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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC Canada Hose Company

AND/OR COMMON
Cumberland Hose Company Number One

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
400-402 North Mechanic Street

CITY, TOWN
Cumberland

NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
Sixth

STATE
Maryland

VICINITY OF
CODE
24

COUNTY
Allegany

CODE
001

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
City of Cumberland, c/o The Hon. Frank Nethken, Mayor

STREET & NUMBER
City Hall

CITY, TOWN
Cumberland

STATE
Maryland 21502

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Allegany County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER
30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN
Cumberland

STATE
Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Canada Hose Company is located at 400-402 North Mechanic Street, on the north bank of the Potomac River, in Cumberland, Maryland. It is a two-story, three-bay structure of brick laid in common bond except on the north (front) facade, which is all stretcher bond. The gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles; the eaves are decorated with brackets.

The north facade has a doorway in the central bay flanked by two 4/4, double-hung sash windows on the first floor and three round-arched 4/4 sash windows on the second floor. The door is modern and the transom above it boarded up. The first floor openings all have wood lintels, while the second floor windows have semicircular brick arches. All windows on this facade have wooden sills.

The east end has two sets of double doors on the first floor and a huge, round-arched window on the second. The doors used for the fire engines are made of diagonal boards braced by chamfered vertical and cross members. Large iron strap hinges 32 inches long hold the doors in place. The long wooden lintel above the opening has letters reading "Cumberland Hose Co. No. 1". The window above is divided into four parts: in the semicircle at the top are two quarter circles of two fixed lights each; below this are two tall, narrow fixed sash of four lights each. The wide molding around the window has a small molding at the bottom of the semicircle, giving the feeling of pilasters. The window has a stone sill.

The west end has a double-door entrance that is presently covered with asbestos cement boards. On the second floor of this facade is a double window consisting of two tall, narrow, round-arched windows joined together. The plain wood trim around the windows also has moldings giving the appearance of pilasters. The sash are double-hung with 6/4 lights.

The south facade is a solid brick wall with an addition on its west half. The addition is a two-story, shed-roofed frame structure encased in asbestos cement boards. It has three one-light windows with fixed sash. A four-panel door with two-light transom provides access to the section.

The wood lintels over the fire engine doors, the openings on the south facade, and the stone lintel over the sealed doors on the west are all connected by a brick belt course that runs around the east, north, and west facades. The belt course has returns on the south facade. The building has two interior brick chimneys and a vent pipe on the roof. A star bolt at the end of a tie rod is visible on the south facade at the east end.

The first floor of the building is a garage with doors on either end. The double doors on the west end have been partially enclosed. Damage to the walls of the first floor is a result of the 1936 flood of the adjacent Potomac River. The stair to the second floor is located in the addition on the south side of the building. The stair is partially enclosed with two flights, one landing, a plain string, and a plain, heavy wooden rail. On the second floor the walls are finished with a high baseboard, chairrail, and wainscoting. The second floor east window has been blocked, but the wooden surround, resembling pilasters on either side, remains intact. A small office on the second floor of the addition contains many old photographs of the building and charters and certificates relating to the company.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) Fire fighting
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

1845

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In 1833 a fire in the city of Cumberland destroyed seventy-five buildings in the heart of the downtown area.¹ Three years before, the Cumberland Fire Engine Company, known as the Canada Company,² had been formed but apparently it had little fire fighting equipment.³ Four years after the 1833 fire the city purchased a "Gooseneck" fire engine that was given to the Canada Company along with "four ladders, three hooks, four axes, and thirty dollars towards erecting a house in 1839."⁴

Members of the company had been meeting in a box shed of the Whither's Tannery on Mechanic Street where the new engine was kept. The company was incorporated in 1840 and five years later moved into its new firehouse on Mechanic Street at Blue Spring.⁵

In 1850 a new engine from Button and Company of Waterford, New York was purchased by the town corporation for the Canada Company. This engine, officially called the "Cumberland" but familiarly known as the "Dutch Chest," was later augmented by another engine from the same firm that was purchased by members of the company in 1852. There were 100 members in 1882.⁶

This is the oldest of a number of firehouses in Cumberland built during the 19th century. As a group, these buildings are among the most interesting in Cumberland. The large, double wooden doors are a common feature of these structures, but the large arched windows on the second floor of this building are unique. The brick driveway and sidewalk around the structure enhance its appearance.

The Canada Hose Company building is an outstanding example of 19th century utilitarian civic architecture. A reminder of the public spirit of the earlier citizens of Cumberland, it continues its usefulness as an auxiliary police station.

¹Harry Stegmaier, Jr., Allegany County- A History (Parsons, W. Va.: McClain Printing Company, 1976), p. 150.

²The section of Cumberland where this building is located was known as Canada because the Canada Viaduct passed through it.

³John T. Scharf, History of Western Maryland (Philadelphia: L.H. Everts Company), p. 1379.

⁴James W. Jhomas and T.J.C. Williams, History of Allegany County, Maryland (Philadelphia: L.R. Titsworth and Company, 1923), p. 367.

⁵John T. Scharf, History of Western Maryland (Philadelphia: L.H. Everts Company), p. 1379.

⁶Ibid.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 81' x 28'

UTM REFERENCES

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

A rectangular shaped lot measuring 81' x 28'. 81' along North Mechanic Street. Deed Reference: Liber K, Folio 226, Allegany County Courthouse, 30 Washington Street, Cumberland, Maryland.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

1km

William Pratt and Dave Dorsey

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

STREET & NUMBER

November 29, 1977

TELEPHONE

County Office Building, Pershing Street

CITY OR TOWN

(301) 777-5967

STATE

Cumberland

Maryland

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL XX

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

J. Little

8-10-79

TITLE

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

William H. Brauman

DATE 9.21.79

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

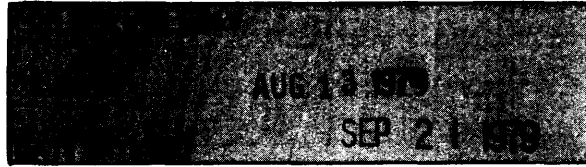
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DATE 9-21-79

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