

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: Butler Armory

other name/site number: N/A

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2. Location

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street & number: 216 N. Washington Street

city/town: Butler

not for publication: N/A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

state: PA county: Butler code: 019 zip code: 16001

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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 ___ 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 ___ meets ___ does not meet the National Register criteria. ___ See continuation sheet.

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.

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): _____

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

7. Description

Architectural Classification:

Art Deco

Materials:

foundation stone

walls brick

roof unknown/not visible

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 of Significance: 1922-1939

Significant Dates: 1922 1930

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Significant Person: N/A

Architect/Builder: Wilkins, W. G. Company/Kuntz, Jo Schenck, George and Company

State significance of property, and justify criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance

X See continuation

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: .40

UTM References:

A	<u>17</u>	<u>592940</u>	<u>4523920</u>	B	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
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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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7. Description.

Located on a corner lot within the Borough of Butler, the Butler Armory consists of a two-story, brick administration section built in 1930 onto the front of a one story, brick drill hall section constructed in 1922. The front section was designed in the Art Deco style and laid out on a T plan with the rear section. The armory, measuring approximately 59 x 120 feet, has very good integrity.

The armory has a stone foundation, with a flat roof covering the administrative section, and a gambrel roof covering the drill hall. Exterior features of the administrative section include decorative brick panels below the second story windows, brick sills and belt courses, and a parapet with stone coping. Exterior drill hall features include a brick chimney, brick belt courses, and rusticated brick and chevrons at the corners of the drill hall section.

The main (East) elevation of the administrative section is divided into three sections, with piers at its end sections. The end sections contain entrances of double wooden doors recessed in alcoves beneath segmental brick arches, with light fixtures located on each side of the alcove. Steps lead from the entrances down to North Washington Street. A pair of four-over-four sash windows appears at the second story above each entrance, separated by a narrow, projecting brick strip topped by a stone point. A thin stone course highlights the cornice of the end sections, wrapping several feet around to the side elevations. Both stories of the center section have three windows of six-over-six sash separated by projecting brick strips. Decorative stone rectangles embedded in the parapet align with the centers of the windows on this elevation. A plaque is also located at the center of the elevation.

The side elevations of the administrative section are similar to the center third of the facade, with three windows on each floor flanked by piers. The side elevations of the drill hall section consist of nine-over-nine double hung sash windows grouped in sets of two or three. The left side elevation of the drill hall section is also pierced with paired nine-light casement windows above double doors. The right side elevation has a similar entrance.

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The rear elevation of the drill hall contains six bricked-up windows openings on the first floor and three six-light casement windows and slightly recessed, brick-framed double doors piercing the exposed, stone basement wall.

The interior basement of the drill hall section has cement floors, and contains a rifle range, kitchen, shower room, storage rooms and locker room. The first floor of the drill hall section contains the drill hall measuring 59 x 77 feet. The drill hall has a roof supported by riveted, steel Howe trusses with gusset plates. The first floor of the administrative section contains offices, class rooms, and toilet rooms with tile walls. The offices and class rooms have wood floors, while the toilet rooms have tile floors. The second floor has wood floors and tiled walls, and includes a club room, office, and lavatory.

The armory retains very good integrity, even though several alterations have occurred, such as supply rooms being created in the basement, in 1949, out of the previously unexcavated area under the administrative section, a former locker room being transformed into the present rifle range, and the exterior, rear elevation windows being bricked in.

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8. Significance.

The Butler 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 in 1922 for the 112th Infantry of the Pennsylvania National Guard, with a front, administrative section added later, in 1930. 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 and Joseph F. Kuntz of Pittsburgh, who is responsible for the design of approximately eighteen armories in the western third of the state. Kuntz began designing armories with the W. G. Wilkins Company just after the State Armory Board's creation in 1905, and he continued designing armories until 1930. Spaces typical of the T plan in this armory include a drill hall, a club room, a rifle range, a locker room, a kitchen, a boiler room, shower room, offices, and class rooms.

9. Bibliography.

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

10. Verbal Boundary Description.

The boundaries as described in the Butler County Deed Book, Volume 372, page 498.

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