1. NAME
COMMON: India House (New York Cotton Exchange)

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION
STREET AND NUMBER: 1 Hanover Square
CITY OR TOWN: New York
STATE: New York

3. CLASSIFICATION
CATEGORY (Check One)
- District
- Site
- Object

- Building
- Structure
- Both

OWNERSHIP
- Public
- Private
- Both

Public Acquisition:
- In Process
- Being Considered

STATUS
- Occupied
- Unoccupied
- Preservation work in progress

ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
- Yes: Restricted
- Unrestricted
- No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)
- Agricultural
- Commercial
- Educational
- Entertainment
- Government
- Industrial
- Military
- Private Residence
- Religious
- Scientific
- Transportation
- Other (Specify)
- Park
- Club
- Restaurant

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY
OWNER'S NAME: India House, Inc.
STREET AND NUMBER: 1 Hanover Square
CITY OR TOWN: New York
STATE: New York

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
- New York County Hall of Records

STREET AND NUMBER:
- 31 Chambers Street
CITY OR TOWN:
- New York
STATE: New York

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
TITLE OF SURVEY:
- New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission

DATE OF SURVEY: December 21, 1965

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
- New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:
- 305 Broadway
CITY OR TOWN:
- New York
STATE: New York

Rep. Bella Abzug
7. DESCRIPTION

Number of stories: The brownstone portion of this building is three stories high above a basement, while the brick sections along Pearl and Stone Streets are four and four and a half stories in height.

Number of bays: The brownstone (east) facade facing Hanover Square, is eight bays wide. The elevations along the side streets include earlier brick commercial buildings, which run through from Stone to Pearl Street, and were later incorporated with the building facing Hanover Square. The Stone Street side (north) has two bays of brownstone, plus nine bays of brick at Nos. 60, 62 and 64. The Pearl Street side (south) has four bays of brownstone, plus eleven bays of brick at Nos. 95, 97 and 99.

Layout and/or shape of plan: The original building erected for the Hanover Bank was a shallow rectangle with long sides facing Hanover Square at the east and adjoining the earlier brick buildings at the west. The building occupied by India House is still roughly rectangular, but the greatest depth is now along Stone and Pearl Streets.

Wall construction: The building erected for the bank is of smooth-faced brownstone. The earlier structures, along Pearl and Stone Streets, are of brick. Granite piers and lintels appear at street level at all these buildings, except at No. 64, Stone Street.

Structural system: Masonry bearing wall.

Roof, cornice: There is a flat roof with a projecting cornice carried on evenly spaced brackets on the building erected for the bank. Simple cornices appear beneath the low sloping roofs of the brick houses on the side streets.

Porches: The entrance doorway of India House is approached by a low, broad flight of stairs and is flanked by unfluted Corinthian columns and paneled pilasters carrying a projecting entablature above the freestanding columns.

Other notable features: The windows of the Hanover Square facade are carefully studied, decreasing in size and in detail as they ascend. Those at the first floor are crowned by segmental-arched pediments carried on scrolled brackets; the windows of the second floor have triangular pediments above eared frames and the sills rest on corbel blocks; the third floor windows are simpler, without pediments, and have eared frames and sills on corbel blocks. The
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brick buildings on Pearl and Stone Streets have traces of Flemish bond still visible and granite piers separating what were originally display windows of stores, typical of the vernacular commercial architecture erected after the disastrous fire of 1835 which swept this district.
### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

India House occupies a building originally erected for the Hanover Bank and gives an excellent idea of the aspect of the financial district before the Civil War. The brownstone section of the building, fronting on historic Hanover Square, was erected in 1852-53 for the Hanover Bank, incorporated in 1851. The building has played an important role in the expanding financial and commercial life of New York for over a century. It served successively as the headquarters of the Hanover Bank, (1852-56) the offices of Robert L. Maitland & Co., commission merchants, the New York Cotton Exchange (1872-85) and of the well-known shipping company, W.R. Grace & Co. (1885-1912). It was acquired by its present owner in 1914 for use as a clubhouse and contains a fine collection of maritime memorabilia and a restaurant serving the financial district.

At the time it was erected for the Hanover Bank, and for several decades thereafter, this distinguished building served as the focal point of Hanover Square. The architect is unknown, but he obviously modeled his design on earlier British examples which in turn had been inspired by Italian Renaissance prototypes. In the course of the later 19th and early 20th centuries, the building was expanded to incorporate earlier, brick commercial structures adjoining it at the west, which run through from Stone to Pearl Streets, including Nos. 60, 62 and 64 Stone Street and Nos. 95, 97 and 99 Pearl Street. It was remodeled for India House, a club organized in 1914, by the architectural firm of Delano & Aldrich in 1924.

Situated in the center of the Wall Street financial district, India House adds great distinction to the neighborhood. In style and scale it affords a dramatic contrast to the towering, 20th century skyscrapers which surround it.
### MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission files

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### FORM PREPARED BY

**NAME AND TITLE:**
Stephen S. Lash, Associate

**ORGANIZATION:**
New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission

**DATE:**
May 15, 1971

**STREET AND NUMBER:**
305 Broadway

**CITY OR TOWN:**
New York

**STATE:**
New York

**CODE:**
36

### STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

- National [ ]
- State [X]
- Local [ ]

**Name:**
Chairman, New York State Historic Trust

**Title:**

**Date:**
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### NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register:

**Signature:**
Ernest A. Connally

**Title:**
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

**Date:**
JAN 7 1972

### ATTEST:

**Signature:**
William K. Hauberg

**Title:**
Keeper of The National Register

**Date:**
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Title: Indiana House
Loc. New York Co., N.Y.
East facade
# Property Map Form

**National Register of Historic Places**

**Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map**

## 1. Name

- **Common:** India House
- **And/or Historic:** 

## 2. Location

- **Street and Number:** 1 Hanover Square
- **City or Town:** New York
- **State:** New York
- **Code:** 36
- **County:** New York
- **Code:** 061

## 3. Map Reference

- **Source:** USGS Quadrangle, 7.5 minute series, Jersey City, N.J.-N.Y. 1967
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August 13, 1971

Dr. William Murtagh
Keeper of the National Register
of Historic Places
801 19th Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20006

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

As Chairman of the New York State Historic Trust, the officially designated State Preservation Agency, and as the State Liaison Officer, I am forwarding the enclosed nominations to the National Register of Historic Places:

Fire House, Engine Co. 31, New York City
India House, New York City

The above nominations have been reviewed and approved by the Governor's Advisory Committee on Historic Preservation, in accordance with the criteria outlined in Section 2.2 of the Grants Guide.

The staff of the Trust would welcome the opportunity to discuss these submissions with your Office.

Sincerely yours,

Louis C. Jones,
Chairman
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Hon. James L. Buckley
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