

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Hose House #10

AND/OR COMMON

Old Hose House #10

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

119 East Columbia Street

CITY, TOWN

Evansville

STATE

Indiana

VICINITY OF

CODE

018

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Eighth (Joel Deckard)

COUNTY

Vanderburgh

CODE

163

3 CLASSIFICATION**CATEGORY**☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT**OWNERSHIP**☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED**STATUS**☐ OCCUPIED☒ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS**ACCESSIBLE**☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO**PRESENT USE**☐ AGRICULTURE☒ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

John Cave

STREET & NUMBER

4509 North Kratzville Road

CITY, TOWN

Evansville

VICINITY OF

STATE

Indiana

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Vanderburgh County Recorder's Office

STREET & NUMBER

City-County Administration Building

CITY, TOWN

Evansville

STATE

Indiana

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☒ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

DESCRIPTION

Hose House #10, situated on the southwest corner of Heidelberg Avenue and East Columbia Street, was completed by the Ohio Valley Planing Mill Company in December 1888, according to plans prepared by local architect Frank J. Schlotter. For eighty-nine years it served as base for fire fighting operations in the densely populated section of the city just north of the central business district. In December 1977, operations were moved directly across the street into the newly completed Fire Station #10 on the northwest corner of Heidelberg and Columbia. Since then the old house has stood vacant, with ownership passing via auction in October 1978 from the City of Evansville to a private individual.

Old #10 fire house is a rectangular two story building of red brick laid in common bond courses measuring roughly thirty-six feet by sixty feet. A pitched roof with recently applied asbestos shingles over the old seamed terne covering, forms front and rear gables. The front of the building faces East Columbia Street and it is here that architectural detail of an Italianate theme is concentrated. Two round-arched fire apparatus openings, their curves accentuated by galvanized iron drip moldings with keystones (and more recently by paint), provide a basis for a symmetrical plan. Above, on the dormitory story balancing each opening, is a set of smaller paired windows within a brick frame highlighted by a blind segmental arch and a smaller keystone. A round attic vent, centered within the gable, and galvanized iron eaves, brackets and roof cornice (enclosing the gutter) complete the facade. The actual doors are recessed, a safety feature for outward-opening doors where front walls are flush with the sidewalk.

Although the basic exterior appearance of the old building seems to have been little disturbed over the past nine decades, there have been concessions to progress. Years ago the central pier of the arched openings was replaced with an "I" beam support in order to accommodate the larger modern engines. Similarly only vestiges remain of two features which figured prominently in operations of earlier days. Still straddling the roof ridge at the front of the building is the platform for the bell tower. With the installation of a city-wide alarm system, in about 1913, the bell which once heralded the out-break of a fire rang the next twenty years only to toll the death of a fireman. In 1936, structural instability forced the removal of both the tower and the bell.

Like other fire houses built during the days of horse-drawn apparatus, Hose House #10 had storage space for hay. The hay room was in the second story at the rear. Although converted to a small window now, the exterior opening for loading hay is clearly delineated on the east wall by remaining stone lintel and sill as well as by brick infill. Above, protruding from the eaves, still intact, is the hook and beam assembly used for hoisting hay. The interior spaces are divided into an apparatus room on the first floor with sleeping quarters on the second floor. An attic runs the length of the building. The two brass poles were removed when the building was vacated, but grooves to enable the horses to get traction remain in the concrete floor.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input 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	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1888

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Ohio Valley Planing Mill Company/
Frank J. Schlotter, Architect

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

When built in 1888, the double-bay Hose House #10 was an important addition to the fire fighting capabilities of the Evansville Fire Department. The station was a base of operations for protecting the northern part of the growing 6th Ward, the majority of which was becoming densely settled and frame-built. Hose House #10 was also a vital link in the chain of fire houses encircling the downtown district, then the principal commercial, warehouse and industrial center of the city. (See attached map.)

The Hose House is a significant document of the evolution of Evansville's fire house architecture. The first major work of local architect Frank J. Schlotter (1864-1943; see Alhambra Theatre, National Register, October 1979), Hose House #10 marks the departure in Evansville's public architecture from plain utilitarianism. Prior to Number 10, the city's fire stations lack stylistic associations and pretenses.

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SEE CONTINUATION SHEET.

0 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Less than one acre

QUADRANGLE NAME Evansville South

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES

A 16 4507110 4204040
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET

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

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

1 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Joan C. Marchand and Douglas L. Stern

ORGANIZATION

Department of Metropolitan Development

DATE

29 October 1979

STREET & NUMBER

Civic Center Complex Room 314

TELEPHONE

(812) 426-5487

CITY OR TOWN

Evansville

STATE

Indiana

2 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE 12-23-80

OR NPS USE ONLY

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

DATE

ATTEST: KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

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Verbal Boundary Description

Old Hose House #10 is situated on Lots 10 and 11 of the Heidelberg and Elsas Enlargement to the City of Evansville (1866). It is bounded on the east by North Heidelberg Avenue; on the north by East Columbia Street; on the west by the property line between Lots 9 and 10 of the Heidelberg and Elsas Enlargement; and, on the south by the alley that runs east-west between East Delaware Street and East Columbia Street.

STATE OF INDIANA
INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

Hose House #10
119 East Columbia
Evansville, Indiana

UTM Coordinates:
16/450710/4204040

