

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: Hamburg Armory

other name/site number: N/A

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2. Location

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street & number: North Fifth Street

city/town: Hamburg

not for publication: N/A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

state: PA county: Berks code: 011 zip code: 19526

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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 concrete

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: 1938-1939

Significant Dates: 1938

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Significant Person: N/A

Architect/Builder: Adams, Elmer H./Kostecky, Jr., John M.

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

Acreeage of Property: 3.1

UTM References:

A 18 417000 4490320 B
Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

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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.

11. Form Prepared By

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7. Description.

Located on a large corner lot in the Borough of Hamburg, the Hamburg Armory consists of a brick building designed in the Art Deco style. Originally laid out on a T plan in 1938, the building is composed of a three-and-one-half story, front, administrative section that steps down to form three stories (including exposed basement) at its ends, and a two-and-one-half story (including exposed basement), rear section containing the drill hall on the first floor level. A one-story, brick addition was attached to the north side elevation of the drill hall in 1972. Covering an estimated 7,800 square feet, the armory has good integrity.

The armory has a concrete foundation and exterior features that include a parapet with stone coping, and recessed wall panels containing casement windows of various sizes with stone sills and brick lintels.

The main (west) elevation of the administrative section is dominated by a center, three-and-one-half story section containing the central entrance bay, between brick buttresses with limestone bases. The central entrance has glass double doors and transom framed in a limestone arch with a stepped reveal. The arch is set in a one-story, limestone block containing a keystone and an inscription reading "ARMORY." A walk leads from the entrance out to North Fifth Street, with diverging walks leading around the building. The second and third stories of the center section contain three recessed panels, each pierced by one second- and one third-story ten-light casement window. To either side of the center section, the parapet steps down twice to a three story height. Beneath the first step down on the right, three narrow casement windows open each floor, including the basement. Beneath the first step down on the left, a narrow casement window opens the second floor, a bricked-in opening supports an air conditioning unit on the first floor, and a vent set at basement level. Beneath the second step downs on the right and left are two ten-light casement windows on the first and second stories, set in a recessed panel, with smaller casement windows piercing the exposed basement wall. A stone belt course highlights the ends of the facade, running from the limestone base of the center buttresses around to the side elevations.

The side elevations of the administrative section have two ten-light casement windows set in a recessed panel on the first and second stories, and two six light casement windows in the exposed basement. The side elevations of the drill hall section contain large, first-story casement windows, separated into recessed panels

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by brick piers. The first and third bays of the right drill hall side contain double door entrances beneath the windows, with concrete steps descending to ground level. Another drill hall entrance is found at ground level on the left side of the drill hall.

Attached to the left side of the drill hall, the one-story addition has solid brick walls on the west elevation facing North Fifth Street. On the north elevation facing Ridge Avenue, a recessed entrance appears with stone steps descending to a grassy mound. The rear elevation of the addition contains a door at the lower left corner and three sets of double casement windows.

The rear elevation of the armory has a gable roof line, and contains three overhead garage doors at ground level, four casement windows set in recessed panels on the first floor level, and two vents above the middle two windows.

In the interior, the basement of the 1938 section has a kitchen, boiler room, locker room, and storage rooms in the front, with the rifle range and a garage located in the rear. The basement of the 1972 addition has storage rooms. All of the basement rooms have concrete walls and floors. On the first floor, the addition contains a class room, locker room, and men's room, while the front of the 1938 section has a locker room, storage room, vault, and men's rooms. These rooms have concrete floors and concrete block walls. The drill hall in the 1938 section measures 59 x 78 feet, and has a wood floor and a drop ceiling that conceals the roof trusses. The second floor of the administrative section contains offices, while the attic has a janitor's room. The second floor and attic have wood floors and plaster walls.

Apart from the 1972, one-story addition, and the drop ceiling in the drill hall, no major alterations have taken place. Basically intact, possessing original windows and interior doors, the armory retains good integrity.

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8. Significance.

The Hamburg 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 1938, as a federal public works project, for Company D, 103rd Quartermaster Regiment, 28th Division of the Pennsylvania National Guard. Originally laid out on a T plan, with the drill hall located behind the administrative section, a one-story addition was built onto the north side elevation in 1972. Designed by Elmer H. Adams of Esterly and John M. Kostecky Jr. of Camp Hill, the armory contains such typical spaces as a drill hall, rifle range, kitchen, boiler room, class room, locker rooms, offices, and storage.

9. Bibliography.

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

10. Verbal Boundary Description.

See Berks County Deed Book, Volume 804, page 29.

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