

OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO.

HISTORIC NAME: Engine Co. #6
LOCATION: 801 Clinton St.

COMMON NAME: same
BLOCK/LOT 160/1

MUNICIPALITY: Hoboken

COUNTY: Hudson

USGS QUAD:

UTM REFERENCES:

OWNER/ADDRESS: City of Hoboken, N.J. 07030

Zone/Easting/Northing

DESCRIPTION

Construction Date: 1907

Source of Date: entablature

Architect: unknown

Builder: unknown

Style: Classical Revival

Form/Plan Type: rectangular, with fire tower toward rear of 8th St. facade.

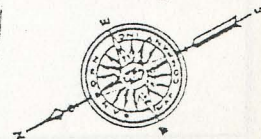
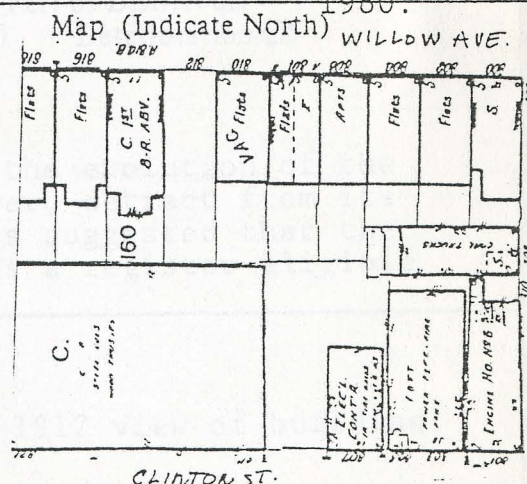
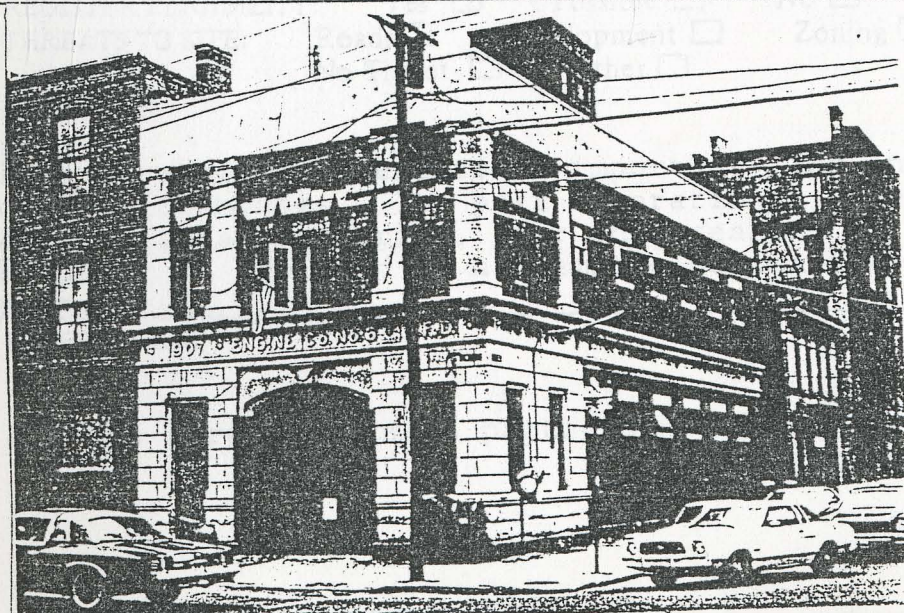
Number of Stories: 2

Foundation: limestone & brick

Exterior Wall Fabric: limestone & brick

Fenestration: double-hung wood sash; 1st and 2nd fl. windows are pivot-pane on principal facade, while central windows are casements; leaded glass transoms
Roof/Chimneys: flat roof w. tower

Additional Architectural Description: The basement storey features bluestone foundation trim, two courses of rough-hewn limestone which support a smooth stone sill. This forms the base of a rusticated limestone ground floor. The arched opening for the engine door is centered on the principal Clinton St. facade. The engine door is flanked by a window to the south and a door to the north. Both window and door are of equal height, and filled with multi-paned square art glass transoms. Above the engine door is a grouping of three windows. The central one is wider than those flanking it, and has casement windows. These have keystone lintels and art glass transoms as do those of the ground floor. The grouping is framed by two Ionic pilasters with 10" bases. The capitals have garlands below each of the volutes. A stone entablature between the second and first stories bears the 1907 construction date and "Engine Co. No. 6, H.F.D." The cornice was removed c. 1980.



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SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

Situated on the corner of a streetscape which is of similar height. Its principal facade is oriented toward Clinton St., and the motifs of the front facade continue two bays along the side street facade.

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

SIGNIFICANCE:

This firehouse is a compact yet impressive Classical Revival structure. It is the only firehouse built in this style in Hoboken, and is a good representation of that particular style. It retains its wood fire-tower, which is set back from the facade so as to be hardly visible from the Clinton St. side. The removal of the tin cornice has severely compromised the building's architectural integrity, but the nature of the other changes is reversible.

ORIGINAL USE: firehouse

PRESENT USE: same

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:

This firehouse represents an important link in the evolution of the city's firehouses. Its past alterations, however, detract from its architectural integrity. For this reason, it is suggested that the building be included in a thematic nomination as a register-eligible property.

REFERENCES:

Hoboken Fire Department photograph collection: 1912 view of building.

RECORDED BY: Patricia Florio
ORGANIZATION: -----

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