

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: Berwick Armory

other name/site number: Brigadier General Edward L. Davis Armory

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2. Location

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street & number: 201 Pine Street

city/town: Berwick

not for publication: N/A

vicinity: N/A

state: PA county: Columbia code: 037 zip code: 18603

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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 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

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

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7. Description
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Architectural Classification:

Craftsman
Tudor Revival

Materials:

foundation concrete
walls brick
roof slate
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: 1922-1940

Significant Dates: 1922 1930

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Significant Person: N/A

Architect/Builder: Wilkins, W.G. Company/Kuntz, Joseph F.
Atherton, Thomas H.
Butz and Clader/Lutz Construction Company

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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9. Major Bibliographical References

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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: _____.

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10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property: .79

UTM References:

A	<u>18</u>	<u>396340</u>	<u>4545680</u>	B	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
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	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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11. Form Prepared By

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7. Description.

Located on a corner lot within the Borough of Berwick, the Berwick Armory is a brick building laid over a concrete foundation. Designed in the Craftsman style, the building has a T plan, consisting of a one-story drill hall, constructed in 1922, and a two-story Tudor Revival style administrative section, added on to the south end of the drill hall in 1930. A flat roof covers the administrative wing, while a gambrel roof covers the drill hall. Covering an estimated area of 7,500 square feet, the armory retains good integrity.

Exterior features of the drill hall include a parapet with stone coping, a brick chimney, and brick belt courses. It has four-light, rectangular, casement windows in pairs or triplets with brick sills and lintels on the first floor, and two-light casement windows piercing the basement. In contrast, the four-light casement windows of the administrative section appear smaller and are framed by decorative stonework, including sills, lintels, and quoins. The entrances on the administrative section are framed with similar stonework. The administrative section is also decorated by a stone water table.

Fronted by a small, grassy hill, the front (south) facade of the administrative section faces Third Street and is divided into thirds by two-story, projecting, former, entrance bays. While the second-story windows remain intact, the ground-level doors of these bays have been bricked up. Having a gabled parapet accented by decorative brickwork, the center third contains three windows on the first and second stories and basement, while each end third contains one window on each story.

The west side elevation of the administrative section has two panels, with the rear panel stepped back from the front panel. The front panel is pierced by two windows on the second story and a door on the first story. The rear panel is opened by two windows on both floors.

The east side elevation of the administrative section also has two panels, with the rear panel stepped back. Both panels have two second story windows and first story entrances.

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The west side elevation of the drill hall has three sets of tripled windows piercing the first floor and basement. A glass double door entrance is located near the left end of the elevation. A gabled parapet appears above the entrance, and concrete steps with iron pipe railing lead from the entrance down to Pine Street. On the east side elevation of the drill hall, three sets of tripled windows and one set of paired windows pierce the elevation.

Rising in a parapet, the one-story, North elevation of the drill hall has three sets of paired first-story windows and at least one basement window. In the center of the elevation concrete steps lead down to a basement entrance, while slightly projecting wall surfaces appear at the corners, with the right corner supporting a brick chimney.

On the interior, the basement of the drill hall includes a kitchen, boiler room, and locker room. The basement of the administrative section has an arms vault and storage rooms. On the first floor, the administrative section is composed of a day room, rest rooms, and storage, with a club room, class room, and offices on the second floor. Located behind the administrative area on the first floor, the drill hall measures approximately 60 x 100 feet. It has a wood floor and a roof that is supported by steel girders.

A rehabilitation and alterations project in 1972 introduced several changes to the armory. These included partitioning of the basement to create new locker rooms and other spaces, removal and infill of south side entrances, installation of aluminum replacement windows, replacement of a number of doors, and closing in the drill hall balcony to create a classroom on the second floor. Nevertheless, the armory retains good integrity.

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8. Significance.

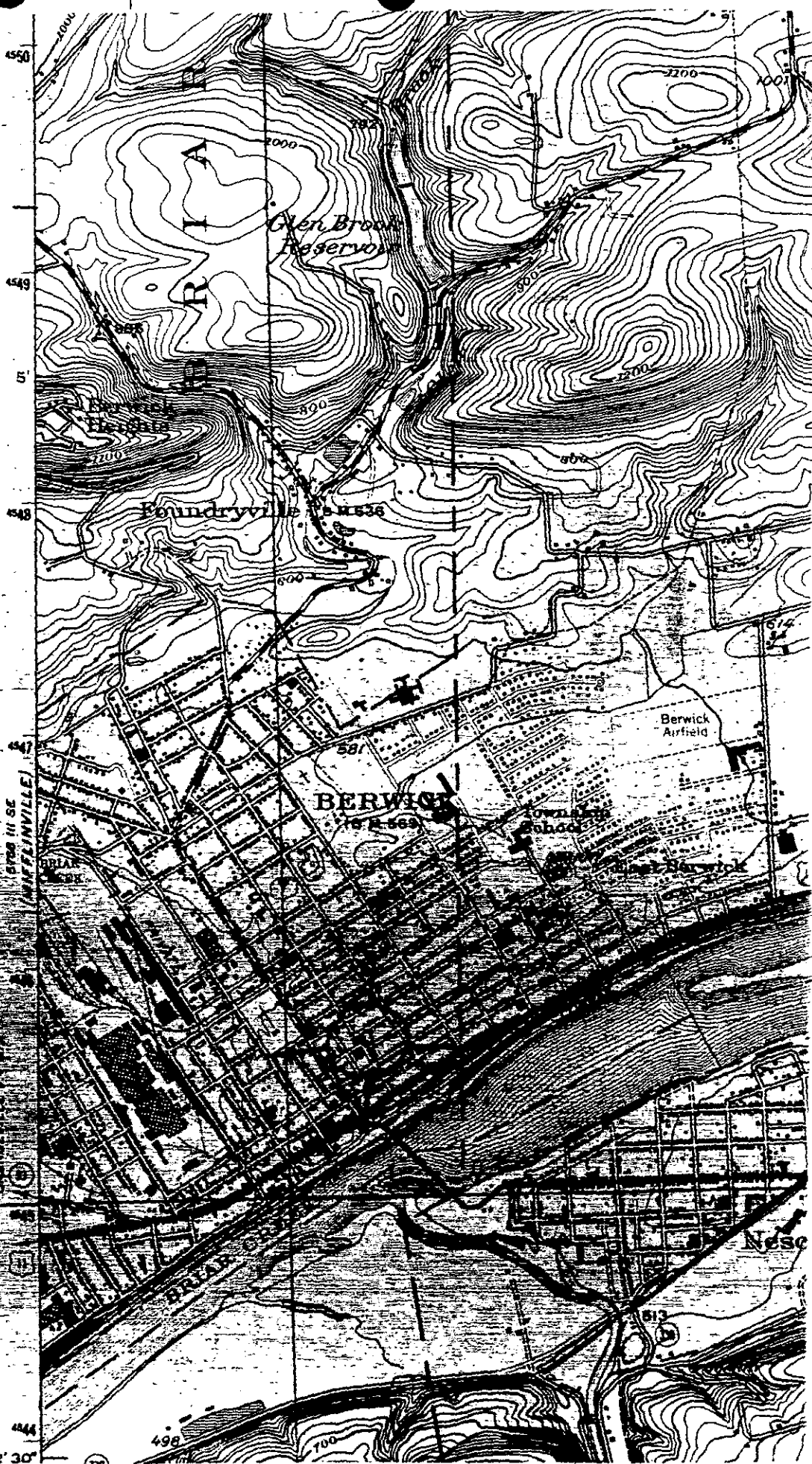
The Berwick Armory is significant under criteria A and C. It is a member of the State Armory Building Property type under the multiple property nomination: Pennsylvania National Guard Armories. The armory was built in 1922 for Company I and Company M, 109th Infantry of the Pennsylvania National Guard. At that time, it consisted of a drill hall on the first floor with administrative rooms located in the basement. Later, in 1930, a two-story administrative wing was added on to the south side elevation, giving the armory a T plan. Joseph F. Kuntz of the W.G. Wilkins Company, Pittsburgh designed the original armory, while Thomas H. Atherton of Wilkes-Barre designed the addition. Both Kuntz and Atherton were responsible for the design of several armories in Pennsylvania. Typical spaces in the armory include a drill hall, kitchen, boiler room, storage space, and offices. The Berwick 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 Columbia County Deed Book, Volume 95, page 582.



BERWICK ARMORY
BERWICK ROAD
ZONE 18
396340 E
4545680 N

Colonial
Embroidery

37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100

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LOW SPRINGS (BRIDGE) 7 1/2

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