NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION
HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC NAME: Alpine Cap
COMMON NAME: Alpine Cap
LOCATION: 110 Observer Highway
BLOCK/LOT: 198/1A
MUNICIPALITY: Hoboken
COUNTY: Hudson
OWNER/ADDRESS: Applied Housing Assoc., 59 13th St., Hoboken, N.J.
PRESENT USE: Hat storage; will be converted to housing
USGS QUAD: Hat factory

DESCRIPTION
Construction Date: c, 1875
Source of Date: visual inspection
Architect: unknown
Builder: unknown
Style: Vernacular Greek Revival mill-type structure
Number of Stories: 3, w. attic storey
Foundation: brick foundation wall
Form/Plan Type: rectangular

Structural System: wood framed bldg. with brick piers; rafters, tendon joints into girders
Exterior Wall Fabric: red brick

Fenestration: 10 bays wide on longer side; three bays on shorter side
windows all have arched lintels and slightly projecting sills.
Entrance Location: on Bloomfield Street

Roof/Chimneys: pitched roof with three chimneys on longer sides.

Additional Architectural Description:
The building is painted a brick-colored red, and has a wooden cornice which is classically derived, but simple and unornamented, typical of the Greek Revival mill buildings that appear classic more because of proportion and massing that because of elaborate detailing. On the Observer Highway side, the middle bay is the location of two hoistways, at the attic and 2nd floor levels. The counterweight for one of these is said to have been in the shape of a beaver hat. The windows on its eastern side were bricked up at a later date. Because the wall on this side is unpainted, one can assume that the building was originally unpainted.

MAP (Indicate North)
SITING AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

On the northeastern corner of Bloomfield St. and Observer Highway; the structure is most related in scale to the loading and storage buildings directly opposite it, which are parallel to the Erie Lackawanna tracks.

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:  Open Space [ ]  Woodland [ ]  Scattered Buildings [ ]
Suburban [ ]  Urban [x]  Residential [x]  Agricultural [ ]  Industrial [ ]
Downtown Commercial [x]  Highway Commercial [ ]  Other [ ]

SIGNIFICANCE:

This building is the oldest on the entire block, and represents the waning dominance of industry in this area of Hoboken. It is additionally important because it is of a simple yet functional design, and because it has changed very little since its original construction date.

PHYSICAL CONDITION:  Excellent [x]  Good [ ]  Fair [ ]  Poor [ ]
REGISTER ELIGIBILITY:  Yes [x]  Possible [ ]  No [ ]  As part of district [x]
THREATS TO STRUCTURE:  Roads [ ]  Development [ ]  Zoning [ ]  Deterioration [ ]
No Threat [x]  Other [ ]

COMMENTS:

REFERENCES:

RECORDED BY:  Patricia Florio
ORGANIZATION:  Hoboken Community Development Agency
DATE:  August, 1979
NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY # 17-8
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC NAME: Engine Co #1
LOCATION: 501 Observer Highway
MUNICIPALITY: Hoboken
USGS QUAD: 
OWNER/ADDRESS: City of Hoboken

COMMON NAME: Fire Station # 2
BLOCK/LOT: 8A/1
COUNTY: Hudson
UTM REFERENCES: Zone/Northing/Easting

DESCRIPTION
Construction Date: 1892
Source of Date: fire depart. records
Architect: Charles Full
Builder: A.W. Clayton, carpenter
Style: Richardsonian Romanesque
M. Foley & Son, masons
Form/Plan Type: irregular- squared off
Flash Bros. Plumbers
triangle with tower
Number of Stories: 2
Additional Architectural Description:
Foundation: cut fieldstone
Exterior Wall Fabric: pressed brick with sandstone trim
Fenestration: 3 bays wide, one/one sash with transoms, sandstone
Roof/Chimneys: parapet with gables, chimneys at ends of gable
arches, lintels and sills
Arches above fire engine doors has brick voussoir and
foliage capitals.

PHOTO Negative File # Map (Indicate North)
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

A freestanding structure situated on a triangular lot between three streets at the edge of town.

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Urban [X] Suburban [ ] Scattered Buildings [ ]
Open Space [ ] Woodland [ ] Residential [ ] Agricultural [ ]
Industrial [ ] Downtown Commercial [ ] Highway Commercial [X] Other [ ]

SIGNIFICANCE:

An excellent example of the Richardsonian Romanesque style. The station has been in continuous use since 1892.

ORIGINAL USE: fire station  PRESENT USE: station
PHYSICAL CONDITION: Excellent [X] Good [ ]  Fair [ ] Poor [ ]
REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes [X] Possible [ ]  No [ ] Part of District [ ]
THREATS TO SITE: Roads [X] Development [ ] Zoning [ ] Deterioration [ ]
No Threat [ ] Other [ ]
COMMENTS:

Could be part of a fire station nomination

REFERENCES:

fire department memorandum--dates of fire stations
Interview with deputy chief officer James Halloran and Pat Florio.

RECORDED BY: Michael S. May  DATE: May 4, 1980
ORGANIZATION: Columbia Univ.
NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY # 17-12
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC NAME: 564-62 Observer Highway
LOCATION: 564-62 Observer Highway
MUNICIPALITY: Hoboken
USGS QUAD: Res./Comm. (504)
OWNER/ADDRESS: 

COMMON NAME: 16/2,1
BLOCK/LOT: 
COUNTY: Hudson
UTM REFERENCES: Zone/Northing/Easting

DESCRIPTION
Construction Date: 
Source of Date: 
Architect: 
Builder: 
Style: Italianate 
Form/Plan Type: 
Number of Stories: 4 

Foundation: 
Exterior Wall Fabric: 
Fenestration: 8 bays (2 entries), aluminum double-hung sash 
Roof/Chimneys: 

Additional Architectural Description: Heavy cast iron lintels w/brackets and raised patterns. Pedimented lintel over door at 562. Deteriorating wood cornice with paired oncasle brackets.

Map (Indicate North)
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:
In declined light industrial area on busy local highway. On corner of Monroe St.

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:  Urban [ ]  Suburban [ ]  Scattered Buildings [X]
Open Space [ ]  Woodland [ ]  Residential [X]  Agricultural [ ]
Industrial [ ]  Downtown Commercial [ ]  Highway Commercial [X]  Other [ ]

SIGNIFICANCE:

ORIGINAL USE:  
PRESENT USE:  
PHYSICAL CONDITION:  Excellent [ ]  Good [ ]  Fair [X]  Poor [ ]
REGISTER ELIGIBILITY:  Yes [ ]  Possible [ ]  No [ ]  Part of District [X]
THREATS TO SITE:  Roads [ ]  Development [ ]  Zoning [ ]  Deterioration [ ]
No Threat [ ]  Other [ ]
COMMMENTS:

REFERENCES:

RECORDED BY:  J. Sholeen  
ORGANIZATION:  
DATE:  10/11/78
NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY # 17-9,10-(510)
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC NAME: Lighthouse Bar (514)
LOCATION: 514-12-10 Observer Hghw.
MUNICIPALITY: Hoboken
USGS QUAD:
OWNER/ADDRESS:

COMMON NAME: Lighthouse Bar (514)
BLOCK/LOT: 17/3,2,1
COUNTY: Hudson
UTM REFERENCES:
Zone/Northing/Easting

DESCRIPTION
Construction Date: Source of Date:
Architect:
Builder:
Style: Italianate Form/Plan Type:
Number of Stories: 4

Foundation:
Exterior Wall Fabric: Brick with cast iron lintels and cornices
Fenestration: 4 bays each, wood double-hung with round arched windows in 1st story.
Roof/Chimneys:

Additional Architectural Description:

1) Pedimented lintel over doors at 510, 12
2) Paired windows, flank center entries at 510,12
3) Intact door at 510
   Corbelling below cornices (514 Parapet)
4) 510 slightly taller and has different cornice (with four console brackets) than 512.
5) Altered storefront, stripped cornice at 514

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Map (Indicate North)
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:
Recently demolished buildings leave vacancy to east across from Fire Station #2. Busy street - undesirable due to noise, vibration. Brick buildings in all areas of frame row housing.

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:  Urban [ ]  Suburban [ ]  Scattered Buildings [x]
Open Space [ ]  Woodland [ ]  Residential [ ]  Agricultural [ ]
Industrial [ ]  Downtown Commercial [ ]  Highway Commercial [x]  Other [ ]

Poor Location

SIGNIFICANCE:
Fine intact detailing that is as fine as most tenements in Hoboken.

ORIGINAL USE:  
PHYSICAL CONDITION:  Excellent [ ]  Good [x]  Fair [x]  Poor [ ]
REGISTER ELIGIBILITY:  Yes [ ]  Possible [ ]  No [ ]  Part of District [ ]
THREATS TO SITE:  Roads [ ]  Development [ ]  Zoning [ ]  Deterioration [x]
No Threat [ ]  Other [ ]
COMMENTS:
Demolition a threat although buildings look exceptionally sound.

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RECORDED BY:  J. Sholeen
ORGANIZATION:  
DATE:  11/1/78
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**DESCRIPTION**

Construction Date:  
Architect:  
Style: Italianate  
Number of Stories: 4  
Foundation:  
Exterior Wall Fabric:  
Penetration: 4 bays, 2 over 2 wood double-hung  
Roof/Chimneys:  
Additional Architectural Description: Elaborate cast-iron lintels, pediment at entry. Fanciful cornice of two levels with brackets, modulations etc.  

Map (Indicate North)
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

On highway in declined light industrial area.

Residences here (to North) are mainly frame row-housing.

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:  Urban [ ]  Suburban [ ]  Scattered Buildings [X]
Open Space [ ]  Woodland [ ]  Residential [ ]  Agricultural [ ]
Industrial [x]  Downtown Commercial [ ]  Highway Commercial [X]  Other [ ]

SIGNIFICANCE:

ORIGINAL USE:  PRESENT USE:
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REGISTER ELIGIBILITY:  Yes [ ]  Possible [ ]  No [ ]  Part of District [ ]
THREATS TO SITE:  Roads [ ]  Development [ ]  Zoning [ ]  Deterioration [ ]
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COMMENTS:

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