

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 Empire Hook and Ladder Company, ^{No. 1} ~~Number One~~

and/or common Upper Nyack Firehouse

2. Location

street & number 330 North Broadway _____ not for publication

city, town Upper Nyack _____ vicinity of ~~Congressional district~~

state New York code 036 county Rockland code 087

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	NA in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	N/A being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: fire station

4. Owner of Property

name Village of Upper Nyack

street & number 328 North Broadway

city, town Upper Nyack _____ vicinity of _____ state New York

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Village of Upper Nyack

street & number 328 North Broadway

city, town Upper Nyack _____ state New York

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Statewide Inventory of Historic Resources has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date December, 1979 _____ federal state _____ county _____ local

depository for survey records Division for Historic Preservation

city, town Albany _____ state New York

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date <u>NA</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Upper Nyack Firehouse, built for the Empire Hook and Ladder Company Number one, is located next to Upper Nyack's village offices and Department of Public Works garage and yard. The village buildings are situated at the northwest corner of North Broadway and Castle Heights Avenue. There is a vacant lot north of the fire station, and the surrounding neighborhood is residential.

The two-story, brick fire station completely occupies its small level lot. Its main (east) facade is decorated with bands of gauged brickwork, a corner bell tower, and a center gable above the main engine door. The center door has a modern overhead door. A smaller (south) side entrance contains its original wood panel door and glass transom and a segmental arched stone lintel. The second floor has a center tripartite window and two side windows. The tripartite window has a center single (two-over-two) sash, two fixed side sash, an overall colored glass border, and a broad, gauged brick segmental arch and keystone. The two side windows have two-over-two wood sash and stone lintels. Gauged brick pilasters separate the three second-floor windows.

The southeast corner belfry has a corbelled brick and wood shingled base, an open bell housing, and a small, dome-shaped hip roof. The building's north, west (rear), and south sides are brick, undecorated, and have various single windows with two-over-two wood sash. The Department of Public Works modern garage abuts the fire station's south side.

The building's roof is flat and slopes slightly to the rear. There is an antenna on the roof, a weathervane on the bell tower, and a flag pole attached to the east facade gable end.

The building's interior has been altered, although some original finishes and moldings remain. The side entrance hall has vertical, narrow board siding and an enclosed staircase. The garage has painted brick walls and a decorative, stamped metal ceiling. The bell ringing system (see photo #4) attached to the north wall is still in operation; it hammers out the fire zone numbers in code - the zone numbers and locations are listed above it. The garage's rear wall has been moved back to accommodate large fire trucks. A kitchen and bathrooms are located behind the garage. The second floor has two rooms. The front room has a brick fireplace and simple door and window moldings; its walls are covered with masonite paneling. The largely unchanged back room has plain walls and molding.

Upper Nyack is small, primarily residential, and does not have a central business district. It is situated on the west bank of the Hudson River, north of the neighboring villages of Nyack and South Nyack, and the Tappan Zee Bridge (New York State Thruway).

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates July 1887

Builder/Architect G.W. Knapp

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The firehouse for the Empire Hook and Ladder Company, known as the Upper Nyack Firehouse, was completed in 1887 to the design of G.W. Knapp of New York City. A conspicuous architectural landmark building in the village, it survives as a well-preserved example of a small-scale Queen Anne style firehouse. Its row house type construction in a primarily residential community gives the firehouse an unusual urban appearance in a village setting.

During the 1860's and 70's, the Nyacks experienced tremendous growth: Nyack grew commercially and industrially, and South Nyack and Upper Nyack grew residentially. During this period, South and Upper Nyacks existed as suburbs of (central) Nyack. In June 1870, the railroad linking Nyack with New York City was opened; Nyack to New York became an easy commute. Population and construction increased, as well as local taxes. The village of Upper Nyack incorporated in 1872 as a result of these increases.

Subsequently, Upper Nyack's need for a well-equipped firehouse and village office space grew with its population and housing increases. During the 1880's, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Shuler, who lived directly across Castle Heights Avenue from the present village buildings, donated money to the village to construct a firehouse and village office.

Designed by G.W. Knapp of New York City, the firehouse was completed in July 1887. It served as village offices until 1978 and as a firehouse continuously since 1887. The building fills its lot and sits close to Broadway. Its urban, civic appearance is conspicuous in this spacious residential village. The firehouse's main facade is architecturally distinctive; notable decoration includes gauged brickwork, corner bell tower, and central gable end with tripartite window. The building also contains one of the oldest bell ringing systems of its type still in operation (see photo #4).

The Upper Nyack Firehouse is architecturally significant as a well-preserved small-scale fire station with Queen Anne massing and decoration. It survives as an important reminder of Upper Nyack's late nineteenth century development.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Old Nyack, New York: The John C. Powers Company, Inc., February 1928.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than 1

Quadrangle name Nyack

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

The firehouse completely occupies its small level lot. The building is rectangular in shape and its dimensions are approximately 30 feet by 130 feet.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

NA

state NA code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Austin N. O'Brien, Program Assistant

organization Div. for Historic Preservation date August, 1982

street & number Agency Bldg. #1, Empire State Plaza telephone 518-474-0479

city or town Albany state New York

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

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 Ann Webster Smith

title Deputy Commissioner for Historic Preservation date 13 August 1982

For NPS use only

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

date 9/23/82

for Delores Byer
Keeper of the National Register

Attest: _____ date _____

Chief of Registration

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

UPPER NYACK FIREHOUSE

Empire Hook and Ladder Company No. 1
Rockland County
NEW YORK

Working No. 8/23/82-2303
Fed. Reg. Date: 2.1.83
Date Due: 9/23/82 - 10/7/82
Action: ACCEPT 9/23/82
 RETURN
Entered in the National Register REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____
Reviewer _____
Discipline _____
Date _____
 see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: technical corrections cited below
 substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

has this property been determined eligible? yes no

7. Description

Condition	Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

- _____ summary paragraph
- _____ completeness
- _____ clarity
- _____ applicable criteria
- _____ justification of areas checked
- _____ relating significance to the resource
- _____ context
- _____ relationship of integrity to significance
- _____ justification of exception
- _____ other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acres of nominated property _____
Quadrangle name _____
UMT References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:
_____ national _____ state _____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature _____

title _____ date _____

13. Other

- _____ Maps
- _____ Photographs
- _____ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



#1

Upper Nyack Firehouse
330 North Broadway, Upper Nyack
Rockland Co.
Photo: A. O'Brien, 1980
Neg: Div. for Historic Preservation
View: main (east) elevation
#1 of 4



Upper Nyack Firehouse
330 North Broadway, Upper Nyack
Rockland County
Photo: A. O'Brien, 1980
Neg: Div. for Historic Preservation
View: tower detail
#2 of 4



Upper Nyack Firehouse
330 North Broadway, Upper Nyack
Rockland County
Photo: A. O'Brien, 1980
Neg: Div. for Historic Preservation
View: garage ceiling
#3 of 4

1863

FIRE ALARM

STATIONS

Empire Hook & Ladder Co. No. 1

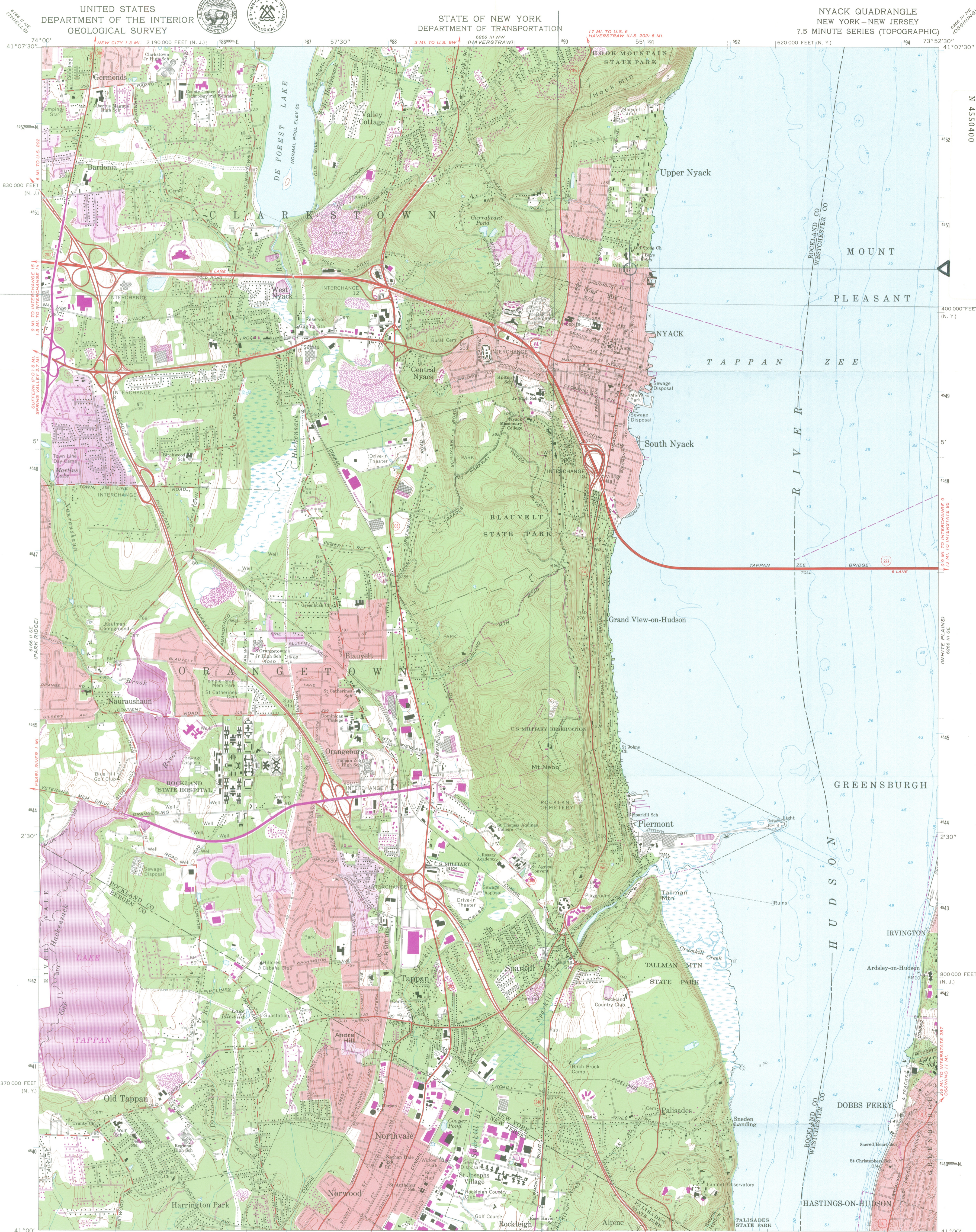


OUT OF TOWN
Empire

Two sheets of paper or notices are pinned to the right side of the fire alarm panel.

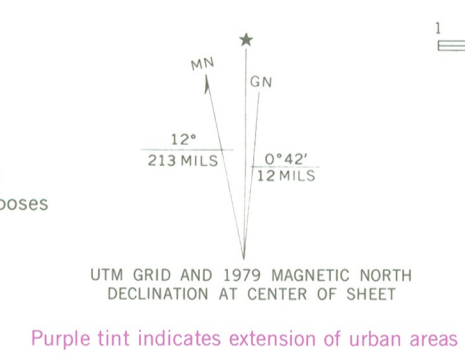
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... MIDLAND & BIRCHWOOD AVE
... CHRISTIAN ALLIANCE OFFICE - 18

Upper Nyack Firehouse
330 North Broadway, Upper Nyack
Rockland County
Photo: A. O'Brien, 1980
Neg: Div. for Historic Preservation
View: bell ringing system
#4 of 4



Upper Nyack Firehouse, Upper Nyack
Rockland County, New York
UTM References, Zone 18
Nyack Quad
E 590880
N 4550400

Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS, USC&GS, USCE, and New Jersey Geodetic Survey
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs
taken 1964 and 1965. Field checked 1967
Superseded map dated 1957
Selected hydrographic data compiled from USC&GS Charts 282 (1965)
and 748 (1966). This information is not intended for navigational purposes
Polycyclic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grids based on New York coordinate system,
east zone, and New Jersey coordinate system
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 18,
shown in blue
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines
where generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown



SCALE 1:24,000
CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET
NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929
DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDINGS IN FEET-DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER
THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO DATUMS IS VARIABLE
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THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS APPROXIMATELY 3.2 FEET

ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———
Interstate Route U.S. Route State Route
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N4100-W7352.5/7.5
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PHOTOREVISED 1979
AMS 6266 III SW-SERIES V821

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

There may be private inholdings within the boundaries of
the National or State reservations shown on this map
Boundary lines shown in purple compiled from latest
information available from the controlling authority
Revisions shown in purple and woodland information
from aerial photographs taken 1977. This information
not field checked. Map edited 1979



NEW YORK STATE PARKS & RECREATION Agency Building 1, Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12238 Information 518 474-0456
Orin Lehman, Commissioner

August 12, 1982

Carol Shull
Chief, National Register Unit
DOI
W434
Washington, D.C. 20243

Re: Upper Nyack Firehouse
Rockland County

Dear Carol:

Enclosed is the nomination for the Empire Hook and Ladder Company Number One. Upper Nyack village officials have requested that this property be listed on the National Register by its common name, Upper Nyack Firehouse, by which it is well known locally. I believe this is a reasonable request under the circumstances.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or problems with this request.

Sincerely,

Larry E. Gobrecht
National Register and Survey
Coordinator
Historic Preservation Field
Services Bureau

LEG/rp

