

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: Canonsburg Armory \_\_\_\_\_

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

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2. Location

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street & number: West College & N. Central Avenue

not for publication: n/a

city/town: Canonsburg

vicinity: n/a

state: PA county: Washington code: 125

zip code: 15317

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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 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:

Colonial Revival

Other Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Materials: foundation Stone                      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: Brugger, George W.  
  Branna Construction Corporation

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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X 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: .6 acres

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing      Zone Easting Northing

A	17	569050	4456780	B	_____	_____	_____
C	_____	_____	_____	D	_____	_____	_____

\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: X See continuation sheet.

Boundary Justification: \_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

The legal boundaries historically associated with the property.

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11. Form Prepared By

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7. Description

The Canonsburg Armory is set into a sloped lot within the Borough of Canonsburg. This one story, Colonial Revival style building is 5 bays by 6 bays in size with offices in the basement and a drill hall on the first floor. The armory is constructed of steel and brick and it has excellent integrity.

The exterior walls are brick in a common bond and there is a coursed, rough faced sandstone foundation. The building has mostly metal casement windows at the basement and first floor levels, and the asphalt shingled roof consists of two parallel gables connected by a perpendicular gable. The front facade has a central arcade creating an alcove where three sets of panelled doors with transoms are located. On either side of the entrance is an 8 over 8 double hung window on the first floor with a round window above. The side basement entrance is marked by a smooth faced stone arch.

The interior has glazed structural tile walls, tile floors and plaster ceilings. The woodwork is minimal, however the doors and surrounds are indicative of the Colonial Revival motif. The basement contains offices, a garage, classrooms and a locker room. The drill hall has a parquet floor and it is overlooked by a balcony accessed from stairs in the foyer.

The integrity of this building is excellent. The floor plan remains unaltered and the original materials, interior and exterior remain intact. There have been no additions to the building and the surrounding site appears intact.

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8. Significance

The Canonsburg 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 the 108th Hospital, 103rd Medical Regiment of the Pennsylvania National Guard in 1938. It is one of seven armories built in Pennsylvania with the drill hall on the floor above the administration section. This armory was funded with federal money from the Public Works Administration and was built at a cost of \$85,548. The architect was George W. Brugger of Canonsburg. The typical spaces in this armory include a classroom, a locker room, a drill hall and offices. This armory was also popular in the community for dances, sports and other community events.

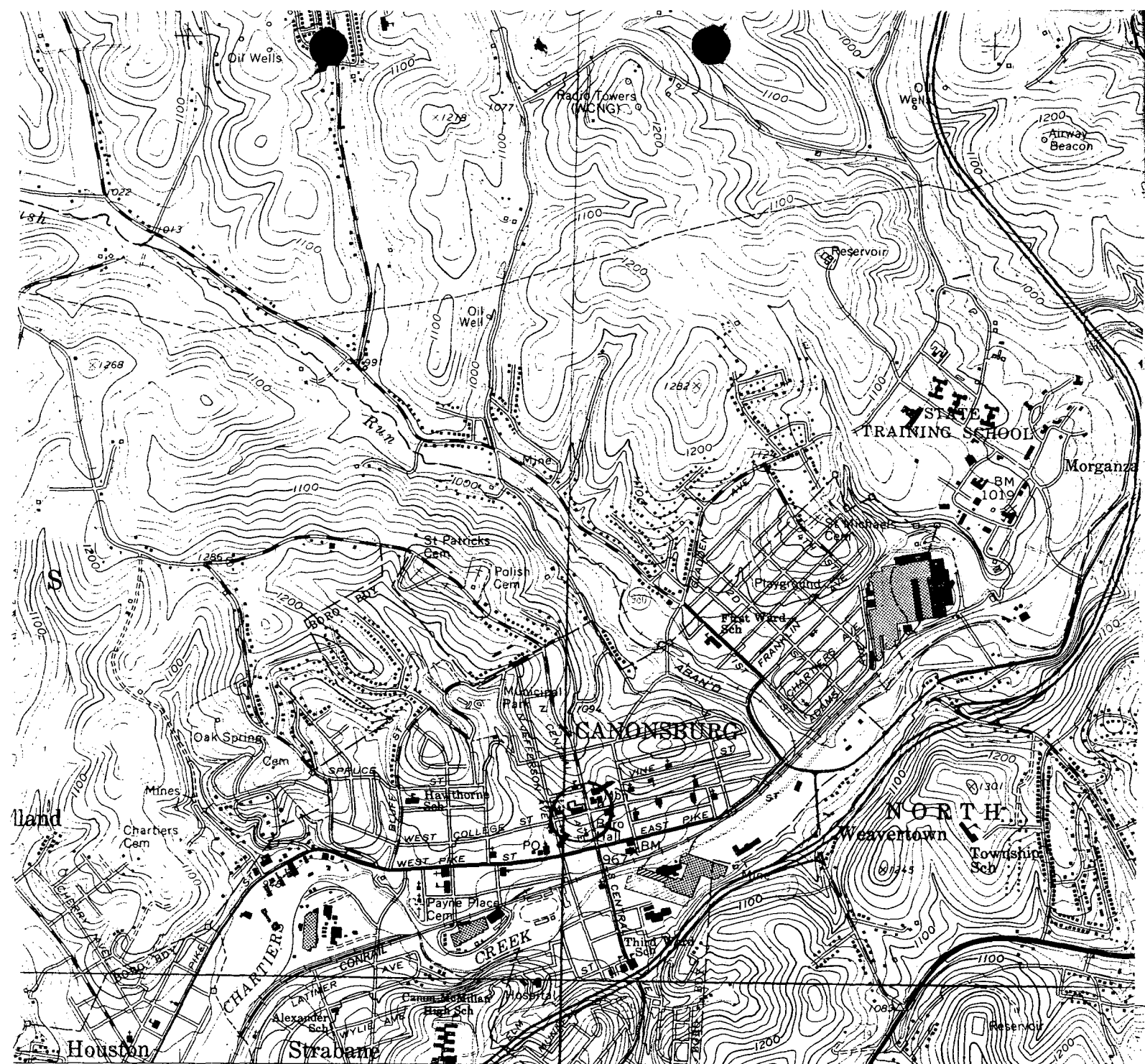
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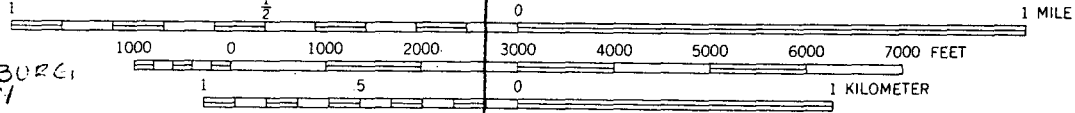
10. Verbal Boundary Description

Begin at the north west corner of North Central Avenue and West College Street and go west along West College Street for 166.4 feet. Then turn to north 14 degrees, 29 minutes west and go 97.08 feet. At that point turn to north 76 degrees, 5 minutes east and go 166.9 feet to the west side of North Central Avenue. At that point go south along North Central Avenue for 95.5 feet back to the beginning. Also included are the boundaries as described in Washington County Deed Book 1218, Page 557.



567 12'30" 568 (WASHINGTON EAST) WASHINGTON 65 M 10' 571  
4664 11 NW

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CANONSBURG ARMOY

CANONSBURG QUAD  
ZONE 17  
E 569050  
N 4456780

CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET  
NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929

1979 MAGNETIC NORTH  
AT CENTER OF SHEET

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Pennsylvania age  
source data.

