

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: Sunbury Armory \_\_\_\_\_

other name/site number: N/A \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Location

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street & number: Catawissa Avenue

not for publication: n/a

city/town: Sunbury (Upper Augusta Township)

vicinity: n/a

state: PA county: Northumberland code:097

zip code: 17801

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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

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7. Description

The Sunbury Armory has an I plan type that is constructed of concrete block with a brick veneer. It is set on a rural, gently sloping site located approximately one mile outside of Sunbury. The building is two stories high and in the Moderne style. It has very good integrity.

The building is a total of 9 bays by 10 bays in size and is divided into three major sections; the administration section, the drill hall and the stable section. The exterior brick walls have a variegated pattern and the rest on a concrete foundation. The administration and stable sections have flat roofs while the drill hall has a gable roof. The entrance is located in a projected stone portal that is located between the administration section and drill hall. There are metal casement windows located at the first and second floors throughout the building. The largest windows are located in the gable ends of the drill hall where they are formed into vertical strips. Decorative brick detailing also enhances the front facade forming vertical strips and corbels in different locations.

The interior walls are constructed of concrete block and are covered with plaster in the administration sections. There are also plaster ceilings. The floors are concrete, some having a tile covering. The wood trim is sparse and very simple, indicative of the Moderne style.

The integrity of the building is very good. The interior plan has remained nearly intact. The former stables have been converted to classrooms and storage by erecting concrete block walls and metal doors. On the exterior, metal doors have replaced the original wood entry doors and overhead metal garage doors have been installed in the stable ends. A metal fire escape has been added to the rear of the stable section.

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: 1938-1939

Significant Dates : 1938

Years of Alterations:

Significant Person(s): n/a

Cultural Affiliation: n/a

Architect/Builder: Davis & Rice

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 Sunbury 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 Troop B, 103rd Cavalry of the Pennsylvania National Guard in 1938. It is one of 15 armories built for units with horses and one of 9 with and I plan type. The armory was designed by Davis and Rice of Sunbury. The armory is one of at least 17 buildings constructed in Pennsylvania in 1938, as the result of assistance from federal Public Works Administration. The armory contains such typical spaces as a drill hall, a classroom, a locker room and offices. The stable contains stall areas and storage as well as a loft area.

9. Bibliography

The Pennsylvania Guardsman, Vol. 41, Nos. 1-12, 1938.

10. Verbal Boundary Description

The boundaries described in Northumberland County Deed Book 269, Page 645.

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: 9.5 acres

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing      Zone Easting Northing

A	18	350200	4525940	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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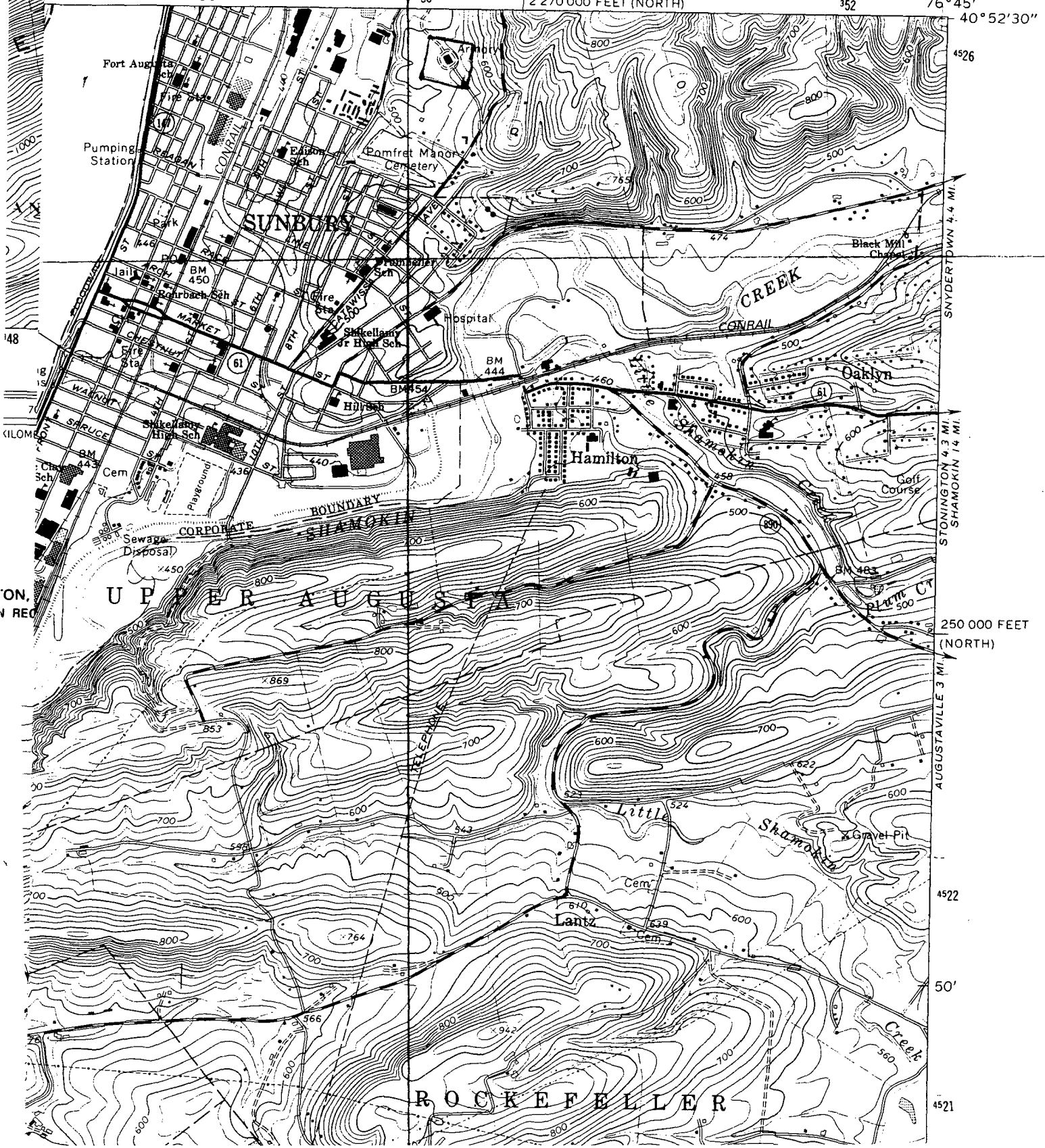
SUNBURY QUADRANGLE  
PENNSYLVANIA

7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)  
SE/4 SUNBURY 15' QUADRANGLE

5885' NW  
(RIVERSIDE)

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DANVILLE 12 MI.  
NORTHUMBERLAND 1 MI.  
47°30"

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