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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 Hoboken Land and Improvement Company Building

AND/OR COMMON SAME

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 1 Newark Street

CITY, TOWN Hoboken NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 14th

STATE New Jersey VICINITY OF CODE 34 COUNTY Hudson CODE 017

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" 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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	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 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 Hoboken Land Building, Inc. (Nathan Baker, President) ✓

STREET & NUMBER 1 Newark Street

CITY, TOWN Hoboken STATE New Jersey

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Hudson County Administration Offices

STREET & NUMBER 595 Newark Avenue

CITY, TOWN Jersey City STATE New Jersey

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE New Jersey Historic Sites Inventory

DATE 1976 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

Situated near the Erie Lackawanna Terminal on the southeast corner of River and Newark Streets, the Hoboken Land & Improvement Company Building is a 2 1/2 to 3 story, rectangular, red brick structure, with its length running an entire block. Not having a discernible facade, it must be assumed by its address that the long side on Newark Street, facing north, is the front. It is on this side, as well as the south side, that the building appears to have five distinct sections, which are united by a band of rough cut granite blocks extending from the ground to the first floor window sills and totally encompassing the building. The two end and middle sections are wider and have a lower roofline than the other two sections, thus giving them only 2 1/2 stories. These three sections have a string course separating the first and second floors and are topped with asphalt shingled, hip roofs containing dormer windows. The dormers on the middle section stop at the cornice, while the dormers on the end sections extend below the cornice. The two end sections are two bays wide. The middle section has five bays and contains the main entranceway, which leads to a similar doorway on the south side. The two remaining sections are a full three stories in height and are also topped with asphalt shingled pyramidal roofs. These sections are faced with decorative brickwork entailing the use of arches, corbeling and rectangular recessed panels of varying sizes. Their counterparts on the south side are differentiated by having two windows on each floor and are decorated just below the cornice line with brickwork forming arches and corbels. On the third floor, between the two rectangular windows, there is a round window on one section and on the other a terra cotta panel bordered with an egg & dart molding and containing a clock face surrounded by objects from the sea and topped with the company's monogram. There is ornamental brickwork on every side of the building and it is further enhanced by the use of two different colored mortars. Where there are recessed brick panels in the facade, the recessed brick is accentuated by the use of white lime mortar as compared to the red mortar on the remaining portions. The two chimneys, one in the middle section and the other on the end section facing west, are also decorated with recessed panels. All the masonry work was done by Myles Tierney, who was a resident of Hoboken.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

1889

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Myles Tierney

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Hoboken Land & Improvement Co. Building is significant for its historic association with the commercial development of Hoboken, N.J. and enterprises involving the development and expansion of transportation facilities. The unique design of the building, although it cannot be characterized as belonging to a particular architectural style, is significant for the excellence of its craftsmanship and detailing.

Hoboken once belonged to Colonel John Stevens and, two weeks before he died, on Feb. 21, 1838 the Hoboken Land & Improvement Co. (a real estate holding corporation for the Stevens family interests) was incorporated by a special act of the N.J. Legislature. It was given the power to develop the city for residential, business and industrial purposes and was responsible for planning the street layout of Hoboken. The company constructed a section of railroad from Hoboken to Newark, thus enabling the Morris & Essex Railroad to reach Hoboken. It assisted financially in the completion of the Erie Tunnel and in the construction of the railroad from the tunnel to the Delaware & Hudson Canal Co.'s coal docks at Weehawken. It contributed to the construction of the horse car lines. The company was also responsible for overseeing its subsidiary companies, which included the Hoboken Ferry Co. The Hoboken and Hudson City Horse Car Railroad and the Hoboken and Newark Railroad.

This building, at 1 Newark Street, is where the company maintained its offices from 1889 until it was formally dissolved on Dec. 2, 1946. Nathan Baker (the present owner) bought the building on Mar. 15 1948 and it still serves as an office building. Always maritime minded, the Stevens family had the structure, especially the facade and the broad central stairway, designed generally to simulate a ship. Although the architect is unknown, the individual responsible for the masonry work, which is of a very high quality and richly detailed, is recorded to have been Myles Tierney.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .43 acres (18,893 sq. ft.)

QUADRANGLE NAME Jersey City

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A 18 582000 4509710

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The nominated property occupies city lot 10 and is approximately 43,50' x 250' in size

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

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DATE May 1, 1978

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CITY OR TOWN New York

STATE New York

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL STATE LOCAL X

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.

Deputy [Signature]
STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

3-29-79

TITLE Deputy Commissioner, Dept. of Environmental Protection DATE March 29, 1979

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

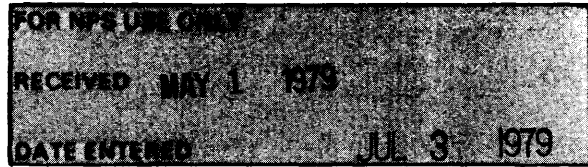
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KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 7-3-79

ATTEST: [Signature]
CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE July 2, 1979

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Description (continued)

Although there have been alterations made to the exterior, the overall character of the building has been maintained. Some of the changes which have occurred include the removal of all the cornices, a decorative frieze and stationary awnings which extended over the ground story on all sides of the end and middle sections. Many of the dormers, which were originally above the cornice and contained double windows, are now single windows and extend below the cornice. Some of the arched windows on the second floor have been replaced with rectangular windows. The asphalt shingle roof is not original. From old photographs it appears to have been originally slate or pantiles.

The building is in good structural condition with the exception of extensive deterioration to red mortar. This should be repointed.

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