

STATE:
Pennsylvania

COUNTY:
Cumberland

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MAY 17 1974

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM
FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES
(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION

1. NAME

COMMON:
Hessian Guardhouse Museum

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Hessian Guardhouse was the Hessian Powder Magazine

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Corner of Guardhouse Lane and Garrison Lanes

CITY OR TOWN:
Carlisle Barracks

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
MAY

STATE: Pennsylvania CODE 42 COUNTY: Cumberland CODE 041

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"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both US Government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____

4. AGENCY

Department of the Army, Headquarters Carlisle Barracks

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)

CITY OR TOWN:
Carlisle Barracks

STATE: Pennsylvania CODE 42

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Cumberland County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Carlisle

STATE: Pennsylvania CODE 42

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

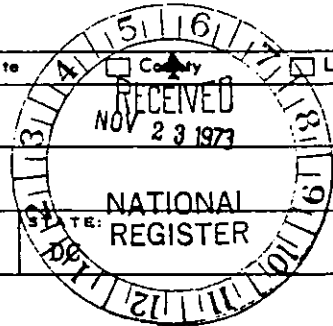
TITLE OF SURVEY:
Inventory of Historic Places

DATE OF SURVEY: 25 Jan 72 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Headquarters Department of the Army

STREET AND NUMBER:

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Washington



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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	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The structure measures 70 by 32 feet, outside dimensions, and its solid stone walls, lined with brick inside, are four and one-half feet thick. The roof is also of stone, vaulted, being 8½ feet high at the eaves and 16½ feet high at the top of the arch. The stone roof is covered by timbers and tin. The interior is divided into three main rooms, and at the west end of the building are four solitary cells. Descriptive drawings as to the dimensions and physical structure of the building are included in Incl 1 and 2.

Some minor changes have been made over the years. These include the piercing of new openings in the walls and windows in the plank doors (ventilation); lighting, heating and plumbing have been added. Wood paneling has also been added to portions of the interior in order to display museum articles. The chimney and ventilators that adorned the roof, and a covered porch on the east side are gone.



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1777

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 type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Hessian Guardhouse of Carlisle Barracks was built in 1777 when the British, threatening the eastern seacoast towns of the colonies, forced General George Washington to remove his ordnance works and supply depots inland. The site of Carlisle Barracks, which had been a British camp area since 1757, was selected for one of these depots. Resolutions of the Continental Congress directed that a magazine designed to store 10,000 stands of arms and 200 tons of gunpowder be built at Carlisle. James Wilson, Carlisle attorney and local representative to the Continental Congress, was particularly active in furthering the project.

By April 1777 construction had progressed to such a point that General Washington directed Governor Johnson of Maryland to send all powder and stores in Baltimore to Carlisle. The building now known as the Hessian Guardhouse was one of several comprising the magazine. In it were stored sulphur, brimstone, and other ingredients of explosives.

History relates that Hessian prisoners, captured by General Washington at Trenton the day after Christmas, 1776, built the structure. An order of Congress shows that 40 Hessian prisoners of war were detailed to Carlisle "to cut wood for the Barracks, tending stables or anything else needed." Since this was at the time the "public works" were being constructed at Carlisle Barracks, then called Washingtonburg, it is assumed that work on the "guardhouse" was done by these prisoners.

No record shows when the powder magazine became a guardhouse. It is almost a certainty that the building remained a magazine during the Revolutionary War period and apparently was converted to a guardhouse during the first half of the Nineteenth Century. The first positive documentary references to the building as a guardhouse is a map of the post, dated 1870.

During the regime of the Carlisle Indian School, 1879 to 1918, a concrete guardhouse was built on the site of the present Main Gate entrance. This new guardhouse was used in nearly all cases of discipline of the Indian students, the exception being drunkenness. For this offense they were incarcerated in the old guardhouse, which was called "The Hessian Guardhouse" to distinguish it from the guardhouse at the main gate. This probably was the origin of the present title.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Carlisle Indian School archives. School annual reports, newspapers, literary periodicals, photograph albums, classroom records...A more complete inventory is available through inter-library loan upon request.

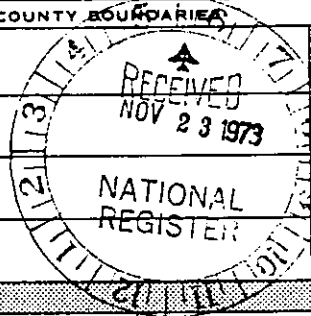
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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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	
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SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1/20

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES			
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
N/A			
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: CPT PHILLIP D. GOODWIN, Director, Plans, Training & Security

DATE: 1 June 1973

BUSINESS ADDRESS: HQ Carlisle Barracks, US Army

STREET AND NUMBER: Carlisle Barracks

PHONE: 245-4440

CITY OR TOWN: Carlisle Barracks

STATE: Pennsylvania 17013

CODE: 42

12. CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

State Liaison Officer recommendation:

Yes
 No
 None

Phillip D. Goodwin
 State Liaison Officer Signature

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Liaison Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The recommended level of significance is National State

Allan J. Byer
 Federal Representative Signature

Date: 11/15/73

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

A. J. MacLaren
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

MAY 17 1974

Date: _____

ATTEST:

Charles H. ...
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: 5-16-74

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8. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (cont)

When Carlisle Barracks became the station for General Hospital No. 31 in 1918, and later the Medical Field Service School in 1920, the structure was used as a quartermaster and medical supply storehouse, and as a film strip laboratory. A room in the old building also served as a message center in 1940 and was designated a branch US Post Office for Carlisle Barracks in 1942.

The Hessian Guardhouse made its bow to the public as a museum on Army Day, 6 April 1948, when more than 1500 persons visited the display. As one of the most valued historic landmarks in this section of the United States, it now fulfills a dual role. It not only is an embodiment of military tradition but also serves as a repository of relics and mementos symbolizing the contribution of the Cumberland Valley area to our history from Continental beginnings.

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