

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: Lewistown Armory

other name/site number: N/A

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2. Location

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street & number: 1101 Walnut Street, Route 522 North

city/town: Derry Township

not for publication: N/A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

state: PA county: Mifflin code: 087 zip code: 17044

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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>2</u>	buildings
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	sites
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	Total

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

Name of related multiple property listing: Pennsylvania

National Guard Armories

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

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

3/20/91
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

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

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7. Description
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Architectural Classification:

Colonial Revival

Materials:

foundation concrete
walls brick
roof slate
other _____

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

X See continuation sheet.

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8. Statement of Significance
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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: Lawrie and Green -- architect

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: 22.7

UTM References:

A	<u>18</u>	<u>284120</u>	<u>4499580</u>	B	<u>18</u>	<u>284340</u>	<u>4499220</u>
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
C	<u>18</u>	<u>284240</u>	<u>4499150</u>	D	<u>18</u>	<u>283940</u>	<u>4499420</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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City or Town: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

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7. Description.

Located on a spacious lot in Derry Township, just north of Lewistown, the Lewistown Armory consists of a contributing brick veneer armory building, and a noncontributing maintenance/vehicle storage building and noncontributing metal shed. Designed in the Colonial Revival style, and surrounded by a paved drive and parking lot, the main armory building is laid out on an I plan, with the drill hall located between the rear, former, stable section and the front, administrative section. Covering an area of 14,028 square feet, the main building appears as one-and-one-half stories on the exterior, even though the interior of the former stable contains a second floor under the hip roof. Constructed in 1938, the armory retains very good integrity.

The armory has a concrete foundation. Hip roofs cover the administrative and stable sections, while a gable roof covers the drill hall. A wood cornice, casement windows of varying size with stone sills, and ground-level, double door entrances are among the exterior features of the armory.

Having an exposed brick basement, the main (Southeastern) elevation of the administrative section is divided in half by a projecting entrance bay, decorated by a denticulated cornice, a stone water table, quoins, and stone-faced basement. At the center, double doors and a transom sash with iron bars are set at the back of an alcove framed by a stone arch. Concrete steps lead from the alcove down to the pavement. Two ten-light casement windows, fronted by iron bars, flank the alcove, and two pairs of six-light casement windows are at the stone basement level of the projecting entrance bay. Three bays of paired, first-story, ten-light casement windows extend to either side of the entrance bay. Pairs of smaller casement windows pierce the exposed basement wall to the left of the entrance bay. To the right, a pair of casement windows, a sunken basement door, and a small coal chute punctuate the basement wall. A stone belt course just above the basement windows provides a horizontal emphasis.

On the side elevations of the administrative section, the stone belt course and the exposed basement meet the sloping land. The right side elevation has two pairs of first-story, ten-light casement windows flanking a door, and the left side has three similar windows.

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Rising slightly higher than the other sections, the side elevations of the drill hall section contain five bays of large casement windows. The end windows partially enclose ground-level, wooden double doors.

In contrast, the side elevations of the former stable section have wooden double doors flanked by two narrow, three-light casement windows. The rear elevation of the stable has a central, hip-roofed extension with a large center door at ground level, and a smaller door opening a dormer at the second floor. The second story door was used to lift hay into the former second story hay loft. To either side of the extension, narrow casement windows pierce the rear wall.

In the interior, the basement remains largely unexcavated, except for the administrative section. Having concrete floors and tile walls, this area consists of a coal room, boiler room, rifle range, storage room, locker room, service room, toilet room, and a shower. On the first floor, the administrative section has a kitchen, day room, vault, rest rooms, storage rooms, and offices. A short hall leads back to the drill hall. Measuring 60 x 90 feet, the drill hall has a wood floor and a roof that is supported by riveted, steel Fink-type trusses. Behind the drill hall, the former stable section contains a hall, class room, attendant's room, wash room, storage space, and offices along a double loaded corridor on the first floor. On the second floor, the former stable loft contains a day room, kitchen, and storage area.

Directly behind the main armory building, the noncontributing maintenance/vehicle storage building covers an area of approximately 8,528 square feet. Containing large, overhead garage doors, this long, rectangular structure is covered by a gable roof. A one-story metal shed, which is also noncontributing, is located off to the right, in back of the maintenance/vehicle storage building. The construction date for either building remains unknown.

Although possessing much of the original woodwork, doors, and windows, alterations were made to the armory, including the changes to the stable. The first floor of the stable was converted into offices, while the loft was turned into three rooms. Despite these changes, the armory as a whole has very good integrity.

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8. Significance.

The Lewistown 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 1938, as a federal public works project, most likely for the 104th Machine Gun Troop of the Pennsylvania National Guard. The Lewistown Army is one of nine armories built in Pennsylvania, between 1912 and 1938, consisting of an I plan. I plan-type armories were typically constructed for cavalry units, with the stable being located in the rear wing. Consequently, due to the odors associated with stables and the need for grazing areas, most of these armories were constructed on the outskirts of towns.

Bibliography.

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

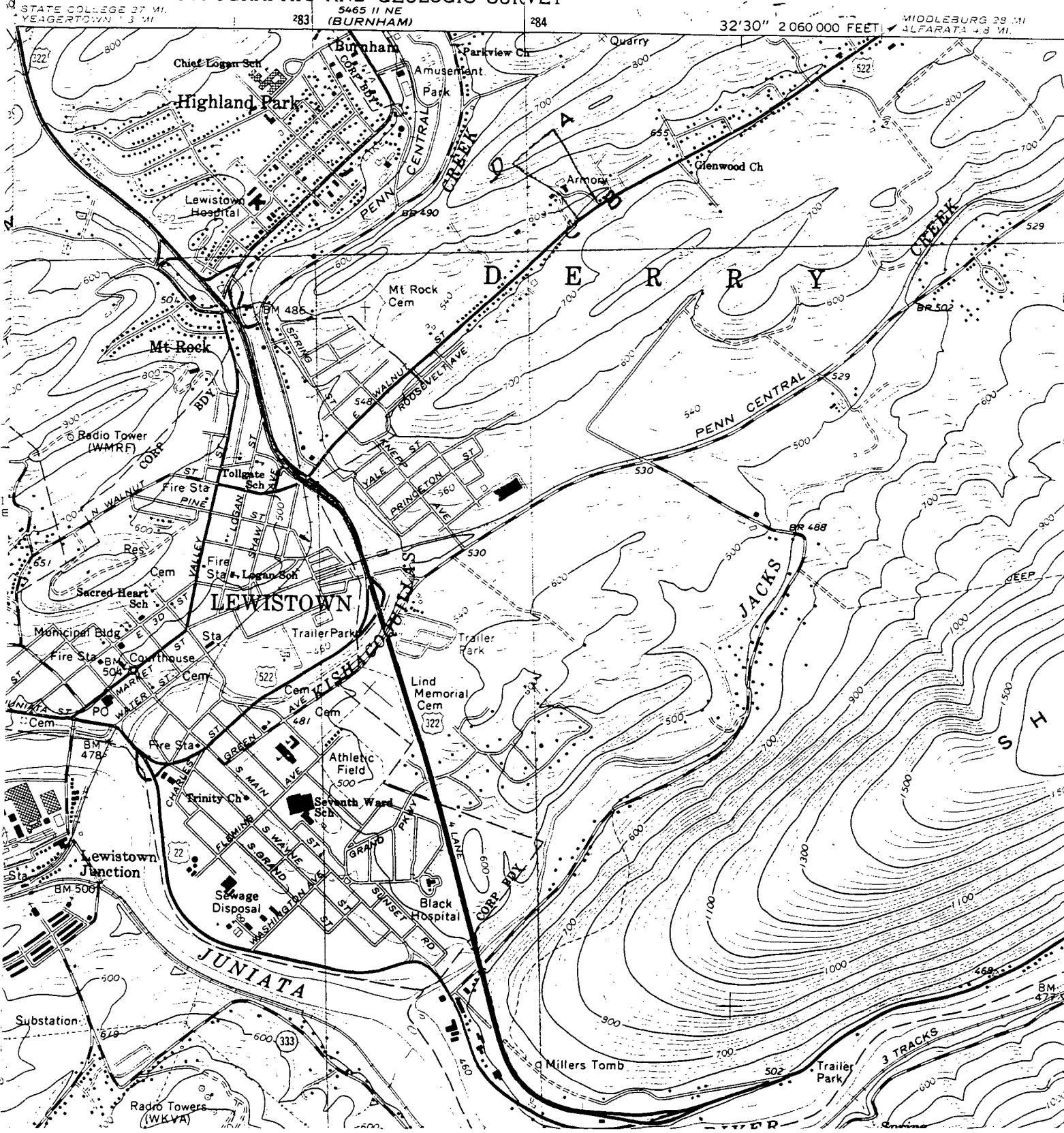
10. Verbal Boundary Description.

See Mifflin County Deed Book R, Volume 4, page 566.

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 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES
 TOPOGRAPHIC AND GEOLOGIC SURVEY

LEWISTOWN ARMORY
 LEWISTOWN QUAD
 ZONE 18
 A 284 120 E
 449 530 N
 B 284 310 E
 449 220 N

C 284 240
 449 150
 D 284 40
 449 420



STATE COLLEGE 37 MI.
 YEAGERTOWN 13 MI

283 5465 11 NE
 (BURNHAM)

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MIDDLEBURG 29 MI
 ALFARATA 4.3 MI