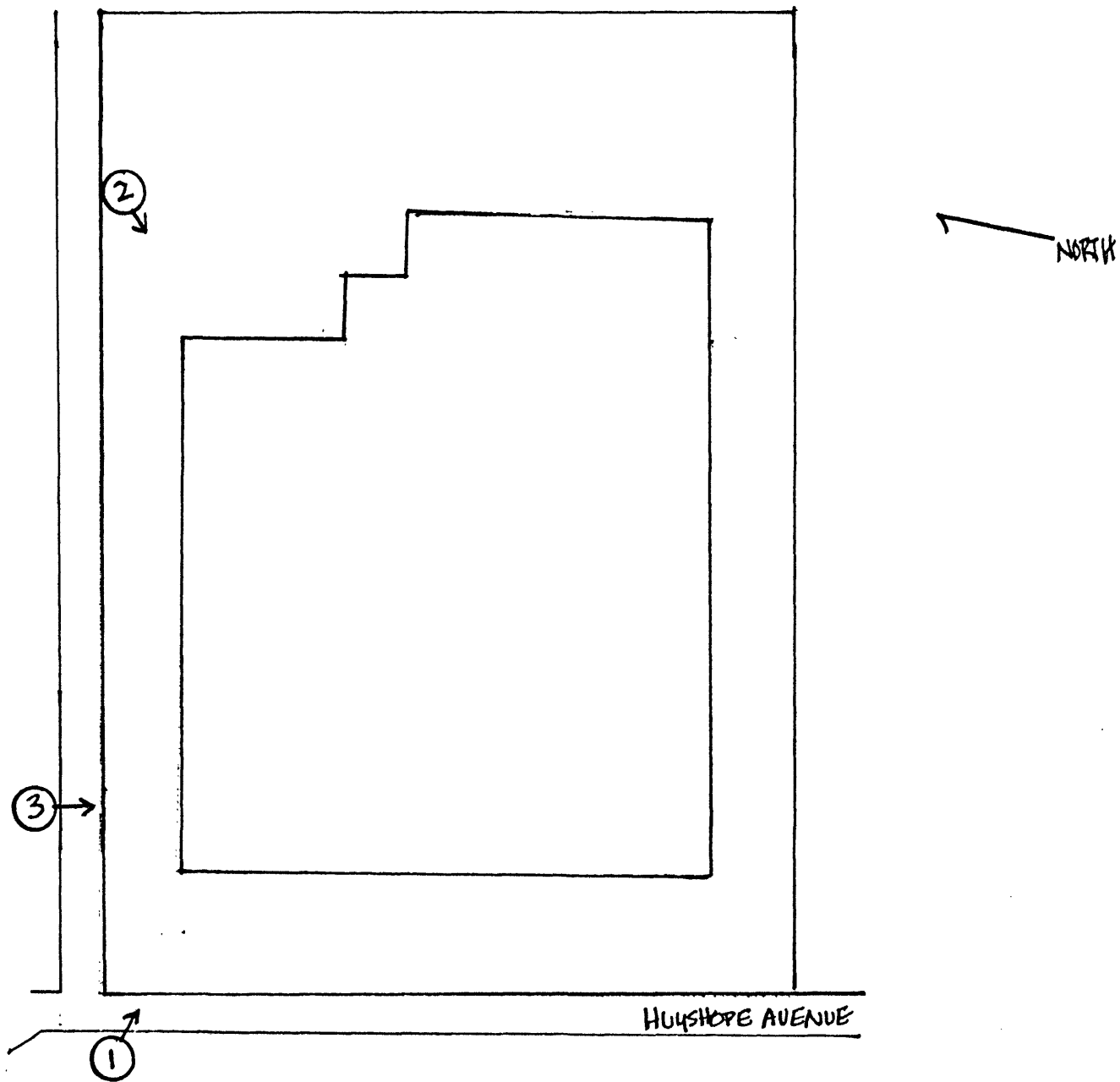
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organization Connecticut Historical Commission date May 22, 1988

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city or town Hartford state CT zip code 06106



Sketch Map

Engine Company 6 Fire Station
34 Huyshope Avenue
Hartford, Connecticut

Not to Scale

Photo key:

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Hartford, ConnecticutSection number Photos Page 1Photographs

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<u>Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>View</u>	<u>Comment</u>
1	34 Huyshope Avenue West and north elevations.	Southeast	
2	34 Huyshope Avenue North and east elevations.	Southwest	
3	34 Huyshope Avenue Detail, watchroom door.	South	