

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: Scranton Armory

other name/site number: N/A

2. Location

street & number: 900 Adams Avenue

not for publication: n/a

city/town: Scranton

vicinity: n/a

state: PA county: Lackawanna code: 069

zip code: 18510

3. Classification

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

Brent Glass

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:

Romanesque

Other Description:

Materials: foundation Stone walls Brick roof Asphalt 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: 1900-1939

Significant Dates : 1900

Years of Alterations:

Significant Person(s): n/a

Cultural Affiliation: n/a

Architect/Builder: Holden, Lansing C.

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: _____ acres

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

A	18	445450	4584840	B	_____	_____
C	_____	_____	_____	D	_____	_____

_____ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: See continuation sheet.

Boundary Justification: _____ See continuation sheet.

The legal boundaries which are historically associated with the property.

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7. Description

The Scranton Armory, executed in the Romanesque style, resembles a medieval castle. It is located on a sloping corner lot in the City of Scranton. The four story building has a T plan type constructed of brick and stone. The armory has very good integrity.

The building is 20 bays by 26 bays in size, and the common bond brick walls rest on a coursed, rough faced ashlar foundation and first floor. There are smooth stone sill and lintel courses at every floor except the first. The front facade is dominated by a central stone arch entrance flanked by towers. The towers and the projected end bays have crenellated parapet walls that corbel out from the building. There are vertical openings in the corbel resembling machicolations. The parapet wall above the Roman entry arch between the two towers also has this treatment. The parapet walls are surrounding a flat roof over the administration area while the drill hall has an arched monitor roof. The administration section has one over one double hung windows and the drill hall has casement windows. Some openings in the drill hall have arched lintels. The right side of the drill hall also has a stone Roman arch entry. It is in a one story projected bay with towers and a crenellated parapet wall.

The interior of the building also reflects the Romanesque style. The plaster walls have a pressed leather wainscot in the corridors. There are molded plaster scenes in the cornice of a second floor conference room and office. Dark, painted wood trim that is heavy in character is used throughout the building. The ceilings are predominantly plaster, although the drill hall is open to the trusses above. The floors are wood.

The armory has very good integrity. New walls have been added in some areas of the administration section, although the double loaded corridor plan remains intact. Some dropped ceilings and panelling has been installed and some floors have been covered with tile. On the exterior two new brick stair towers have been added to the sides of the administration section. These blend well with the existing design. The windows in the monitor have been covered with and opaque sheathing, and some windows have been replaced. The original wood front doors have been replaced with glass and aluminum doors.

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8. Significance

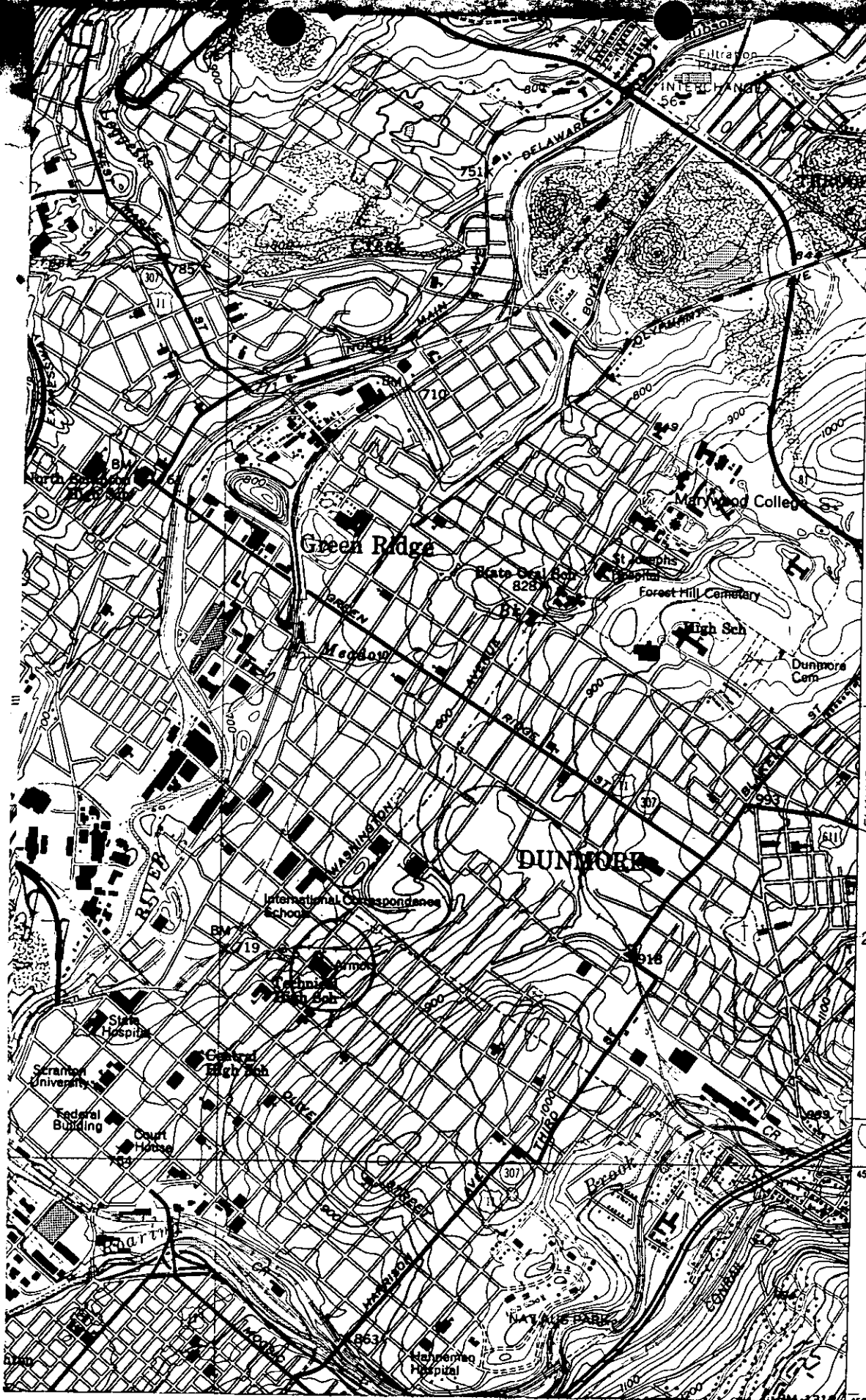
The Scranton Armory is significant under criteria A and C. It is a member of the State Armory Building property type under the multiple property nomination, Pennsylvania National Guard Armories. It was built by the 13th Regiment of the Pennsylvania National Guard in 1900. The building was sold to the State Armory Board in 1906 for \$90,000. It is one of 37 armories in Pennsylvania with a T plan type and it is one of the largest in the state. Some of the typical spaces in the building include a drill hall, classrooms, offices, locker rooms and storage. The Scranton Armory also was used for community events. Several boxing matches, flea markets and other activities have been held in the armory.

9. Bibliography

Survey form, on file at the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, Bureau for Historic Preservation, no date.

10. Verbal Boundary Description

The boundaries as described in Lackawanna County Deed Book



4589
 THROUGH 0.5 MI.
 GLOYPHANT 2.1 MI.
 4588
 (GLOYPHANT)
 5866 / NE
 4587
 4586
 ELMHURST 0.3 MI.
 MOSCOW 0.5 MI.
 4584

SCRANTON
 ARMORY
 SCRANTON, PA
 25' QUAD
 ZONE 18
 E 445450
 N 4584840