

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: Lancaster Armory

other name/site number: Stahr, BG Charles P. Armory

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2. Location

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street & number: 438 N. Queen Street

city/town: Lancaster

not for publication: N/A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

state: PA county: Lancaster code: 071 zip code: 17601

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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

10/7/91
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

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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:

Colonial Revival

Materials:

foundation concrete

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: 1928-1939

Significant Dates: 1928 1937

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Significant Person: N/A

Architect/Builder: Johnson, Philip H. -- architect
Hodgens, H.C. and Hill, A.D. -- architect
Snyder, John C. -- 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: .62

UTM References:

A	<u>18</u>	<u>388440</u>	<u>4433330</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.

11. Form Prepared By

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7. Description.

Located on a flat lot within the City of Lancaster, the Lancaster Armory is a brick building designed in the Colonial Revival style. Fronted by a narrow lawn, the armory is laid out on a T plan, with a one-and-one-half-story drill hall, constructed in 1928, located behind a three-story administrative section, constructed in 1937. Measuring approximately 90 x 200 feet, the armory retains good integrity.

Exterior features of the administrative section include a parapet with stone coping, corbeled cornice, brick water table, brick belt courses, and sixteen-light, tilt-out casement windows with brick lintels and stone sills.

The seven-bay front (east) facade of the administrative section has a parapet with stone coping and inset stone rectangles, and a central entrance that appears as the most architecturally dominant feature of the facade. This entrance is a one-story, projecting brick vestibule with rusticated brick sides, and a stone pediment, segmented flat lintel, and pilasters surrounding glass and aluminum double doors (added in 1964) and a transom sash. A concrete sidewalk leads from the entrance out to Queen Street. The middle bay of the wall above the vestibule projects slightly. The fenestration of the second and third stories consists of seven evenly spaced casement windows on each story. Vertically aligned with these on the first story are three windows on either side of the main entrance. The second-story windows have stone lintels with keystones. Smaller casement windows, fronted by iron bars, pierce the basement. Apart from the corbeling of the cornice, other facade brickwork includes a belt course between the first and second story and rusticated brick at the elevation corners.

The side elevations of the administrative section are very similar to the front facade, with two bays of windows on the second and third floors, and a single window centered in the first story.

In contrast, the side elevations of the drill hall have seven bays of first-story casement windows with brick sills and lintels, separated by brick buttresses with stone caps. The sixth bay toward the rear has smaller windows above metal double doors with diverging concrete stairs and iron pipe railing. A single door entrance with descending stairs also opens the second bay on both sides of the building. Basement windows have been covered over.

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Gabled at the top, the rear elevation contains two overhead garage doors. Providing access into the first floor interior, the one on the left is approached by an inclined concrete ramp, while the door on the right, leading into the basement interior, is approached by a sloping concrete drive. Paired first-story, eight-light casement windows appear above the right garage door. In the middle of the elevation, two small metal vents are centered above two sets of paired twelve-light casement windows, below which appear two similar sets of basement windows.

On the interior, the basement possesses concrete floors and plaster ceilings, with some plaster walls. The drill hall basement contains storage rooms and a locker room along a double loaded corridor. The basement of the administrative section has storage rooms and a rifle range. On the first floor, the administrative section contains a kitchen, reception room, and offices. Other offices are located on the second floor, with an office, class room, storage room, and two class rooms located on the third floor. The first floor drill hall measures approximately 80 x 153 feet and has brick walls and a wood floor. The drill hall roof is supported by steel arch trusses.

Among the alterations made to the armory, the balcony overlooking the drill hall on the east side, was converted into second floor office space, while a 65 x 20 foot size classroom was built onto the rear interior wall of the drill hall in 1971. Possessing original windows and most of the original doors and woodwork, the armory retains good integrity.

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8. Significance.

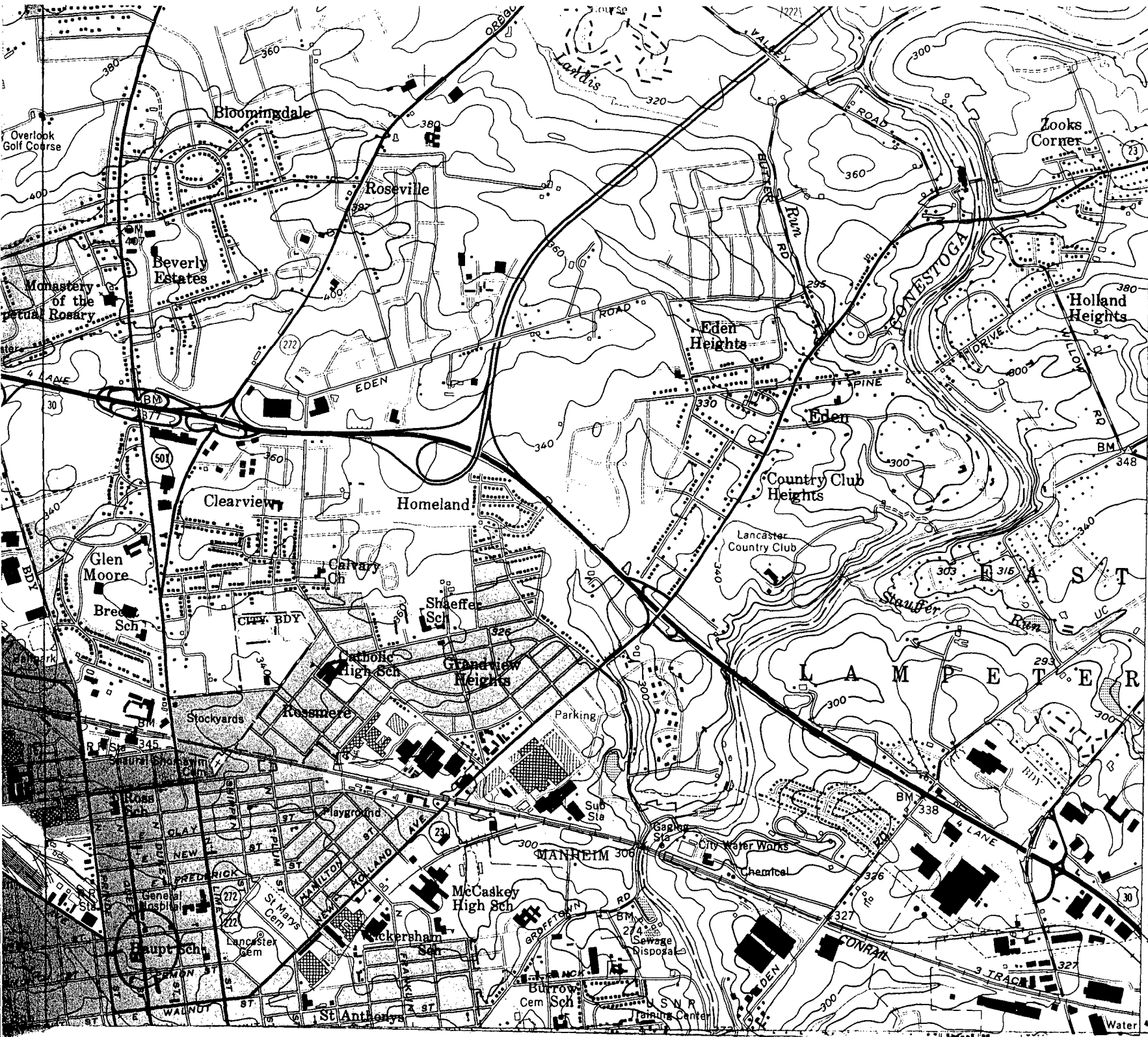
The Lancaster Armory is significant under criteria A and C. It has been an integral part of the Pennsylvania National Guard, and it is representative of armories designed in on a T plan. It is a member of the State Armory Building Property type under the multiple property nomination: Pennsylvania National Guard Armories. Laid out on a T plan, it consists of a drill hall that was constructed in 1928 and a front, administrative area that was constructed in 1937. The drill hall was designed by Philip H. Johnson and the administrative area by H.C. Hodgens and A.D. Hill of Philadelphia. Typical spaces within the armory include the drill hall, rifle range, kitchen, boiler room, locker rooms, storage rooms, and offices.

9. Bibliography.

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

10. Verbal Boundary Description.

See Lancaster County Deed Book T, Volume 24, page 244.



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 HORNIG 0.3 MI.
 NEW HOLLAND 8.8 MI.
 4436
 (LEOLA) 5764 11 SW
 4435
 GREENLAND 1.4 MI.
 PHILADELPHIA (CIVIC CENTER) 61 MI.

LANCASTER
 ARMORY
 LANCASTER
 QUAD
 ZONE 18
 388440E
 4433330N
*Lancaster
 County*

MI.
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