

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: Blairsville Armory

other name/site number: N/A

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2. Location

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street & number: 119 North Walnut Street

not for publication: n/a

city/town: Blairsville

vicinity: n/a

state: PA county: Indiana code: 063

zip code: 15717

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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] 10/24/89
Signature of certifying official Date

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 roof Asphalt
walls Stone 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: 1909-1939

Significant Dates : 1909

Years of Alterations: 1970

Significant Person(s): n/a

Cultural Affiliation: n/a

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

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

9. Major Bibliographical References

X 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

Acreage of Property: .24 acres

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

A	17	647160	4476940	B	_____	_____
C	_____	_____	_____	D	_____	_____

____ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: X 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 Blairsville Armory has a T type plan which is executed in the Romanesque style. It is two stories high and 3 bays wide by 9 bays deep. Its structure is a combination of steel and stone and the exterior walls are random coursed, rough faced ashlar. The site for this castle-like armory is a flat lot in the Borough of Blairsville. The armory has very good integrity.

The front facade is dominated by a central arched entrance containing a set of solid oak doors and a five sided, two story bay window that projects from the right half of the facade. The openings in the building have narrow, one over one, doublehung windows which usually have round arched lintels. A side entrance to the drill hall mimics the front entrance with another set of solid oak doors. There is a flat roof over the administration section and a gable roof with a monitor over the drill hall, both roofs are covered with asphalt. The slightly projected parapet wall is 'supported' with stone corbels to give a fortified appearance.

The central entrance hall leads to the wood drill floor as well as to the stairs and offices leading off it. The second floor contains two large rooms and leads to the drill hall balcony which has been enclosed for storage. The partial basement is also used for storage. The majority of the interior walls and ceilings are finished in plaster. The woodwork is painted and is simple.

The armory has very good integrity. The floor plan and exterior have remained nearly intact. Two new rooms have been added under the drill hall balcony and the balcony itself has been enclosed. Metal fire escapes from the second floor and small concrete block entrance sheds have been added to both sides of the building. These changes, completed in 1970, are unobtrusive and are part of continuous military use.

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8. Significance

The Blairsville 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 D, 5th Regiment of the Pennsylvania National Guard in 1909. This armory is one of at least 37 armories having a T plan type in Pennsylvania. It was designed by the W.G. Wilkins Company of Pittsburgh, probably under the direction of Joseph F. Kuntz. The armory is one of at least 18 armories designed by Kuntz and the W.G. Wilkins Company. Kuntz began designing armories in the western third of the state after the State Armory Board's creation in 1905. Some of the armory's typical spaces include a drill hall, a classroom, a locker room and offices.

9. Bibliography

Refer to Section H in the Multiple Property Nomination, Pennsylvania National Guard Armories.

10. Verbal Boundary Description

The boundaries as described in Indiana County Deed Book Volume 114, Page 228.

