

# NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY # 1-1A

## INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

**HISTORIC NAME:****LOCATION:** 110 Observer Highway**COMMON NAME:** Alpine Cap**BLOCK/LOT:** 198/1A**MUNICIPALITY:** Hoboken**COUNTY:** Hudson**OWNER/ADDRESS:** Applied Housing Assoc.,

59 13th St., Hoboken, N.J.

**ORIGINAL USE:** Hat factory**PRESENT USE:**

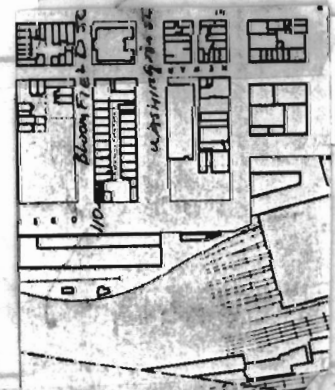
hat storage; will be converted to housing

**USGS QUAD:****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 side st.**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 than 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)**

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**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 ☒ Residential ☒ Agricultural ☐ Industrial ☐  
Downtown Commercial ☒ 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 ☒ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor ☐  
**REGISTER ELIGIBILITY:** Yes ☐ Possible ☐ No ☐ As part of district ☒  
**THREATS TO STRUCTURE:** Roads ☐ Development ☐ Zoning ☐ Deterioration ☐  
No Threat ☒ 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

COMMON NAME: Fire Station # 2  
BLOCK/LOT 8A/1

MUNICIPALITY: Hoboken  
USGS QUAD:  
OWNER/ADDRESS: City of Hoboken

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  
M. Foley & Son, masons

Style: Richardsonian Romanesque

Form/Plan Type: Irregular- squared off triangle with tower  
Pflugh Bros., Plumbers

Number of Stories: 2

Foundation: cut fieldstone

Exterior Wall Fabric: pressed brick with sandstone trim

Fenestration: 3 bays wide, one/one sash with transoms, sandstone arches, lintels and sills

Roof/Chimneys: parapet with gables, chimneys at ends of gable

### Additional Architectural Description:

Facade has tower at right which has been altered at the top. The facade also contains lancet windows.

At sill levels are continuous bands of raised brick.

Sides contain round arch windows with rusticated sandstone arches.

Arches above fire engine doors has brick voussoir and foliage capitals.

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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 [☒] Suburban [☐] Scattered Buildings [☐  
Open Space [☐] Woodland [☐] Residential [☐] Agricultural [☐  
Industrial [☐] Downtown Commercial [☐] Highway Commercial [☒] Other [☐]

**SIGNIFICANCE:**

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

**ORIGINAL USE:** fire station **PRESENT USE:** station  
**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:**

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  
**ORGANIZATION:** Columbia Univ.

**DATE:** May 4, 1980



NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY # 17-12  
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORMHISTORIC NAME:  
LOCATION: 564-62 Observer HighwayCOMMON NAME:  
BLOCK/LOT 16/2,1

MUNICIPALITY: Hoboken

COUNTY: Hudson

USGS QUAD:

UTM REFERENCES:

OWNER/ADDRESS: Res./Comm. (504)

Zone/Northing/Easting

## DESCRIPTION

Construction Date:

Source of Date:

Architect:

Builder:

Style: Italianate

Form/Plan Type:

Number of Stories: 4

Foundation:

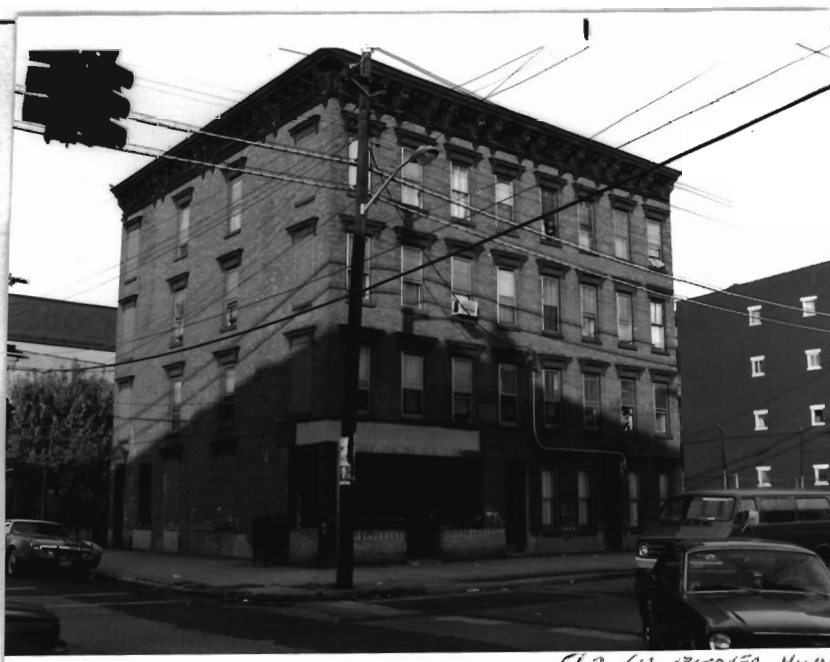
Exterior Wall Fabric:

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 onconsole brackets.

Map (Indicate North)



562, 64 OBSERVER HWY

**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 ☒  
Open Space ☐ Woodland ☐ Residential ☒ Agricultural ☐  
Industrial ☐ Downtown Commercial ☐ Highway Commercial ☒ Other ☐

**SIGNIFICANCE:**

**ORIGINAL USE:**

**PHYSICAL CONDITION:** Excellent ☐ Good ☐

**REGISTER ELIGIBILITY:** Yes ☐ Possible ☐

**THREATS TO SITE:** Roads ☐ Development ☐

No Threat ☐ Other ☐

**COMMENTS:**

**PRESENT USE:**

Fair ☒ Poor ☒

No ☐ Part of District ☒

Zoning ☐ Deterioration ☐

**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:  
LOCATION: 514-12-10 Observer Hghw.

COMMON NAME: LightHouse Bar (514)  
BLOCK/LOT 17/3,2,1

MUNICIPALITY: Hoboken  
USGS QUAD:  
OWNER/ADDRESS:

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)

514

510, 512, 514. OBSERVER Hwy

SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

Recently demolished buildings leave vacancy to east across from  
Fire Station #2. Busy street - undersirable due to noise, vibration  
Brick buildings in all areas of frame row housing.

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

Poor Location

SIGNIFICANCE:

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

ORIGINAL USE:

PHYSICAL CONDITION: Excellent ☐ Good ☒

REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes ☐ Possible ☐

THREATS TO SITE: Roads ☐ Development ☐

No Threat ☐ Other ☐

COMMENTS:

Demolition a threat although buildings look exceptionally  
sound.

PRESENT USE:

Fair ☒ Poor ☐

No ☐ Part of District ☐

Zoning ☐ Deterioration ☒

REFERENCES:

RECORDED BY: J. Sholeen

ORGANIZATION:

DATE: 11/1/78



NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY # 17-11  
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC NAME:

LOCATION: 554 Observer Highway

COMMON NAME:

BLOCK/LOT 16/44

MUNICIPALITY: Hoboken

COUNTY: Hudson

USGS QUAD:

UTM REFERENCES:

OWNER/ADDRESS:

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: 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, modillions etc.



Map (Indicate North)

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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 ☒  
Open Space ☐ Woodland ☐ Residential ☐ Agricultural ☐  
Industrial ☒ Downtown Commercial ☐ Highway Commercial ☒ Other ☐

SIGNIFICANCE:

ORIGINAL USE:

PHYSICAL CONDITION: Excellent ☐ Good ☐

REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes ☐ Possible ☐

THREATS TO SITE: Roads ☐ Development ☐

No Threat ☐ Other ☐

COMMENTS:

PRESENT USE:

Fair ☒ Poor ☒

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