

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: Indiana Armory

other name/site number: N/A

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2. Location

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street & number: 621 Wayne Avenue

city/town: Indiana not for publication: N/A
vicinity: N/A

state: PA county: Indiana code: 063 zip code: 15701

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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
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	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

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10/7/91

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:

Moderne

Materials:

foundation stone

walls brick

roof unknown

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 1929

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Significant Person: N/A

Architect/Builder: Wilkins, W. G. Company/ Kuntz, Joseph F. -- architect Schenk, George E. And Company -- builder Fowler, N.F. And Company -- 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: .28

UTM References:

A 17 656380 4497980 B
Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

C D
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.

The Indiana Armory is located on a narrow corner lot within the Borough of Indiana. Fronted by an angular strip of lawn, the armory consists of a brick building designed in the Moderne style. The building is laid out on a modified T plan, with a front administrative section added in 1929 to west end of the one story drill hall section built in 1922. The administrative section is composed of a two-story portion to the south and a recessed one-story portion to the north. Measuring approximately 60 x 125 feet, the armory retains good integrity.

The armory has a coursed ashlar stone foundation. A gambrel roof covers the drill hall, while flat roofs cover the two portions of the administrative section. Exterior features of the armory include a parapet with stone coping on the administrative section and the east and west ends of the drill hall section, a brick chimney, double hung sash windows, and decorative brickwork, including a water table, sills, lintels, and belt courses.

The west facade of the administrative section is dominated by the larger two-story, projecting portion. This portion has a slightly projecting two-story end entrance bay topped by a stone parapet to the left. An inscribed stone plaque divides the two narrow six-over-six sash windows on the second story from the brick-framed double doors on the first story. Concrete stairs lead from the double doors down to Wayne Avenue, and light fixtures are secured to the brick on each side of the doors. To the right, the remainder of the two-story portion has three nine-over-nine sash windows on the first and second stories.

The facade of the one-story portion of the administrative section has a center double-door entrance flanked on each side by a narrow, four-over-four sash window. Concrete steps lead from the doors down to Wayne Avenue. A peaked stone parapet tops the entrance. The parapet of the exposed west end of the drill hall rises above the parapet of the one-story administrative portion.

On the left (north) side elevation of the armory, the one-story portion of the administrative section is solid brick, while the drill hall is pierced by twelve-over-twelve sash windows grouped in pairs or triplets. The drill hall gambrel roof ends in a narrow cornice on this elevation.

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The right (south) side elevation, facing Washington Street, has a two-story administrative portion that is pierced on both floors by four nine-over-nine sash windows and a second-story entrance with metal stairs descending to ground level. The drill hall is pierced by twelve-over-twelve sash grouped in pairs or triplets. A first-story double door entrance with concrete steps and pipe iron railing opens the drill hall at the right end of the elevation. The basement is pierced by small casement windows.

The rear (east) elevation of the drill hall has a slightly projecting center panel, containing first-story double doors located several feet below a decorative brick keystone arch. Concrete steps lead from the doors down to Sixth Street. Three twelve-over-twelve sash windows appear on each side of the entrance.

On the interior, the basement has an assortment of rooms, including a boiler room, training room, kitchen, locker rooms, and storage rooms. All possess concrete walls and floors. On the first floor, the administrative section contains an entrance hall and offices in the two-story portion, and rest rooms divided by a hall in the one-story portion. A company room is located on the second floor of the two-story portion. All of these rooms have plaster walls and ceilings, as well as wood floors. Located on the first floor, the drill hall measures 59 x 96 feet. Having brick walls and a wood floor, the drill hall has a roof that is supported by riveted, steel Howe trusses with prominent gusset plates.

Apart from the 1929 addition, few major changes have occurred. The rear entrance of the drill hall was partially bricked in.

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8. Significance.

The Indiana 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 for Company F, 110th Infantry of the Pennsylvania National Guard. The drill hall was constructed in 1922, with the front, administrative section added on, in 1929. The construction of this armory represents a modified T plan; the administrative section was added to the front of the drill hall as in other T plan armories, but the administrative section was built to a full depth only part way across the drill hall facade. State Armory Board records show the W. G. Wilkins Company as architects of the drill hall and Joseph F. Kuntz as architect of the administrative section. Joseph F. Kuntz of Pittsburgh is responsible for the design of approximately eighteen armories in the western third of Pennsylvania. He began designing armories with the W. G. Wilkins Company just after the State Armory Board's creation in 1905 and continued to design armories after he left the Wilkins Company in the early 1920s. The armory contains such typical spaces as a drill hall, locker room, kitchen, storage rooms, and offices. The Indiana 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 being designed by a significant designer of Pennsylvania armories.

9. Bibliography.

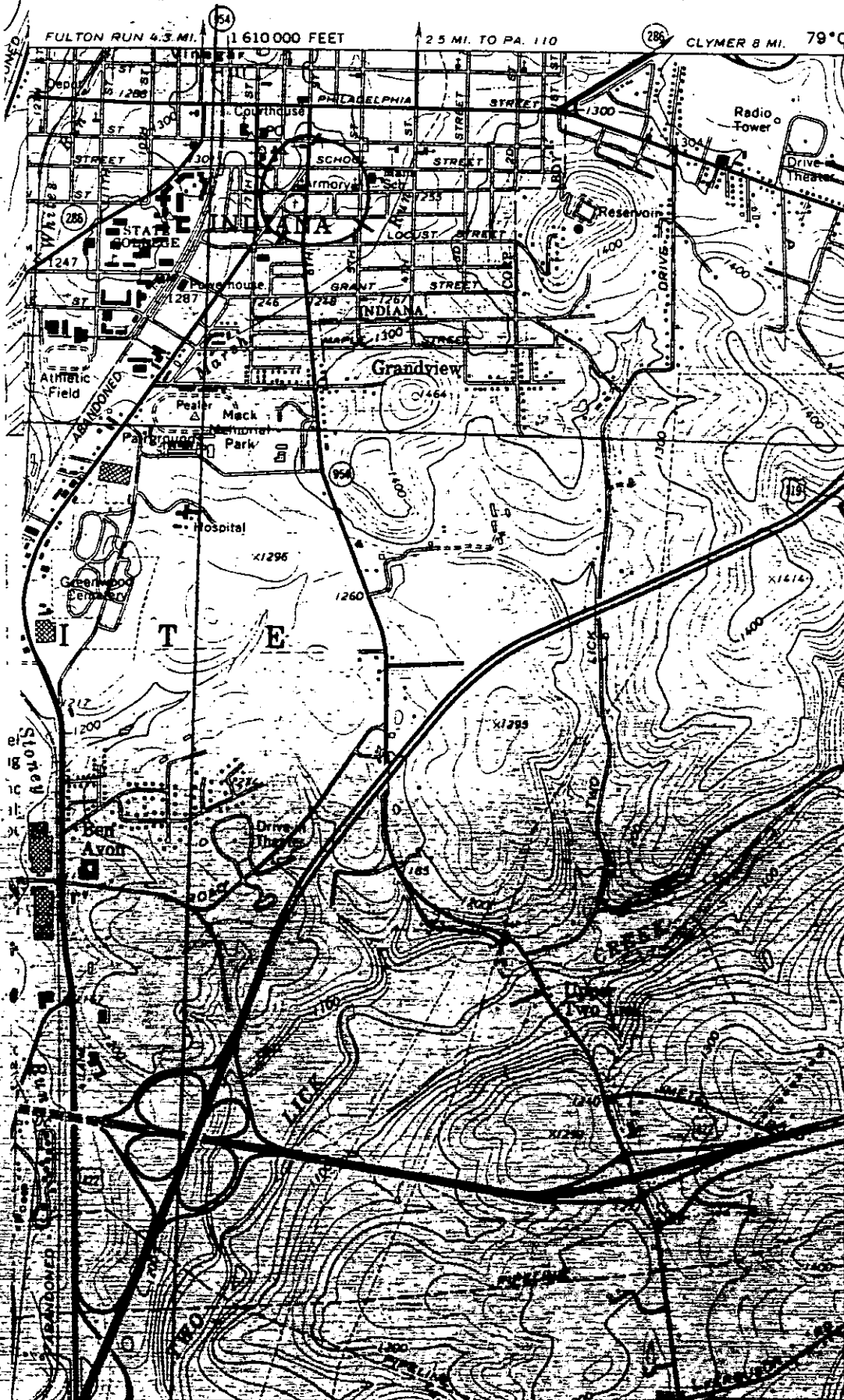
See section H in Multiple Resource Nomination: Pennsylvania National Guard Armories.

10. Verbal Boundary Description.

See Indiana County Deed Book, Volume 200, page 61.

INDIANA QUADRANGLE
PENNSYLVANIA-INDIANA CO.
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

3165 II NE
(CLYMER)



INDIANA
ARMORY
INDIANA
QUAD
ZONE 17

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*Indiana
County*

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