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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON INDEPENDENT HOSE COMPANY

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 12 W. Church Street

CITY, TOWN Frederick ___ VICINITY OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE Maryland COUNTY Frederick

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
__DISTRICT	X PUBLIC	X OCCUPIED	__AGRICULTURE	__MUSEUM
X BUILDING(S)	X PRIVATE	__UNOCCUPIED	__COMMERCIAL	__PARK
__STRUCTURE	__BOTH	__WORK IN PROGRESS	__EDUCATIONAL	__PRIVATE RESIDENCE
__SITE	**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**	**ACCESSIBLE**	__ENTERTAINMENT	__RELIGIOUS
__OBJECT	__IN PROCESS	X YES: RESTRICTED	X GOVERNMENT	__SCIENTIFIC
	__BEING CONSIDERED	__YES: UNRESTRICTED	__INDUSTRIAL	__TRANSPORTATION
		__NO	__MILITARY	__OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN ___ VICINITY OF STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Frederick County Courthouse Liber #: Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER N. Court Street

CITY, TOWN Frederick, Maryland STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

__FEDERAL __STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
X EXCELLENT	__DETERIORATED	__UNALTERED	X ORIGINAL SITE
__GOOD	__RUINS	X ALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
__FAIR	__UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This fire engine house has been on this site since 1846. The sidewalls are part of the original building. The two story and attic brick structure was raised to three floors in 1895 and the entire front was remodeled. In 1940, it was restored back to its original size and the front facade was restored to resemble the original building of 1846 except for a shorter cupola and adapting the front entrance for modern fire apparatus.

It is now two stories high with an attic, approximately four bays wide and seven bays long. To the rear is a full width modern wing approximately eight bays long and constructed of concrete block. The front section has a low slope metal "A" frame roof while the wing has a metal shed roof. At the front gable there is an octagon shaped cupola positioned on a square base. It is arcaded with round arches and is ballustraded. The metal roof tapers to a point and supports a tall weathervane with the date of 1818. The cupola or belfry houses a large fire bell with two hammers which, since 1849, has spread the alarm of fires, heralded national celebrations, and tolled in honor of departed members.

The engine entrance occupies the central two bays and contains a large colonial style door of small glass and wood panels. On either side are regular doors with panes, paneling beneath, and rectangular overlights of eight panes. The two central bays on the second floor contain large windows of 15/15 sash. Beneath these is a long cement panel with metal letters *"Independent Hose Co., Instituted 1818."* At the front gable is an elliptical arched fan light of 9/1 panes. All front windows and doors are topped by brick jack arches with limestone keystones and are flat except for the gable window. A flagpole angles out from between the second floor windows. All second floor side windows are 15/15 sash with wood sills and lintels having square end blocks with roundels. Those on the first floor contain 6/6 sash with regular wood lintels and sills. The building is detached on the east side, has a low fieldstone foundation, is of Flemish bond on the front and common bond on the sides. The front gable is accented with a protruding moulded box cornice with returns. A cornerstone gives the date.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
__PREHISTORIC	__ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	__COMMUNITY PLANNING	__LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	__RELIGION
__1400-1499	__ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	__CONSERVATION	__LAW	__SCIENCE
__1500-1599	__AGRICULTURE	__ECONOMICS	__LITERATURE	__SCULPTURE
__1600-1699	X ARCHITECTURE	__EDUCATION	__MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
__1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER
X 1800-1899	__COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
__1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	X OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__INVENTION		Historic

1846-Company history records
1848-Built/Rebuilt 1895 Cornerstone

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This fire company was instituted in 1818 and is the oldest volunteer company in Maryland. In 1893, the Maryland State Fireman's Association was organized in this building. The Engine House has stored hand drawn hosereels, horse drawn steamers, one of the first automobile fire engines in the country and new apparatus of the latest type. A display of historic items of the days of early firemanship is housed on the second floor.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE *DOUGLAS M. GREENE*
ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

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DATE MAY 1973

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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