

HISTORIC NAME: Firemen's Monument
LOCATION: Church Square Park

COMMON NAME: same
BLOCK/LOT

MUNICIPALITY: Hoboken
USGS QUAD:
OWNER/ADDRESS:

COUNTY: Hudson
UTM REFERENCES:
Zone/Easting/Northing

DESCRIPTION

Construction Date: 1891

Source of Date: pls. see references

Architect:

Builder: J.W. Fiske, N.Y., N.Y.

Style:

Form/Plan Type:

Number of Stories:

Foundation: limestone

Exterior Wall Fabric:

Fenestration:

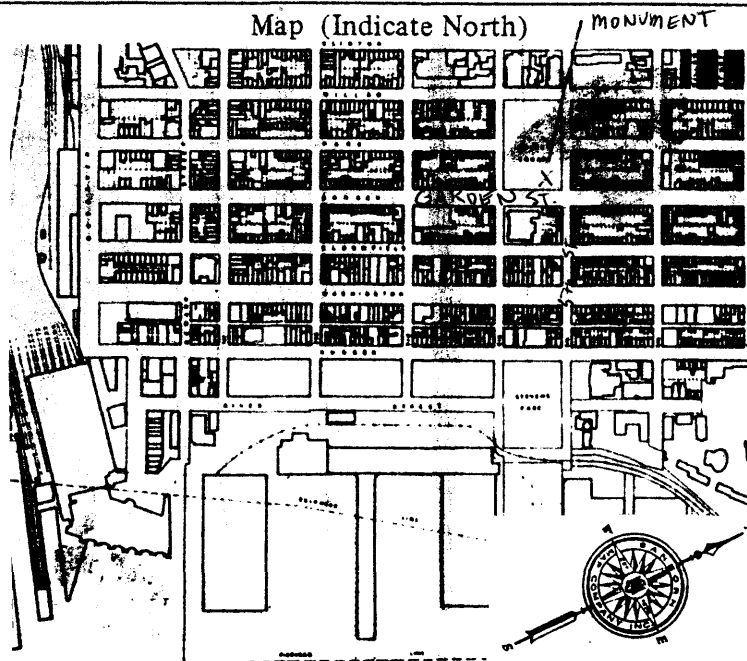
Roof/Chimneys:

Additional Architectural Description:

This life-sized figure of a fireman in full uniform is holding a lantern in one hand and a small child in his other arm.

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monument is placed at the southwest corner of Church Square Park, near the corner of 5th St. and Garden St.

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Urban Suburban Scattered Buildings
Open Space Woodland Residential Agricultural Village
Industrial Downtown Commercial Highway Commercial Other

Park

SIGNIFICANCE:

The Firemen's Monument was erected to honor the Volunteer Fire Department by the citizens of Hoboken. It was dedicated on May 30, 1891. In June of 1891, the paid fire department was established. On "Decoration Day," May 30th, a silver trowel was used to lay the cornerstone of the monument. Badge No. 222 and the names of members, written on parchment, were ordered placed in a box under the cornerstone. The bronze statue was cast by J.W. Fiske, the New York manufacturer of ornamental iron, bronze and zinc. An advertisement appearing in the souvenir programme for the Decoration Day event pictured a drinking fountain, upon which a version of the Firemen's Monument was placed. The advertisement states that "The Fireman shown on this Drinking Fountain is the same as the one furnished the Fire Department of the City of Hoboken, N.J. Special inducements offered to cities contemplating erecting Firemen's or Soldiers' Monuments in either Standard Bronze or Zinc." The convention of creating such monuments stemmed from the establishment of paid departments through the 1890's.

ORIGINAL USE: monument PRESENT USE:
PHYSICAL CONDITION: Excellent Good Fair Poor
REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes Possible No Part of District
THREATS TO SITE: Roads Development Zoning Deterioration
No Threat Other

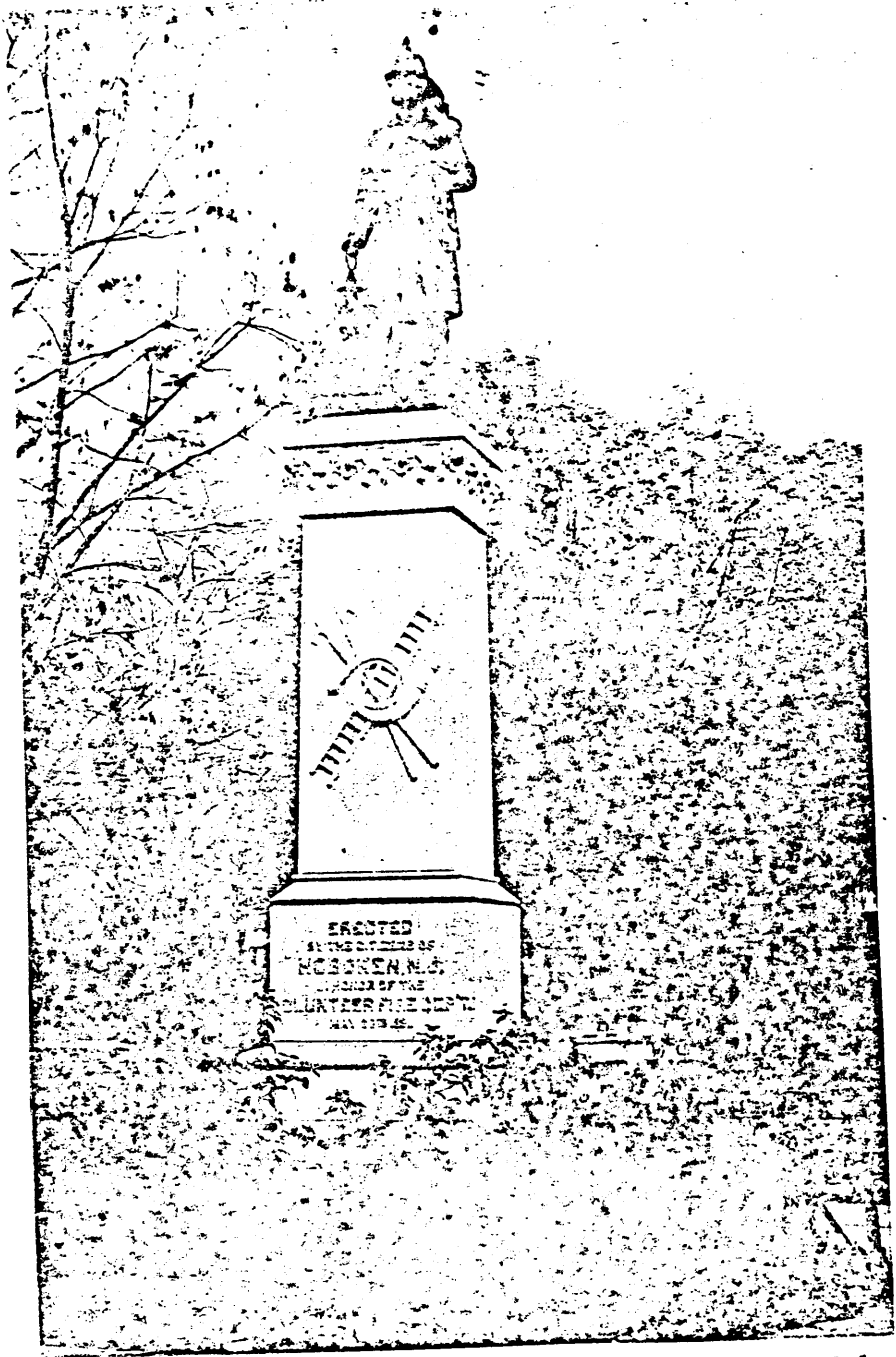
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REFERENCES:

"Souvenir Programme of the Ceremonies upon the Unveiling of the Firemen's Monument by the Volunteer Firemen at Hoboken, May 30, 1891" (copy, reference dept., Hoboken Free Public Library)

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Firemen's Monument, Church Square Park, Hoboken
from: Art Work of Hoboken, 1893.

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