

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: Connellsville Armory

other name/site number: N/A

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2. Location

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street & number: 108 W. Washington Street

city/town: Connellsville not for publication: N/A  
vicinity: N/A

state: PA county: Fayette code: 051 zip code: 15425

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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 |            |
|--------------|-----------------|------------|
| <u>1</u>     | <u>0</u>        | buildings  |
| <u>    </u>  | <u>    </u>     | sites      |
| <u>    </u>  | <u>    </u>     | structures |
| <u>    </u>  | <u>    </u>     | objects    |
| <u>1</u>     | <u>0</u>        | Total      |

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

Name of related multiple property listing: Pennsylvania

National Guard Armories



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7. Description  
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Architectural Classification:

Tudor Revival  
Late Gothic Revival

Materials:

foundation stone  
walls brick  
roof asphalt  
other \_\_\_\_\_

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

X See continuation sheet.

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8. Statement of Significance  
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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 of Significance: 1907-1939

Significant Dates: 1907

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Significant Person: N/A

Architect/Builder: Wilkins, W. G. Company -- architect  
Hurst, Mark H. -- builder

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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7. Description.

Located on a flat lot within the Borough of Connellsville, the Connellsville Armory is a brick building displaying elements of the Tudor Revival and Late Gothic Revival styles. Measuring approximately 55 x 110 feet, the armory is laid out on a T plan with the one-story, rear drill hall section behind the two story, front administrative section. Constructed in 1907, the armory retains fair integrity.

Covered by a gambrel roof, the armory exterior features a coursed ashlar stone foundation, decorative brick work including a corbelled cornice, rusticated brick base, and brick courses forming common window lintels, and decorative stone work, including a water table, coping, and sills. The window openings have been filled in with glass block surrounding single or double panes of glass.

The main (south) elevation of the administrative section is divided into three bays. Enframed by a two-story Tudor Revival arch with a stepped brick reveal, the central entrance bay has glass double doors and a transom sash on the first story, and a large arched opening on the second story filled with glass block. Stone steps lead from the entrance down to West Washington Ave., while a bronze plaque framed in stone and flanked by decorative brick panels appears above the doors. A gabled parapet with stone coping and a recessed brick rectangle in its face tops the entrance bay. Brick polygonal towers stand to either side, rising noticeably higher than the parapet. Each tower contains a recessed narrow window filled with glass block on the first story, a recessed narrow brick rectangle at parapet level, and decorative brick work between the parapet and the tower's stone cap. The end bays of the facade have slightly recessed openings filled with glass block on the two stories and in basement window wells. The windows on the first and second stories are separated horizontally by decorative stone work and brick panels, and the second story windows have slightly arched brick lintels.

The side elevations of the administrative section contain five slightly recessed windows on the two stories and in basement window wells. The first- and second-story windows are separated vertically by narrow brick strips, and horizontally by decorative stone work and a brick panel. The common lintel arches slightly over the middle three second-story windows. The battered brick buttresses at the corners of the administrative section have corbelled parapets accented by narrow, recessed brick rectangles in the corbelling.

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The side elevations of the drill hall section are divided into five bays by brick buttresses topped by corbelled parapets. The buttresses and corbelled parapets are accented by recessed rectangular strips. Each bay contains two windows separated vertically by a narrow brick strip on the first story, and two smaller windows separated by a narrow stone strip in basement window wells. The glass block in the window openings sits atop a glass pane set at the bottom of the opening.

The rear elevation of the drill hall section is divided into three bays by buttresses accented by narrow, vertical, recessed strips. The end buttresses are surmounted by corbelled brick parapets with recessed brick rectangles in the corbelling. The top of a chimney rises above the left corbelled parapet. In between the end buttresses, the parapet rises in a gambrel shape. The three bays contain first-story window openings are filled with glass block. An arched glass-blocked window with an arched brick lintel is above the center window, while three narrow, recessed brick strips are above the end windows.

The first floor interior contains offices, two toilet rooms, a vault, and a closet along a double loaded corridor in the front, administrative section. These rooms have wood floors and wood stud walls. From the front entrance, a hallway leads back to the drill hall. Measuring 55 by 82 feet, the drill hall has a wood floor and a drop ceiling. Only the ends of the drill hall arches are visible. Consequently, their type is unknown. The second floor of the administration section contains a library and a billiard room, while the basement contains a rifle range, bowling alley, dining room, kitchen, locker room, boiler room, janitor room, toilet room, closets, and storage. The basement floors are concrete, and the walls are brick partition. The second floor has wood floors and wood stud partitions.

A number of major changes have been made to the building. In the interior, the basement bowling alley was removed, on the first floor a locker room was converted into offices, and a number of other rooms were converted to new uses. On the exterior of the building, the roof monitor was removed, the windows were filled in with glass block, parapet crenelations were filled in, and doors were replaced.

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8. Significance.

The Connellsville 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. The armory was built in 1907 for Company D, 10th Regiment of the Pennsylvania National Guard. It is one of at least thirty-seven armories in Pennsylvania laid out on a T plan. The armory was designed by W. G. Wilkins Company of Pittsburgh who were responsible for the design of several armories in the western third of the state. Typical spaces in the armory include a drill hall, kitchen, boiler room, offices, and storage. The Connellsville Armory represents the common function of armories to serve the Pennsylvania National Guard for storage, meeting, and training. As such, it is significant in the context of Pennsylvania's military history, as well as representing a distinctive building type.

9. Bibliography.

See section H in Multiple Resource Nomination: Pennsylvania National Guard Armories.

10. Verbal Boundary Description.

See Fayette County Deed Book, Volume 274, page 84, and Volume 274, page 87.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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: \_\_\_\_\_.

10. Geographical Data

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UTM References:

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|---|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|---|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| A | <u>17</u>       | <u>620350</u>   | <u>4429760</u>  | B | <u>        </u> | <u>        </u> | <u>        </u> |
|   | Zone            | Easting         | Northing        |   | Zone            | Easting         | Northing        |
| C | <u>        </u> | <u>        </u> | <u>        </u> | D | <u>        </u> | <u>        </u> | <u>        </u> |
|   | Zone            | Easting         | Northing        |   | Zone            | Easting         | Northing        |

Verbal Boundary Description:

See continuation sheet.

Boundary Justification:

The legal boundaries which are historically associated with the property.

See continuation sheet.

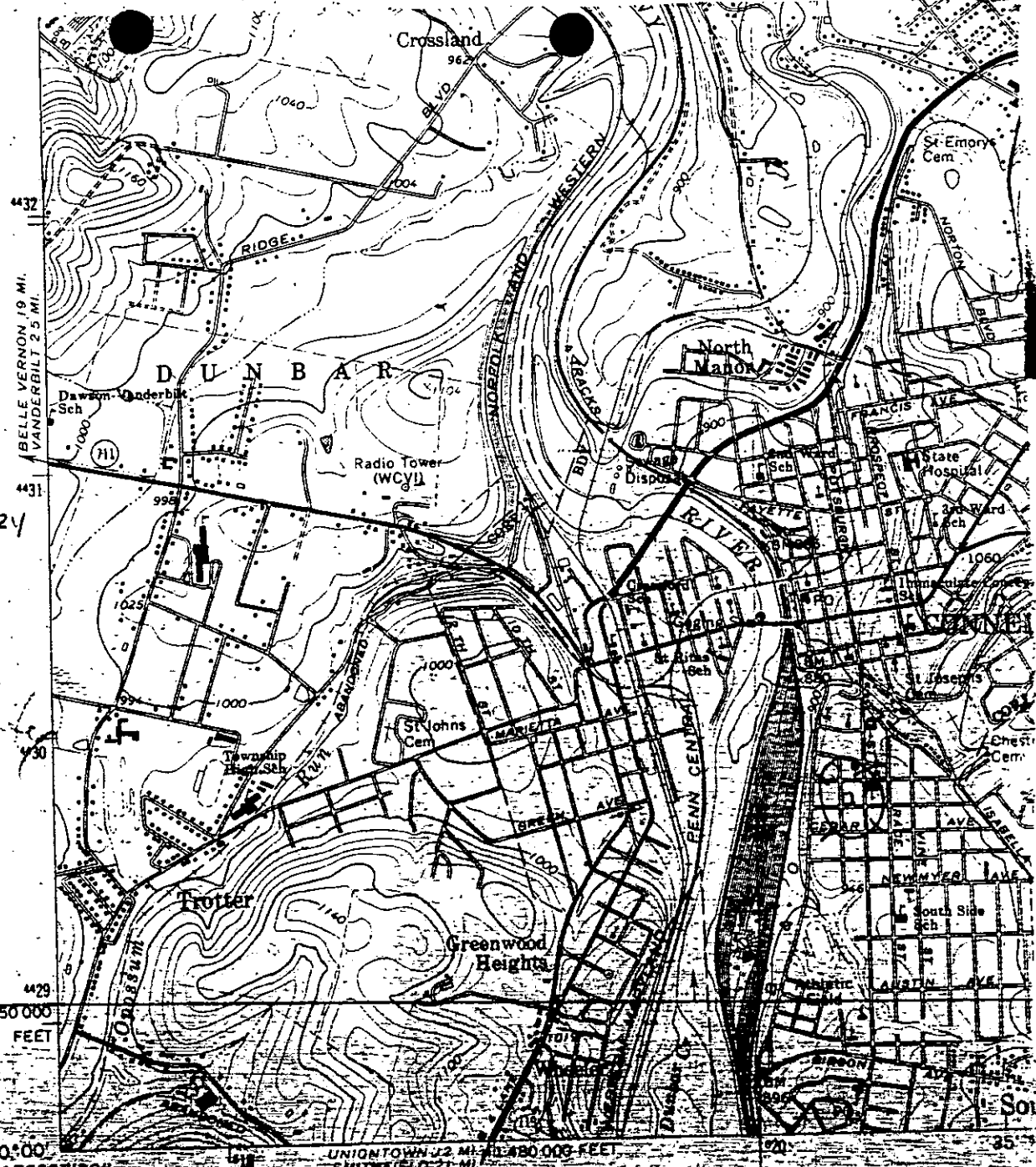
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CONNELLSVILLE ARMORY  
CONNELLSVILLE QUAD  
ZONE 17

620 350 E  
4429 760 N

Fayette County



(UNIONTOWN)  
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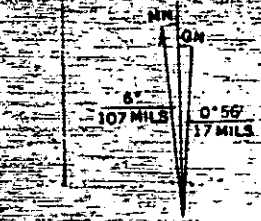
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Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum.  
10,000-foot grid based on Pennsylvania coordinate system, south zone  
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,  
zone 17, shown in blue

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

Revisions shown in purple compiled in cooperation with  
State of Pennsylvania agencies from aerial photographs  
taken 1973. This information not field checked



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