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Form 10-300
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Virginia	
COUNTY: Roanoke (in city)	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
Fire Station No. One

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
13 East Church Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Roanoke (Richard H. Poff Sixth District Congressman)

STATE: Virginia COUNTY: (in city) CODE: 770

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <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 (Specify) Fire Station

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
City of Roanoke

STREET AND NUMBER:
Municipal Building, 215 Church Avenue S.W.

CITY OR TOWN: Roanoke STATE: Virginia CODE: 51

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF FEEDS, ETC.:
Roanoke County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Salem STATE: Virginia CODE: 51

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR RECORDS:
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:
Room 6, Ninth Street State Office Building

CITY OR TOWN: Richmond STATE: Virginia CODE: 51

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)				
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins
	(Check One)		(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Fire Station No. One at present is an operating firehouse and is maintained in a good state of repair. The building is an above-average example of Edwardian era firehouse architecture, having a richly embellished facade in the English Renaissance style of Sir Christopher Wren, and handsome interior appointments.

EXTERIOR

Over-all Dimensions - 48'2" wide x 135'11" deep.

Foundation - rough-hewn limestone ashlar, approximately 3 feet above ground level in front.

Wall Construction - Solid brick, unpainted except rear wall. Brick on facade smooth, pressed brick veneer with rusticated ground floor. Remaining brick common bond.

Trim - Wood Corinthian cornice at roof with modillions and dentils; terra cotta Corinthian pilaster capitals on facade; pedimented cupola with arcaded belfry capped with small dome - all painted white. Dome of cupola is sheet metal. Base of cupola is flanked by unornamented brick volutes.

Chimneys - One small chimney for furnace on rear S. E. side. Large hose tower on rear S. W. side.

Openings - In front, two large double doors (original wood structure) in either bay for fire engines. Small wooden door in center for pedestrian entrance. Two large doors (not original) in back of building with small door in center. The windows are large, painted with wood sashes and concrete sills. There is evidence of shutters once used on the outside; the iron supports are visible. Second floor facade windows are set in arched panels and have stone keystones.

Roof - Almost flat, slightly slanted to the rear (south). Sheathed with metal and painted, later treated with tar. Roof is hidden on facade by a brick parapet.

Bell Tower - On the front a bell tower (cupola) rises above the flat roof. Bell can be seen through arched openings. Dome on top.

INTERIOR

Basement - Entered by a spiral metal staircase, contains a coal furnace and coal bins. The basement is only under the rear part of the building. Steel beams and the

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#7 Description
INTERIOR - Continued

concrete floor molded over metal arches are visible in the coal bin area. Metal covered openings in rear of building and outside of building admit coal to bins. Large metal covered hole in rear of building (machine area) used for removal of ashes.

First Floor - Height, 16½ feet floor to ceiling. The floor is concrete, ridged to give the horses traction and sloped for ease of cleaning. Walls, solid brick, now painted but probably not originally. In rear, south side, metal spiral stairway. In front, wooden floating staircase. The ceiling on the first floor is elaborate stamped metal, painted silver, with some of the original flower-like light fixtures, some replaced with fluorescent lights. Large original sets of double wooden doors in front contain original hardware, some brass. Doors now painted brown. Six original steel support poles hold up a large steel beam running the length of the building under the second floor. Remaining upstairs beams are probably wood. Five brass poles come through openings of second floor down to first floor. Heating - hot water from furnace piped to large pipes on ceiling of first floor, then down to radiators elevated off the first floor, and up to radiators on second floor. Original pipe from hot water heating system still on ceiling of first floor, also used to fill steam pump engines, enabling more rapid steam pressure. Windows are of simple wood framing with some of original glass remaining. Window sashings have been replaced in some windows and windows are not identical now.

Second Floor - 8 rooms with unfinished maple floors. Original pine wainscoting halfway up walls of Chief's office is now painted brownish-yellow, and comb grained. In other rooms, woodwork, chair rail and picture rail are all painted same brownish-yellow, and metal ceilings and plaster walls are painted beige. The large sleeping room is lined with built-in wooden lockers. The bathroom, off this area, retains early sinks and wooden dividers. The two haylofts remain, one now is a storage area, the other is used as a kitchen. Large doors on rear of these rooms are visible where hay was lifted in for storage. Also visible both inside and out on southside of building are hoists and runners used to lift the hay. Two large skylights remain in the sleeping room. Steel support poles, smaller than downstairs, support a steel beam running the length of

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the building on the second floor ceiling. Rest of ceiling beams appear to be wood. Ceiling of the second floor stamped sheet metal now painted beige. Some of original lighting fixtures remain. Cupola reached by ladders from second floor. Hose tower on southwest corner has original wood covered window-like areas seen from outside. Inside original iron climbing bars visible and still used to dry hoses. Wood support beams later added inside when feared that tower walls were weakening.

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian | 16th Century | 18th Century | 20th Century
 15th Century | 17th Century | 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1907-08

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | <u>Fire Fighting</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Roanoke's Fire Station No. 1 is an excellent example of Edwardian era firehouse architecture, having a richly embellished facade in the English Renaissance style of Sir Christopher Wren, and both handsome and well-preserved interior appointments. The building survives almost completely unaltered and provides a rare insight into the life of an early-twentieth-century fireman. Completed by 1908, the firehouse was designed by the Lynchburg architectural firm of Huggins and Bates, who took special pains to give the young city a building of particular dignity. As a functional structure with significant aesthetic quality Fire Station No. 1 stands as testimony of the high architectural standards of the Edwardian era, and an important monument to the civic pride of early Roanoke.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Minton, Cronan, "Progress Closing in on Fire Station No. 1", The Roanoke Times, Nov. 1, 1970, C-8.

Files of Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		37 ° 16 ' 13 "	79 ° 56 ' 23 "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **Less than 10 acres**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Staff

ORGANIZATION: **Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission** DATE: **August, 1972**

STREET AND NUMBER:
Room 1116, Ninth Street State Office Building

CITY OR TOWN: **Richmond** STATE: **Virginia** CODE: **51**

12. 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 Local

Name _____

Title **J. R. Fishburne, Director**
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

Date _____

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

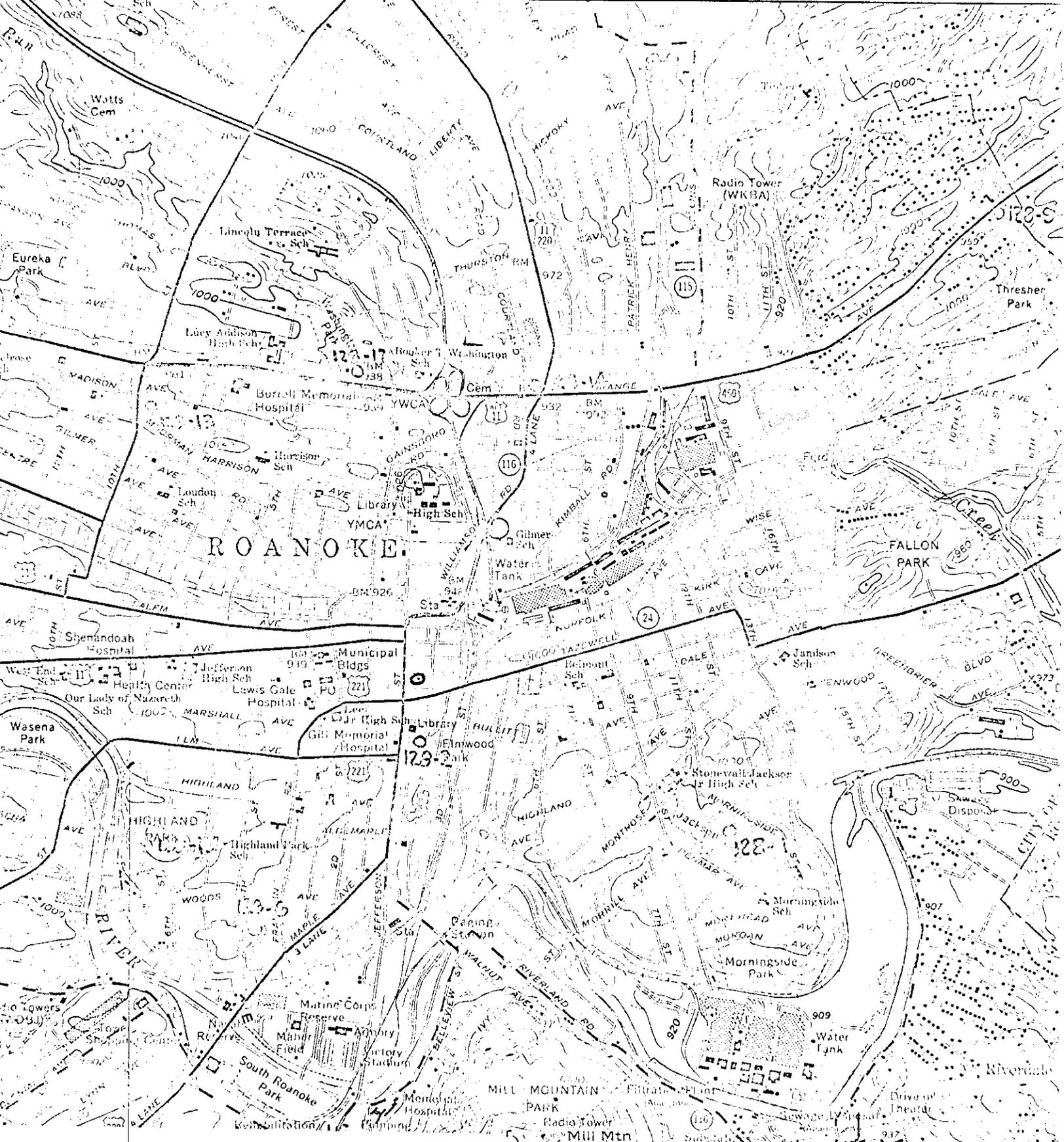
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ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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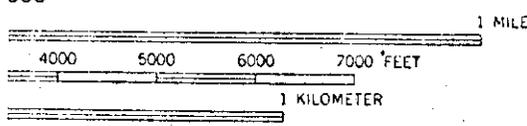


U.S.G.S. 7½' quadrangle (scale:1:24,000)
 Roanoke, Va. 1963

FIRE STATION NO. ONE
 latitude
 37°16'13"

longitude
 79°56'23"

37°15' 79°55' BURNT CHIMNEY IVA. 122



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