

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: Washington Armory

other name/site number: N/A

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2. Location

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street & number: 76 West Maiden Street

city/town: Washington

not for publication: N/A  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

state: PA county: Washington code: 125 zip code: 15301

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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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4. State/Federal Agency Certification  
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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

3/22/91  
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.

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Signature of commenting or other official Date

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

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5. National Park Service Certification  
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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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_____	_____
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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:

Colonial Revival  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Materials:

foundation stone

walls brick

roof shingle

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: 1915-1939

Significant Dates: 1915

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Significant Person: N/A

Architect/Builder: Wilkins, W.G. Company -- architect  
Blair, W.M.T. and Son -- builder

\_\_\_\_\_  
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

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: less than one acre

UTM References:

A	<u>17</u>	<u>564600</u>	<u>4446450</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.

11. Form Prepared By

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7. Description.

Consisting of a brick building designed in the Colonial Revival style, the Washington Armory is located on a narrow lot within the Borough of Washington. Laid out on a T plan, the building has a two-story, front administrative section connected to a larger, slightly sunken, two and one half story (including exposed basement), rear drill hall section. Constructed in 1915, the armory has very good integrity.

Both sections of the armory are covered by gable roofs, and have exterior features that include a stone foundation, a stone water table, and decorative brickwork, including sills, belt courses, and recessed panels.

The main elevation of the armory is three bays wide, and is dominated by a projecting, center entrance bay, which is divided horizontally into thirds by brick belt courses and corbeling. The entrance bay features a first story, slightly recessed glass door with side lights which are surrounded by a stone frame composed of stepped reveals and a shallow arch with keystones. A double-hung sash window flanked by two narrow windows opens the second story. Stone steps lead from the entrance down to West Maiden Street. On each story of the end bays, there are paired nine-over-nine sash windows separated vertically by two recessed brick panels.

The side elevations of the administrative section are pierced by nine over nine sash windows on the first and second stories. These elevations are decorated with rusticated, patterned brickwork, especially on the second story and at the gables.

In comparison, the sides and exposed front wall of the drill hall section appear plain. The sides have brick buttresses that divide the sides into four panels of paired, six over six, first story windows. Two entrances with stairs and iron pipe railing open the front wall where the drill hall perpendicularly adjoins the administrative section. Above each entrance is a parapet decorated with patterned brickwork.

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The rear elevation of the drill hall is accented by brick belt courses, and is divided vertically into thirds by buttresses with stone caps. The center third of the elevation contains three six-over-nine sash windows with arched transoms spaced several feet above first floor double doors framed in brick. Metal stairs descend from the entrance to the ground. The end thirds contain two first story nine-over-nine sash windows, with the left containing two basement level casement windows, and the right containing a basement level garage door.

In the interior, the armory contains a drill hall having a wood floor and a ceiling that is supported by purlins attached to trussed rib arches with Pratt webbing and gusset plates. Although State Armory Board records were searched, no original drawings of the interior could be found, on account of the abandonment of the armory by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, circa 1968. From 1970 to 1988, the armory was leased to the Washington School District. In April of 1989 a National Guard unit was restationed at the armory.

Although the armory's asbestos roof shingles were replaced with asphalt shingles, the armory still retains very good integrity.

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8. Significance.

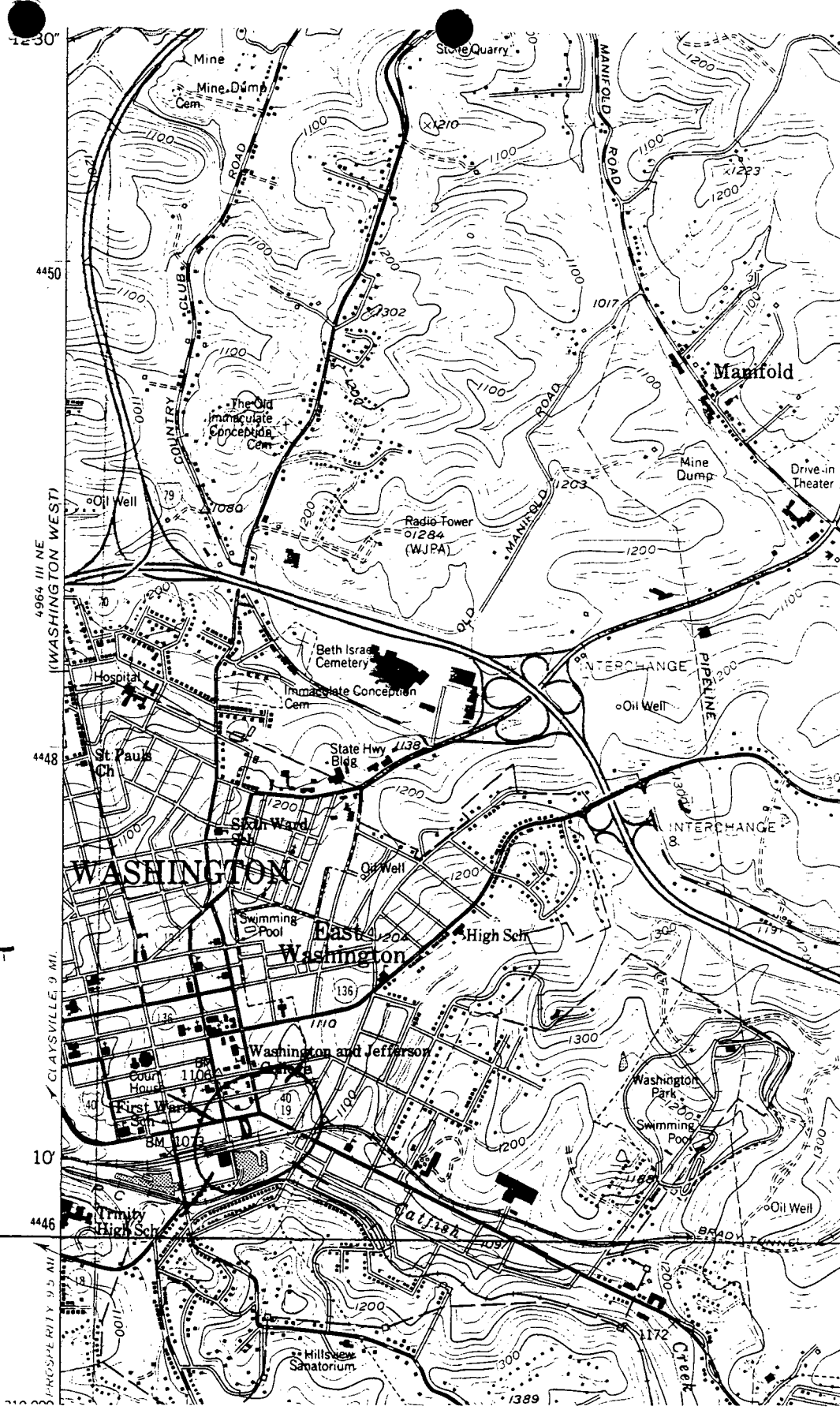
The Washington Armory is significant under criteria A and C. It is a member of the State Armory Building Property type under the multiple property nomination: Pennsylvania National Guard Armories. The armory was designed by W.G. Wilkins Company of Pittsburgh, and built in 1915 for Company H, 10th Infantry of the Pennsylvania National Guard. It is one of at least thirty-seven armories in Pennsylvania laid out on a T plan.

9. Bibliography.

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

10. Verbal Boundary Description.

See Washington County Deed Book, Volume 427, page 477.



WASHINGTON  
 ARMORY  
 WASHINGTON EAST  
 QUAD  
 ZONE 17  
 564600E  
 4446450N

12-30"  
 4450  
 4964 III NE  
 (WASHINGTON WEST)  
 4448  
 4964 III NE  
 CLAYSVILLE 9 MI  
 10'  
 4446  
 PROSPERITY 9.5 MI