

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: Ridgway Armory _____

other name/site number: N/A _____

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2. Location

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street & number: 72 North Broad Street

not for publication: n/a

city/town: Ridgway

vicinity: n/a

state: PA county: Elk

code: 047

zip code: 15853

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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

7. Description

Architectural Classification:

Romanesque

Other Description: _____

Materials: foundation Brick 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
 Engineering

Period(s) of Significance: 1904-1939 _____

Significant Dates : 1904 _____

Years of Alterations: _____

Significant Person(s): n/a _____

Cultural Affiliation: n/a _____

Architect/Builder: unknown

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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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: .18 acres

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

A	17	689690	4588030	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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11. Form Prepared By

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7. Description

The Ridgway Armory is a two and a half story building on a flat corner lot in the Borough of Ridgway. The rectangular building is in the Romanesque style and it has a steel structure with a brick veneer. The drill hall is located on the second floor, above the administration area. The integrity of the armory is excellent.

The building is 3 bays by 6 bays in size with a stone water table separating running bond brick walls and a brick foundation. Parapet walls surround a shingled gable roof. The double door entrance to the building is located at the top of a set of stone stairs that are recessed behind a central Roman arch. The building has wood, one over one double hung windows at the first and second floors. Each set of second floor windows has a wood panel and diamond paned windows above.

The interior has high, plaster ceilings and plaster walls. The painted wood trim is rather heavy and indicative of the Romanesque style. The floors are wood except for in the basement where they are concrete.

The integrity of this building is excellent. The interior plan has remained intact except for a few new walls that have been added in the basement. The exterior has also remained the same except for metal doors leading to a metal fire escape off the back of the drill hall. The wood windows in the basement have also been replaced with glass block.

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8. Significance

The Ridgway 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 as a county club where the local Pennsylvania National Guard unit met. The State Armory Board bought the building in 1932 for the exclusive use of the Pennsylvania National Guard. The building is one of seven in Pennsylvania having the drill hall above the administration section. The drill hall is spanned by a modified Fink truss roof system with curved bottom chord. This system represents structure developments of the late 19th and early 20th centuries and therefore has significance in engineering.

9. Bibliography

Interview of Sgt. Decker, Ridgway, PA. June 14, 1989 By Kristine M. Wilson.

10. Verbal Boundary Description

The boundaries as described in Elk County Deed Book Volume 93, Page 462.

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RIDGWAY, PA QUAD
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