

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

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1. Name of Property

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historic name: Mount Pleasant Armory \_\_\_\_\_

other name/site number: N/A \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Location

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street & number: Eagle & Spring Streets

not for publication: n/a

city/town: Mount Pleasant

vicinity: n/a

state: PA county: Westmoreland code: 129

zip code: 15666

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3. Classification

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Ownership of Property: Public - State

Category of Property: Building(s)

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing      Noncontributing

1	0	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
1	0	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 0

Name of related multiple property listing: PA National Guard Armories

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property does not meet the National Register Criteria. See continuation sheet.

Dr. Brent Glass
Signature of certifying official

Brent Glass

Date

10/24/89

Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register
See continuation sheet.

determined eligible for the National Register

See continuation sheet.

determined not eligible for the National Register

removed from the National Register

other (explain):

Signature of Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic: Defense

Sub: Arms Storage

Current : Defense

Sub: Arms Storage

7. Description

Architectural Classification:

Romanesque

Other Description:

Materials: foundation Stone walls Brick roof Asphalt other

Describe present and historic physical appearance. X See continuation sheet.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: statewide.

Applicable National Register Criteria: A,C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) :

Areas of Significance: Military Architecture

Period(s) of Significance: 1906-1939

Significant Dates : 1906

Years of Alterations: 1962

Significant Person(s): n/a

Cultural Affiliation: n/a

Architect/Builder: Wilkins, W.G. Company Hurst, Frank H.

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above. X See continuation sheet.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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See continuation sheet.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Location of Additional Data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other state agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other -- Specify Repository: \_\_\_\_\_

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10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property: .43 acres

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing      Zone Easting Northing

A	17	673620	4445140	B	_____	_____	_____
C	_____	_____	_____	D	_____	_____	_____

\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description:  See continuation sheet.

Boundary Justification: \_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

The legal boundaries which are historically associated with the property.

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7. Description

The Mount Pleasant Armory is a Romanesque style building that is set on a slightly sloped lot in the Borough of Mount Pleasant. The two story, brick building has a T plan type and it is set approximately 100 feet back from the street. The building has good integrity.

The 7 bay by 10 bay building has running bond brick walls that are set on a rough faced, coursed ashlar foundation. The parapet walls corbel out from the building and originally they were crenellated to produce a castle-like effect. The roof of the building is flat over the administration section while the drill hall has a gambrel roof. The central, metal door entrance is recessed behind a pointed arch. The openings in the administration section contain casement windows in the basement, first and second floors while the drill hall openings have been infilled with glass block.

The interior of the building has plaster walls and ceilings and wood floors on the first and second floors. The painted interior woodwork is simple and typical of the early 1900's. The drill hall is entered from the first floor which also contains offices while the second floor contains a classroom and a locker room. A small mural is located on the wall of the second floor classroom. It is an eagle and was painted by someone in the unit originally occupying the armory. The basement contains a kitchen and dining facility as well as storage and a condemned rifle range.

The integrity of this armory is good. The original crenellations in the parapet wall have been removed and small turrets in the parapet in the center of the front facade have also been removed. The original double hung windows in the building have been replaced by metal casement windows and metal doors replace the original wood entry doors. The floor plan has remained the same except for new rooms that have been added in the basement. In addition on the first floor some wood panelling and dropped ceilings have been added in the offices. A dropped ceiling has also been installed in the drill floor.

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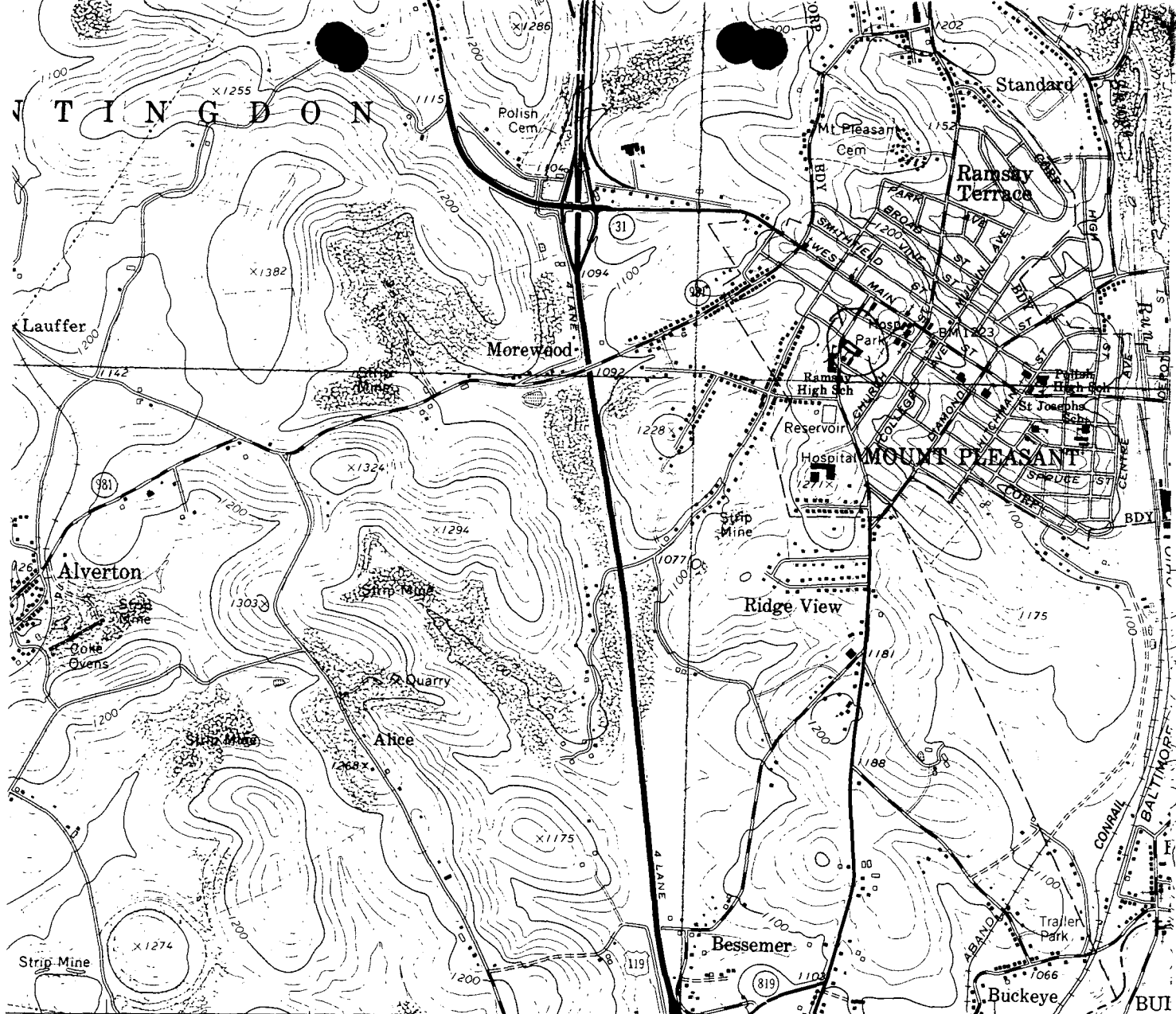
The Mount Pleasant Armory is significant under criteria A and C. It is a member of the State Armory Building property type under the multiple property nomination, Pennsylvania National Guard Armories. It was built for Company E, 10th Regiment of the Pennsylvania National Guard in 1906. This armory is one of three armories completed in the year following the State Armory Board's creation in 1905. The armory is one of at least 37 armories in Pennsylvania having a T plan type. It was designed by The W.G. Wilkins Company in Pittsburgh, under the direction of Joseph F. Kuntz, designer of at least 18 armories in western Pennsylvania after 1905. The armory contains such typical spaces as a drill hall, offices, a classroom, a locker room, and a rifle range. The armory also served as a center for community events prior to the construction fo the local high school in the second half of the 1900's.

9. Bibliography

See Section H in Multiple Resource Nomination, Pennsylvania National Guard Armories.

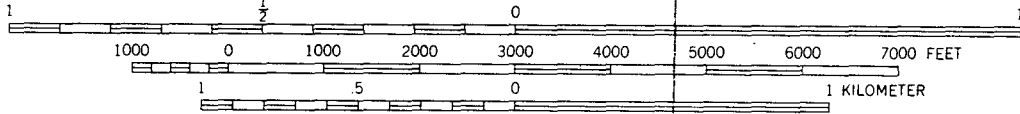
10. Verbal Boundary Description

Begin at the south east corner of Spring and Eagle Streets and go along the east side of Eagle Street 42.5 feet. From there turn to south 7 degrees, 5 minutes west and go 47 feet. From there turn to south 57 degrees, 3 minutes east and go 193 feet. From there turn to north 34 degrees, 35 minutes east and go 80.3 feet. From there turn to north 55 degrees, 55 minutes west and go 215 feet to the beginning.



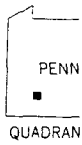
35' 621 622 (CONNELLSVILLE) 5064 II SE 623 SCOTSDALE (U.S. 119) 2.3 MI. 32'30" VANDERBILT (PA. 711) 10 MI.

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CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET  
NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929

MOUNT PLEASANT  
MOUNT PLEASANT  
ZONE 17  
623620 E  
4445140 N



5' ILS

MAGNETIC NORTH  
OF SHEET

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