

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: Kingston Armory \_\_\_\_\_

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

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2. Location

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street & number: 280 Market Street

not for publication: n/a

city/town: Wilkes-Barre (Kingston Borough)

vicinity: n/a

state: PA county: Luzerne code: 079

zip code: 18704

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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.

Signature of certifying official Date

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:

Classical Revival

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: 1923-1939 \_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates : 1923 \_\_\_\_\_

Years of Alterations: 1968 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Architect/Builder: Atherton, Thomas H.  
\_\_\_\_\_

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:

- x 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: 12 acres

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing      Zone Easting Northing

A	18	425460	4567040	B	18	425180	4566840
C	18	425100	4566940	D	18	425400	4567130

   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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7. Description

The Kingston Armory is on a flat lot, next to a park across the Susquehanna River from the City of Wilkes-Barre. The building has a U shaped plan and is constructed of yellow brick. It is three stories high and is in the Classical Revival style. The armory has good integrity.

The building is 13 bays by 20 bays in overall size and has common bond brick walls resting on a concrete foundation. It consists of three major sections. The administration section, the drill hall and the stable wings which extend out behind the drill hall. Arcades are a common theme throughout the building. The front and rear facades both have two story arcades that are filled with metal casement windows. The windows are separated between the first and second floors by metal panels. The third floor metal casement windows are really clerestories for the drill hall. The central arch contains the main entrance. Double glass and aluminum doors are protected by a metal canopy. Stair towers, indicated by projecting bays at the ends of the administration building, also have glass double door entrances. The bays are decorated with stone plaques with garland at the top. Stone plaques and statues are also located on the ends of the drill hall. And there are stone frames, representing quoins, for the stable casement windows. The administration section and stable wings have flat roofs and the drill hall has an arched monitor roof.

The interior walls are plastered and there are plaster ceilings in the administration section. The floors have been covered with tile and the painted wood trim is simple. The exterior arcade is repeated on the brick interior drill hall walls. The drill hall has a concrete floor and the ceiling is open to the roof trusses. A balcony surrounds the drill floor. The stables have wood floors in the second floor and concrete floors below. The walls are painted brick.

The integrity of the armory is good. The original wood windows and doors on the front and rear facade have all been replaced with aluminum and glass doors and windows. The wood doors in the stable wings have been replaced with metal doors. On the interior new walls have been added in the administration area, and some of the interior arches have been closed off to form additional office space. Dropped ceilings and paneling have also been installed. The stables have been converted to offices and storage. Tile has been laid on the floors and new walls and doors have been added. An Organizational Maintenance Shop was added behind the armory, between the stable wings, in the 1950's.

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8. Significance

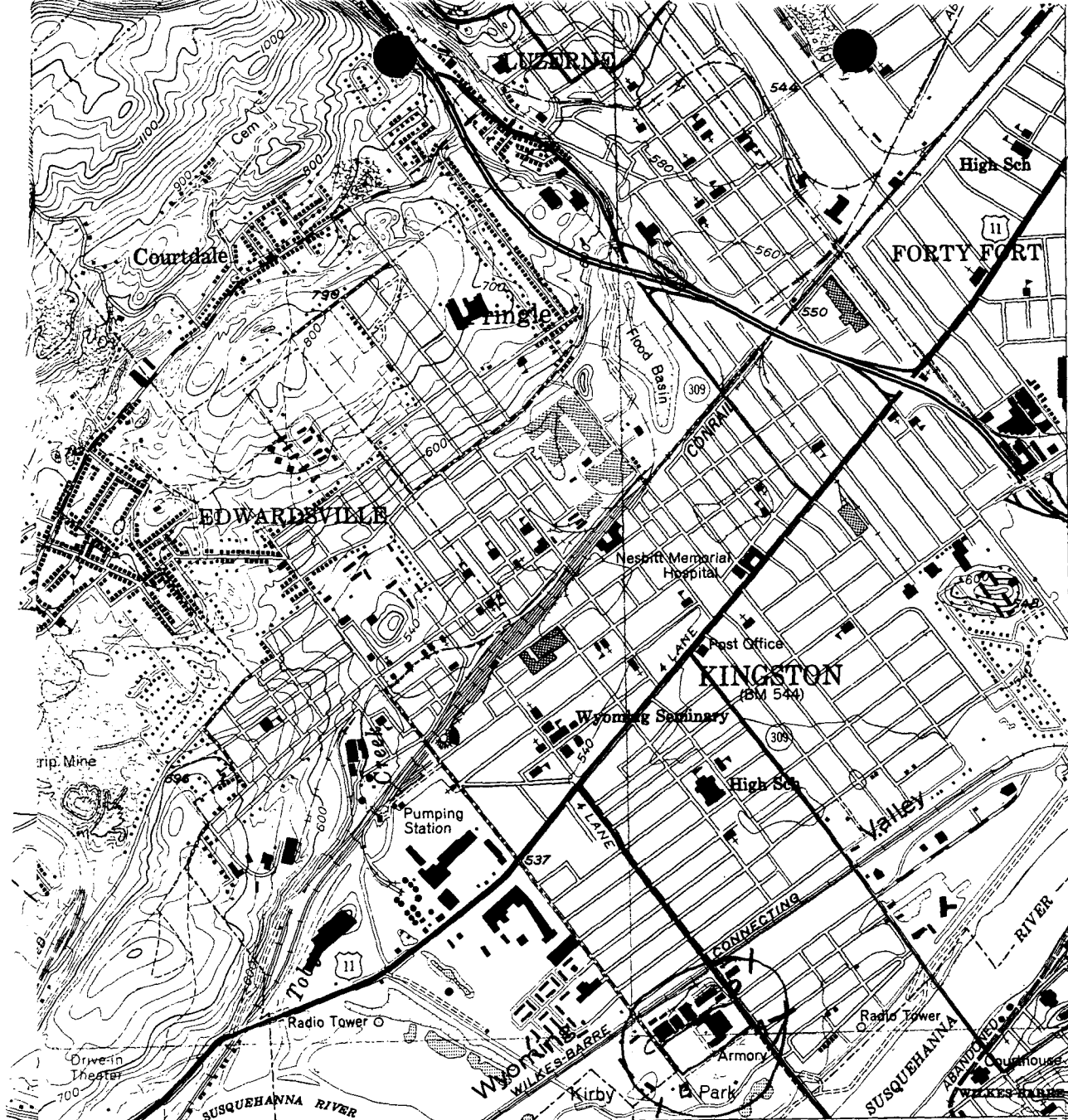
The Kingston Armory is significant under criteria A and C. It is a member of the State Armory Building property type under the multiple property nomination, Pennsylvania National Guard Armories. It was built for the 109th Field Artillery of the Pennsylvania National Guard in 1923. The plan is a unique U shape, but the armory is one of four large plans in Pennsylvania. It was designed by Thomas H. Atherton of Wilkes-Barre. Atherton designed at least 7 armories in central Pennsylvania from 1930 until 1938. He was also a member of the Pennsylvania National Guard. Some of the typical spaces in the armory include a drill hall, classrooms, offices and storage. The stable areas included stalls, tack storage and feed and hay storage.

9. Bibliography

See Section H in Multiple Resource Nomination, Pennsylvania National Guard Armories.

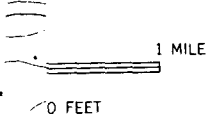
10. Verbal Boundary Description

The boundaries as described in Luzerne County Deed Book 573, Page 231.



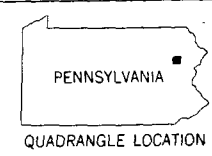
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 AVOCA 7.3 MI.  
 SCRANTON (CIVIC CENTER) 1.4 MI.  
 KINGSTON  
 LEADON;  
 KINGSTON  
 ZONE 18  
 4569  
 A  
 425 460 E  
 4567 040 N  
 B  
 425 180 E  
 4566 840 N  
 C  
 425 100 E  
 4566 940 N  
 4568 000m N.  
 D  
 425 400  
 4567 130  
 HAZELTON 28 MI.  
 41°15'

5.8 MI. 3 28 MI. 55' 424 425 426000m.E. 75°52'30"



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- Heavy-duty —————
- Medium-duty ————
- Light-duty ..... (dashed)
- Unimproved dirt - - - - - (dotted)
- U. S. Route (rectangle symbol)
- State Route (circle symbol)



KINGSTON, PA.  
 41075-C8-TF-024

1946  
 PHOTOREVISED 1983  
 DMA 5866 IV SW - SERIES V831

Revisions shown in purple and woodland compiled in cooperation with Commonwealth of Pennsylvania agencies from aerial photographs taken 1981 and other sources. This information not field checked. Map edited 1983

(WILKES-BARRE EAST)  
 5966 III NE