

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: Erie Armory \_\_\_\_\_

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

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2. Location

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street & number: 6th and Parade Streets

not for publication: n/a

city/town: Erie

vicinity: n/a

state: PA county: Erie

code: 049

zip code: 16501

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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	1	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
1	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  
Signature of certifying official

Date

*Brent Glass*

10/24/79

~~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 Erie Armory is a large, two story brick building executed in the Colonial Revival Style. The eastern section of the building was constructed in 1920. In 1929 the building was extended to the west more than doubling its size. It is sited on a corner lot within the City of Erie. The large administration section of the armory sits beside the drill hall forming a rectangular shaped building. The armory has good integrity.

The walls, which are constructed of brick in a common bond, along with some decorative coursing, form a 7 bay by 10 bay armory. There is a concrete foundation and the administration section has a flat roof while the drill hall has a gable roof. Both roofs are surrounded by a crenellated parapet wall that has stone coping. The openings in the building vary in size and window type. The large vertical openings in the drill hall are filled with glass block while the administration section has one over one double hung windows. The main entrance, which is located at the end of the administration section, consists of a set of double doors recessed behind a compound segmental arch with a smooth stone face. The entry bay is further accented by an inscribed stone plaque above the arch. A similar entrance is located at the end of the drill hall. Other entries into the building are located along the side of the drill hall. These entrances are marked by a carved stone surround and the wooden double doors are recessed behind a segmental arch.

The interior of the building has plaster walls and ceilings with tile floors. The painted woodwork is limited and is very simple in style. The drill floor has a wood floor and an open ceiling while the basement has a concrete floor.

The integrity of the armory is good. On the exterior the original wood double hung windows in the drill hall have been replaced with glass block. The wood administration entrance doors have been replaced with glass and aluminum doors. On the interior of the building some new walls have been added in the basement, first and second floors of the administration section. Panelling and dropped ceilings have also been installed in some instances. The plan has remained intact. The drill hall is still distinct even though rooms have been added in one end. It is spanned by a two-hinged arch truss system with the primary part of the arch being a crescent truss of steel.

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8. Significance

The Erie 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 four units of the 112th Infantry of the Pennsylvania National Guard in 1920. The second half of the building was completed in 1929. The building was designed by Joseph F. Kuntz at the W.G. Wilkins company of Pittsburgh. Kuntz is responsible for the design of at least 18 armories in the western third of Pennsylvania. The Wilkins Company began designing armories in Pennsylvania just after the State Armory Board's creation in 1905. Some of the typical spaces in the armory include a drill hall, a kitchen and dining area, a locker room, classrooms and offices. The drill hall's two-hinged truss system is representative of early twentieth century wide span roof system and makes the Erie Armory also significant in the area of engineering.

9. Bibliography

Interview of Captain Michael DeMarco, Erie, PA. June 15, 1989 by Kristine M. Wilson.

10. Verbal Boundary Description

The boundaries as described in Erie County Deed Book Volume 241, Page 526.

7. Description

Architectural Classification:

Art Deco

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  
Engineering

Period(s) of Significance: 1920-1939 \_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates : 1920 1929 \_\_\_\_\_

Years of Alterations: 1969 \_\_\_\_\_

Significant Person(s):  n/a  \_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation:  n/a  \_\_\_\_\_

Architect/Builder: Wilkins, W.G. and Company  
Prah Construction Company  
Kuntz, Joseph F.

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: 2 acres

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing      Zone Easting Northing

A	17	576210	4664680	B	_____	_____
C	_____	_____	_____	D	_____	_____

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

Verbal Boundary Description: x 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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Name/Title    Kristine M. Wilson - Intern

Organization    PHMC - BHP

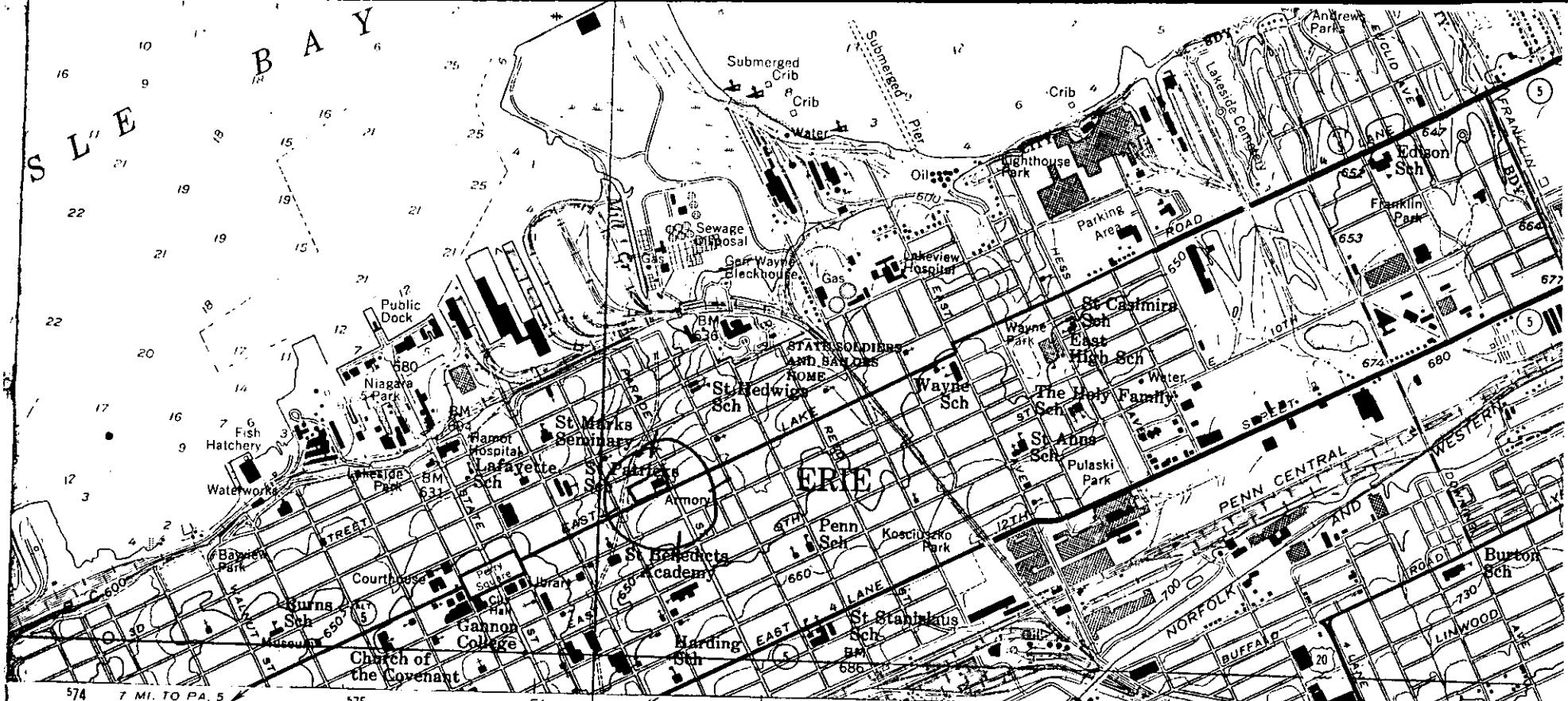
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Telephone    (717)783-8946

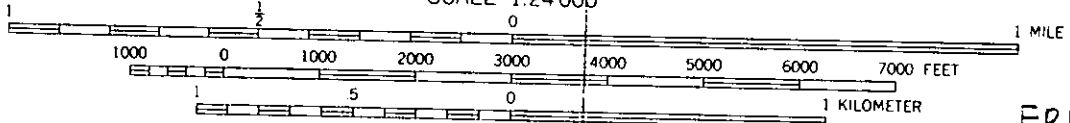
City or Town    Harrisburg

State PA    ZIP 17108 - 1026



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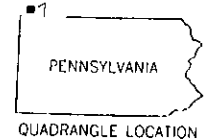
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CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET  
 NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929  
 DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDINGS IN FEET—DATUM IS LOW WATER 570.5 FEET

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
 FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092  
 A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

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