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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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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 *No.*
Hose House #10
AND/OR COMMON *A*
Old Hose House #10

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
119 East Columbia Street
CITY, TOWN
Evansville VICINITY OF
Eighth (Joel Deckard)
STATE
Indiana CODE
018 COUNTY
Vanderburgh CODE
163

CLASSIFICATION

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

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
John Cave
STREET & NUMBER
4509 North Kratzville Road
CITY, TOWN
Evansville VICINITY OF
Indiana

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Vanderburgh County Recorder's Office
STREET & NUMBER
City-County Administration Building
CITY, TOWN
Evansville STATE
Indiana

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
None
DATE

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

DESCRIPTION

Hose House #10, situated on the southwest corner of Heidelbach Avenue and East Columbia Street, was completed by the Ohio Valley Planing Mill Company in December 1888, according to plans prepared by local architect Frank J. Schlotter. For eighty-nine years it served as base for fire fighting operations in the densely populated section of the city just north of the central business district. In December 1977, operations were moved directly across the street into the newly completed Fire Station #10 on the northwest corner of Heidelbach and Columbia. Since then the old house has stood vacant, with ownership passing via auction in October 1978 from the City of Evansville to a private individual.

Old #10 fire house is a rectangular two story building of red brick laid in common bond courses measuring roughly thirty-six feet by sixty feet. A pitched roof, with recently applied asbestos shingles over the old seamed terne covering, forms front and rear gables. The front of the building faces East Columbia Street and it is here that architectural detail of an Italianate theme is concentrated. Two round-arched fire apparatus openings, their curves accentuated by galvanized iron drip moldings with keystones (and more recently by paint), provide a basis for a symmetrical plan. Above, on the dormitory story balancing each opening, is a set of smaller paired windows within a brick frame highlighted by a blind segmental arch and a smaller keystone. A round attic vent, centered within the gable, and galvanized iron eaves, brackets and roof cornice (enclosing the gutter) complete the facade. The actual doors are recessed, a safety feature for outward-opening doors where front walls are flush with the sidewalk.

Although the basic exterior appearance of the old building seems to have been little disturbed over the past nine decades, there have been concessions to progress. Years ago the central pier of the arched openings was replaced with an "I" beam support in order to accommodate the larger modern engines. Similarly only vestiges remain of two features which figured prominently in operations of earlier days. Still straddling the roof ridge at the front of the building is the platform for the bell tower. With the installation of a city-wide alarm system, in about 1913, the bell which once heralded the out-break of a fire rang the next twenty years only to toll the death of a fireman. In 1936, structural instability forced the removal of both the tower and the bell.

Like other fire houses built during the days of horse-drawn apparatus, Hose House #10 had storage space for hay. The hay room was in the second story at the rear. Although converted to a small window now, the exterior opening for loading hay is clearly delineated on the east wall by remaining stone lintel and sill as well as by brick infill. Above, protruding from the eaves, still intact, is the hook and beam assembly used for hoisting hay. The interior spaces are divided into an apparatus room on the first floor with sleeping quarters on the second floor. An attic runs the length of the building. The two brass poles were removed when the building was vacated, but grooves to enable the horses to get traction remain in the concrete floor.

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1888

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Ohio Valley Planing Mill Company/
Frank J. Schlotter, Architect

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

When built in 1888, the double-bay Hose House #10 was an important addition to the fire fighting capabilities of the Evansville Fire Department. The station was a base of operations for protecting the northern part of the growing 6th Ward, the majority of which was becoming densely settled and frame-built. Hose House #10 was also a vital link in the chain of fire houses encircling the downtown district, then the principal commercial, warehouse and industrial center of the city. (See attached map.)

The Hose House is a significant document of the evolution of Evansville's fire house architecture. The first major work of local architect Frank J. Schlotter (1864-1943; see Alhambra Theatre, National Register, October 1979), Hose House #10 marks the departure in Evansville's public architecture from plain utilitarianism. Prior to Number 10, the city's fire stations lack stylistic associations and pretenses.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET.

DATA NOT VERIFIED
ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Less than one acre

QUADRANGLE NAME Evansville South

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES

A 16 450710 4204040

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Joan C. Marchand and Douglas L. Stern

ORGANIZATION

Department of Metropolitan Development

DATE

29 October 1979

STREET & NUMBER

Civic Center Complex Room 314

TELEPHONE

(812) 426-5487

CITY OR TOWN

Evansville

STATE

Indiana

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

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

TITLE Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE 12-23-80

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

Entered in the
National Register

DATE

2/11/80

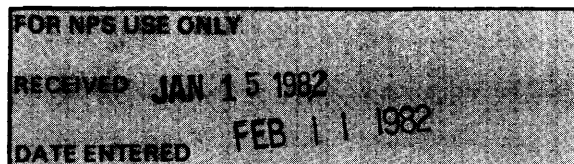
ATTEST: Delores Byers
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

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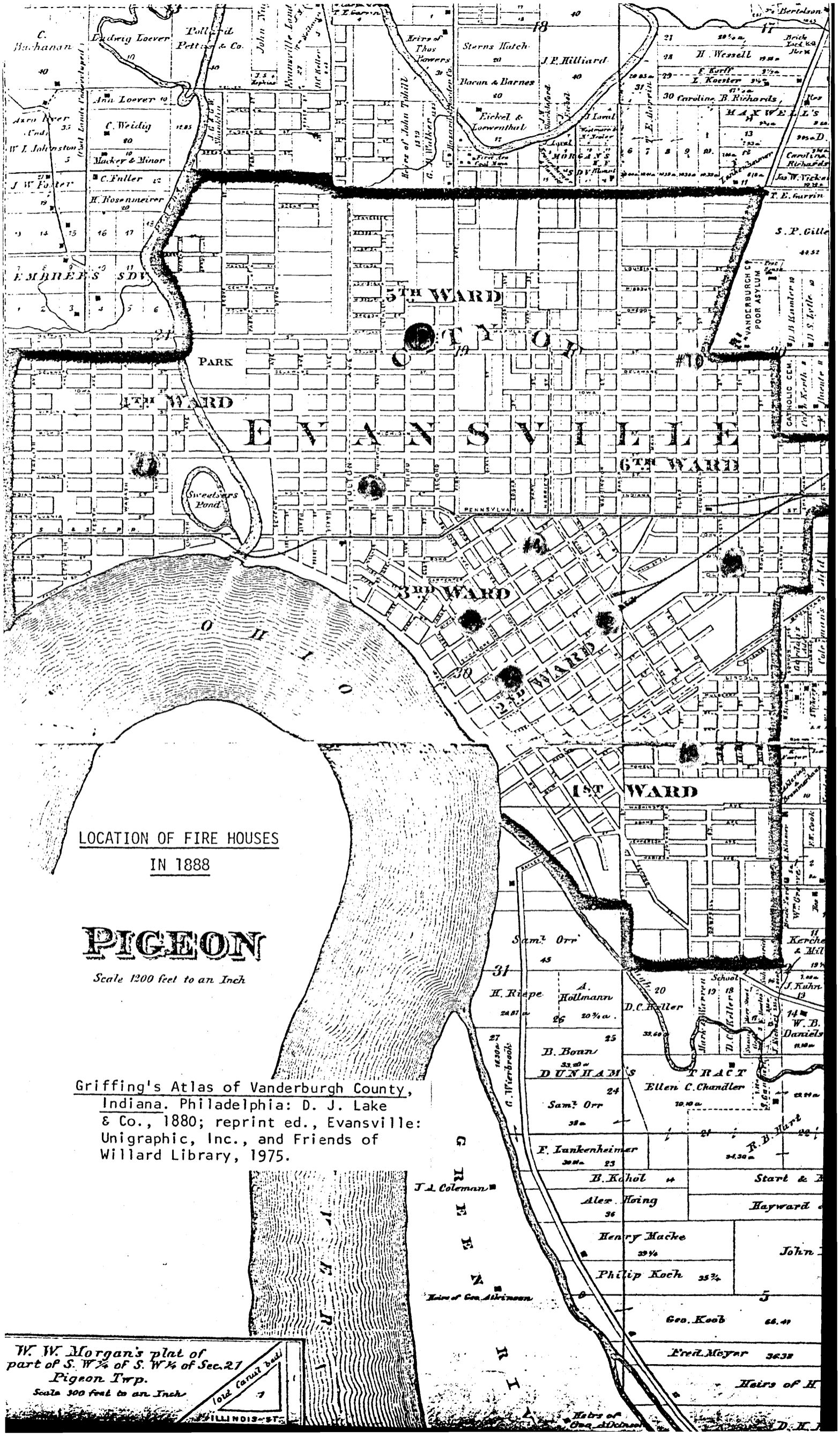
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Verbal Boundary Description

Old Hose House #10 is situated on Lots 10 and 11 of the Heidelberg and Elsas Enlargement to the City of Evansville (1866). It is bounded on the east by North Heidelberg Avenue; on the north by East Columbia Street; on the west by the property line between Lots 9 and 10 of the Heidelberg and Elsas Enlargement; and, on the south by the alley that runs east-west between East Delaware Street and East Columbia Street.



LOCATION OF FIRE HOUSES
IN 1888

PIGEON

Scale 1200 feet to an Inch

Griffing's Atlas of Vanderburgh County,
Indiana. Philadelphia: D. J. Lake
& Co., 1880; reprint ed., Evansville:
Unigraphic, Inc., and Friends of
Willard Library, 1975.

W. W. Morgan's plat of
part of S. W ¼ of S. W ¼ of Sec. 27
Pigeon Twp.
Scale 300 feet to an Inch

ILLINOIS ST.

Hairs of One Adams