

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: Bradford Armory

other name/site number: N/A

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2. Location

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street & number: 28 Barbour Street

city/town: Bradford

not for publication: N/A  
vicinity: N/A

state: PA county: McKean code: 083 zip code: 16701

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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

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this x 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 X meets \_\_\_ does not meet the National Register criteria. \_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

Brent D. Glass  
Signature of certifying official

3/20/91  
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): \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic: Defense

Sub: Arms Storage

Current: Defense

Sub: Arms Storage

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of certifying official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

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

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Signature of commenting or other official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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State or Federal agency and bureau

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\_\_\_ removed from the National Register.

\_\_\_ other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Keeper

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Action

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6. Function or Use  
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Historic: Defense

Sub: Arms Storage

Current: Defense

Sub: Arms Storage

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7. Description  
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Architectural Classification:

Romanesque  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Materials:

foundation unknown/not visible

walls brick  
\_\_\_\_\_

roof unknown/not visible  
\_\_\_\_\_

other \_\_\_\_\_  
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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: 1912-1939

Significant Dates: 1912

Cultural Affiliation: N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Person: N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_

Architect/Builder: Mount, A.P. and Son -- architect  
Tuna Manufacturing Company -- 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.

Measuring approximately 60 by 117 feet, the Bradford Armory sets slightly back from Barbour Street on a flat lot within the City of Bradford. Fronted by a small lawn and paved parking lot, the Bradford Armory consists of a yellow brick building designed in the Romanesque style. The building is laid out on a T plan with the three story (including exposed basement), front section containing an administrative area and the two story (including exposed basement), rear section containing the drill hall on the first floor level. Constructed in 1912, the armory has very good integrity.

Exterior features of the armory include a crenelated parapet with corbeling, double hung sash windows, and decorative stonework, including a water table, coping, sills, and lintels.

The main (North) elevation of the armory is divided in half by a projecting, center entrance bay sporting a crenelated parapet with corbeling and stone coping. The first story of the entrance bay consists of double glass doors set at the back of an alcove, under a Romanesque, brick arch with a keystone. Light fixtures flank the arch, while a bronze plaque appears in the brick above the keystone and a wooden keystone sign hangs down into the alcove below the keystone. Concrete steps lead from the alcove down to street level. On the second story of the entrance bay, three windows are set in a recessed panel. To either side of the entrance bay, two windows pierce each floor, with a solid brick parapet topping the second floor. At the facade corners, brick towers surmounted by crenelated parapets with stone coping, contain a single window on the first story and three narrow rectangular openings on the second story. The side elevations of the administrative section consist of rows of windows of varying length, with four openings on the basement and second floors, and five openings on the first floor. The left side (East) elevation contains a second story entrance with exterior metal stairs.

The side elevations of the drill hall sections contain paired windows at the first floor and basement stories, separated into

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recessed panels by brick piers. On the left side of the exterior north wall of the drill hall, where it joins the narrower administrative section, there is a first story doorway with descending stairs; on the right side of the north wall there is a window. The top of the north wall terminates in a stepped parapet with stone coping, with simple, rectangular brick turrets supported by corbeling located in the left and right upper corners of the wall.

The rear (South) elevation of the drill hall consists of solid panels separated by brick piers. In the center of the elevation, a two story, slightly lower extension houses the drill hall stage. The extension has blank walls and a shed roof with stepped parapets at the side edges of the roof. Immediately to the right of the extension, a doorway pierces the south wall of the drill hall section, and metal stairs lead from doorway to the ground. A first-story window is located to the right of the doorway, while simple, rectangular brick turrets supported by corbeling are located at the upper corners of the south wall.

In the interior, the basement of the drill hall section is composed of a large open area lined on the south and east sides by storage rooms, a boiler room, and an office. An alcove on the south side of the open area leads to a rifle range under the first-floor drill hall stage. The basement of the administrative section has a central corridor flanked by a locker room, day room, storage room, and kitchen. On the first floor of the administrative section, several offices and a class room are separated by a corridor leading back to the drill hall. The drill hall measures 60 x 73 feet. It has a wood floor and a ceiling that is supported by purlins, attached to riveted, steel Fink trusses with verticals and gusset plates. A locker room, which was formerly a balcony opening on the drill hall, and a class room are contained on the second floor of the administrative section.

The only major changes to the armory have been installation of new windows and new exterior doors, and the enclosure of the drill hall balcony to make a locker room.

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:

- X State historic preservation office.
Other state agency.
Federal agency.
Local government.
University.
Other -- Specify Repository:

10. Geographical Data

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UTM References:

Table with 4 columns: A, B, C, D. Each column contains Zone, Easting, and Northing values.

Verbal Boundary Description:

X See continuation sheet.

Boundary Justification:

The legal boundaries which are historically associated with the property.

See continuation sheet.

11. Form Prepared By

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8. Significance.

The Bradford 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 1912 for Company C, 16th Infantry of the Pennsylvania National Guard. It is one of thirty-seven armories in Pennsylvania having a T plan. The armory was designed by A. P. Mount and Son of Corry, and contains spaces typical of a T plan such as a drill hall, rifle range, kitchen, boiler room, locker room, toilet room, class rooms, and offices.

Bibliography.

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

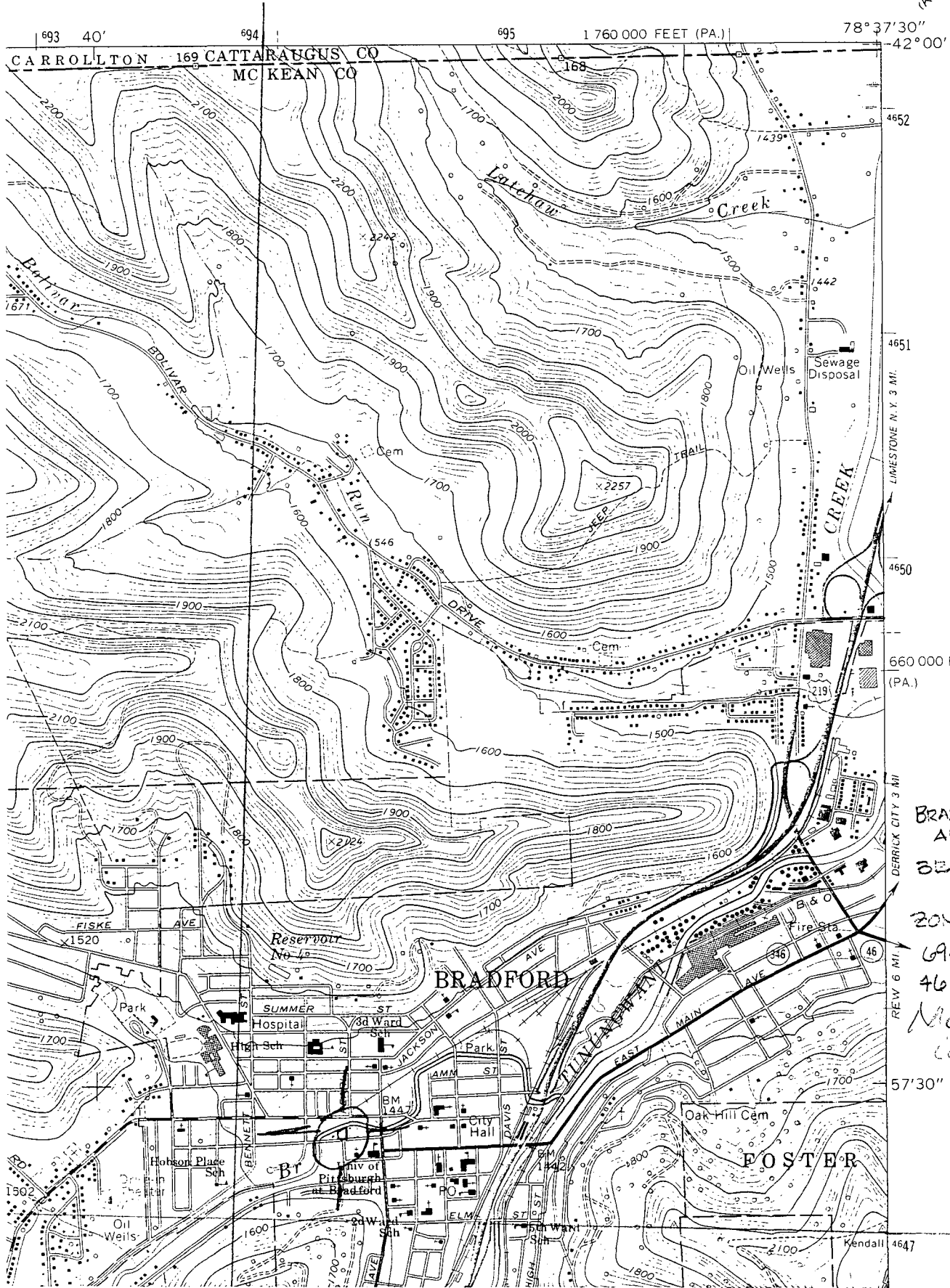
10. Verbal Boundary Description.

See McKean County Deed Book, Volume 159, page 1.



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