

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: Wellsboro Armory

other name/site number: N/A

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2. Location

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street & number: 2 Central Avenue

city/town: Wellsboro

not for publication: N/A

vicinity: N/A

state: PA county: Tioga

code: 117 zip code: 16901

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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.

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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

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7. Description.

Designed in the Moderne style, and fronted by a lawn, the Wellsboro Armory is located on a flat lot, next to Kelsey Creek, within the Borough of Wellsboro. Measuring approximately 52 x 155 feet, the armory consists of a brick building laid out on an I plan, with a two story drill hall sandwiched between a two-story, front administrative section and a two-story, rear garage. The administrative section and garage are covered by flat roofs, while the drill hall is covered by a Bowstring roof. Constructed circa 1932, the armory has very good integrity.

Exterior features of the armory include blind arcades, a parapet, a brick chimney, and decorative stonework, including coping, sills, lintels, quoins, and keystones.

The main (Northeast) elevation of the armory consists of a two-story, three-arch blind arcade, with the left and right arches framing two double hung sash windows sharing common, stone sills on the first and second stories, separated between floors by recessed rectangular panels. The same windows pierce the second story of the middle arch. All of the windows of the second story are four-over-four arched sash with stone segmental arch lintels and quoins, while the first-story windows under the left and right arches are respectively six-over-six and four-over-four sash with segmented, stone lintels, keystones, and quoins. The quoins continue down along the sides of the first-story windows, highlighting rectangles of brick directly beneath the windows. On the first story of the center arch, glass double doors with a narrow transom are framed by stone in a similar pattern as the first-story windows.

The side elevations of the administrative section have three bays of six-over-six double hung sash windows on the first and second stories, and on the right side, a second-story entrance with stairs descending to ground level. Having brick lintels and other decorative brickwork, the windows are separated between floors by recessed square panels.

Similar to the facade, the drill hall section elevations consist of a two story, six-arch blind arcade. Each arch contains a large, twelve-light casement window on the second floor, above a smaller first floor casement window in each of the four center arches, and a first floor, double door entrance, at the rear-most arch of the right side.

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The three bays of the side elevations of the garage are pierced by six over six sash windows. On the right side a second floor entrance in the front-most bay opens to an exterior metal stairway descending to the ground. On the left side a first floor door pierces the front-most bay.

The rear elevation of the garage contains an entrance in the right corner and two garage doors at ground level, with inset stone squares, linked by brick belt courses to form patterns of rectangles, interspersed in the solid wall of the second story.

The armory interior, on the first floor, contains offices and toilet rooms flanking a central entrance hall in the administrative area, with the hall leading back to the drill hall, behind which is located a kitchen, storage room, and vehicle storage area in the garage section. Measuring an estimated 50 x 80 feet, the drill hall has a roof that is supported by riveted, steel Bowstring trusses. The second floor of the administrative area is composed of a men's lounge, a canteen, and a club room, while the second floor of the garage section has a supply room, locker room, toilet room, and shower. In the basement of the administrative section, there is a generator room, coal room, boiler room, storage space.

While a number of doors and windows have been replaced, and some openings were bricked-up, including a rear-elevation garage door, the armory has very good integrity.

7. Description

Architectural Classification:

Moderne

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: 1932-1939

Significant Dates: 1932

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Significant Person: N/A

Architect/Builder: Atherton, Thomas H.

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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8. Significance.

The Wellsboro 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 in 1932 for Company I, 103rd Medical Regiment of the Pennsylvania National Guard. The building was designed by Thomas H. Atherton of Wilkes-Barre, who is responsible for the design of eight armories located in the eastern part of the state. The Wellsboro Army is one of nine armories built between 1912 and 1938 in Pennsylvania in an I plan. Being constructed in town and having a rear wing that was built as a garage, instead of a stable, the Wellsboro Armory is an exception to the pattern generally identified with I plan-type armories.

Bibliography.

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

10. Verbal Boundary Description.

See Tioga County Deed Book, Volume 196, page 402.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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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:  .30

UTM References:

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Verbal Boundary Description:

See continuation sheet.

Boundary Justification:

The legal boundaries which are historically associated with the property.

See continuation sheet.

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11. Form Prepared By

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