

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: Ford City Armory _____

other name/site number: N/A _____

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2. Location

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street & number: 301 Tenth Street (corner of Third Ave.)

not for publication: n/a

city/town: Ford City

vicinity: n/a

state: PA county: Armstrong code: 005

zip code: 16226

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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	
1	0	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
1	0	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 0

Name of related multiple property listing: PA National Guard Armories

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, 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.

Dr. Brent Glass [Signature] 10/24/89
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

Other Description: _____

Materials: foundation Concrete roof Asphalt
walls Brick 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(s) of Significance: 1930-1939 _____

Significant Dates : 1930 _____

Years of Alterations: _____

Significant Person(s): n/a

Cultural Affiliation: n/a

Architect/Builder: Kuntz, Joseph F.
Hatten, Clyde

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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X 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: .27 acres

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

A	17	623900	4514230	B	_____	_____
C	_____	_____	_____	D	_____	_____

____ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: X See continuation sheet.

Boundary Justification: ____ See continuation sheet.

The legal boundaries which are historically associated with the property.

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11. Form Prepared By

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7. Description

The Ford City Armory is a one story brick building that sits on a flat corner lot in the Borough of Ford City. This T plan type armory is in the Moderne style and has very good integrity.

The armory is 10 bays by 9 bays and the drill hall is beside the administration section. The running bond brick walls rest on a cement foundation. The asphalt shingled, hip roof peaks over the drill hall and flattens over the administration section. The facades facing Tenth Street and Third Avenue are nearly identical. Each has two, double door entrances with a transom and a raised parapet wall above. The Third Avenue elevation also has a central, metal garage door leading on to the drill floor. The building has 6 over 6 double hung windows.

The interior walls are constructed of hollow tile and the floors are cement, except the drill hall floor which is Western Fir. The interior trim is painted wood, although it is very plain and sparse, in keeping with the Modern style. The building has a partial basement with a rifle range and storage areas.

The integrity of the armory is very good. The exterior remains essentially unaltered except for the replacement of double wood doors with metal doors and in one instance by an overhead metal garage door. On the interior a room has been added to the edge of the drill hall floor, and cages for storage have also been added.

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8. Significance

The Ford City 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 for Company C, 112th Infantry of the Pennsylvania National Guard in 1930. The armory was designed by Joseph F. Kuntz of Pittsburgh and it is one of at least 18 armories designed by Kuntz. He began designing armories in the western third of the state with the W.G. Wilkins Company after the State Armory Board's creation in 1905. Some of the typical spaces in this armory are a drill hall, a rifle range, a classroom, a locker room and offices.

9. Bibliography

Interview of Sgt. Cieply, Ford City, PA. June 12, 1989, by
Kristine M. Wilson.

10. Verbal Boundary Description

The boundaries as described in Armstrong County Deed Book Volume 206, page 26.

