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NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF CULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 0713 182

HISTORIC NAME: Cliffside Hose Co. #4 COMMON NAME: Upper Montclair Firehouse
 LOCATION: 588 Valley Rd. (1904 map) BLOCK/LOT 1711/31; 16-1/11 Station 42

MUNICIPALITY: Montclair COUNTY: Essex
 USGS QUAD: Orange UTM REFERENCES:
 OWNER/ADDRESS: Township of Montclair Zone/Northing/Easting

DESCRIPTION

Construction Date: 1901-1902 Source of Date: Interior Plaque
 Architect: E.R. North Builder:
 Style: Queen Anne Form/Plan Type: L-shaped
 Number of Stories: 2½
 Foundation: Brownstone

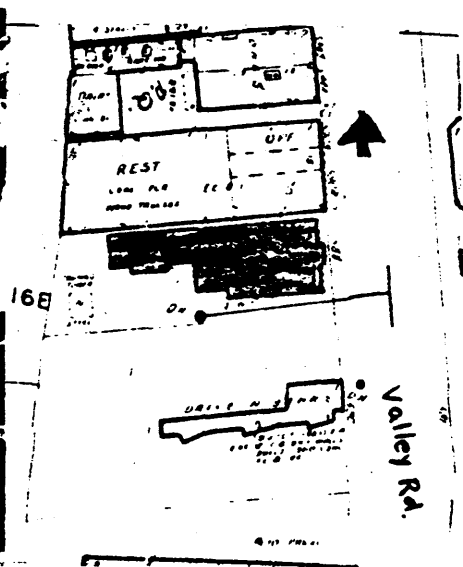
Exterior Wall Fabric: Brownstone (first level); Brick (upper portion); Wood Shingles (upper turret)
 Fenestration: 5 bays (turret as central bay); 3 entrances, including those for vehicles, punctuate the lower level; 1/1 D.H. & single-light casement windows
 Roof/Chimneys: Hipped Roof w/Asphalt Shingles; one interior chimney.
 Additional Architectural Description:

A turret topped by a conical roof dominates the central section of the front facade (piercing the roof is a hipped dormer with keyhole windows); a paneled and corbeled chimney rises above the roof ridge; exposed rafters adorn the open eaves beneath the flared ends of the roof; Romanesque surrounds highlight the round-headed windows on the second level; brownstone voussoirs surmount the remaining apertures (windows & doors) on the first and second levels; quoins, also of brownstone, accentuate the corners of the buildings on the second level.

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Map (Indicate North)



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SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

Lot size - 55' x 152'

The firehouse occupies the front or eastern portion of the lot.

Less than one acre.

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

SIGNIFICANCE:

This exuberant structure, designed by the prominent Montclair architect E. R. North, was one of Cliffside's* earlier buildings. Its style, scale & detailing render it conspicuous in this village commercial district.

*Upper Montclair, originally named Speertown, sometimes called Cliffside during the latter part of the 19th century.

ORIGINAL USE: Firehouse

PRESENT USE: Firehouse

PHYSICAL CONDITION: Excellent Good Fair Poor

REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes Possible No Part of District

THREATS TO SITE: Roads Development Zoning Deterioration

No Threat Other

COMMENTS:

REFERENCES:

Miller, D. L., Map of the Town of Montclair, Philadelphia:
D. L. Miller & Co., 1901.

Interior Plaque

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