

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: Bellefonte Armory _____

other name/site number: N/A _____

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2. Location

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street & number: East Bishop Street (PA Route 550 East)

not for publication: n/a

city/town: Bellefonte (Spring Twp.)

vicinity: n/a

state: PA county: Centre code: 027

zip code: 16823

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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	
2	1	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
2	1	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 walls Brick roof Slate 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: 1930-1939

Significant Dates : 1930

Years of Alterations:

Significant Person(s): n/a

Cultural Affiliation: n/a

Architect/Builder: Kuntz, Joseph F. Tidlow Brothers

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: 7.9 acres

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

A	18	267820	4532800	B	_____	_____
C	_____	_____	_____	D	_____	_____

____ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: X See continuation sheet.

Boundary Justification: ____ See continuation sheet.

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11. Form Prepared By

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7. Description

The Bellefonte Armory, executed in the Colonial Revival Style, has a square, one story administration building facing PA 550. There is also a one story, rectangular stable building which is set behind and off to one side of the administration building. The site is a flat, open field located approximately one half mile north of Bellefonte.

Both buildings have random, rough faced ashlar foundations, running bond, brick walls and slate hipped roofs. The administration building is 5 bays by 4 bays with a wooden double door entrance recessed behind a central arched opening. The windows are 6 over 6 double hung and their equal spacing reflects the center hall type plan. The basement and first floors of the building have plaster walls and ceilings and the unpainted, first floor woodwork echoes the Colonial Revival motif.

The stable building is approximately 15 bays by 3 bays and has a central, double door entrance at ground level with loft doors and a hoist above. The casement windows are located just below the roof eaves and two identical copper ventilators pierce the ridge of the roof. The building has a central core for storage and the former stall areas are located on either side. The loft is accessible by an interior ladder and is not presently in use.

This armory has excellent integrity. Both buildings retain most of their original exterior and interior features, even though the stable is now used for storage. The only plan changes have occurred in the administration building's basement, where additional storage space was needed. In addition the siting has retained a predominately rural character.

An unpainted, concrete block annex, with casement windows and overhead garage doors, was added after 1950. Located behind the stable building it is used for kitchen and assembly space, as well as for vehicle storage. Although this is a non-contributing building, it is part of continuous military use and is unobtrusive to the site.

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8. Significance

The Bellefonte 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 L, 103rd Cavalry of the Pennsylvania National Guard in 1930. It is one of 15 armories built for P.N.G. units having horses and one of four having a separate administration and stable building. It was designed by Joseph F. Kuntz of Pittsburgh. Kuntz began designing armories with the W.G. Wilkins Company in Pittsburgh just after the State Armory Board's creation in 1905. It is one of at least 18 armories designed by Kuntz in the western third of Pennsylvania. The administration building contains such typical spaces as a dining room, a classroom, offices and storage. The stable contains stall areas and feed and hay storage.

9. Bibliography

Interview of Sgt. Miller, Bellefonte, PA. June 22, 1989 by
Kristine M. Wilson.

10. Verbal Boundary Description

The boundaries as described in Centre County Deed Book Volume
142, Page 232.

