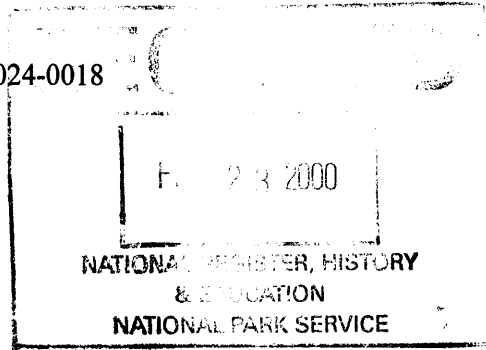


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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name **Harrodsburg Armory**
other names/site number **Me-H-159**

2. Location

street & number **130 N. College St.** not for publication **N/A**
city or town **Harrodsburg** vicinity **N/A**
state **Kentucky** code **KY** county **Mercer** code **167** zip **40330**

3. 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. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

David L. Morgan, SHPO / Executive Director 2-11-2000
Date

State Historic Preservation Office/ Kentucky Heritage Council

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. 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): _____

3/24/00

Signature of Keeper Date of Action

8. Statement of Significance

HARRODSBURG ARMORY
ME-H-159; Mercer County, KY

Applicable National Register Criteria

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or a grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance **MILITARY**_____

Period of Significance **1942-1949**_____

Significant Dates **1942**_____

Significant Person **N/A**

Cultural Affiliation **N/A**

Architect/Builder **Gregg, Edd R., architect**

Builders unknown (WPA-funded project)_____

Narrative Statement of Significance (begins p. 8-1)

9. Major Bibliographical References

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

Name of repository: _____

10. Geographical Data
Acreage of Property .50 acres

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UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a cor

	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
1	16	689 730	4181 530	3	_____	_____
2	_____	_____	_____	4	_____	_____

Verbal Boundary Description and Boundary Justification (see p. 10-2)

11. Form Prepared By
name/title Kate Carothers

organization Kentucky Archaeological Survey date 4-16-99

street & number 1020A Export St. telephone (606) 257-1944
city or town Lexington state KY zip code 40502

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name City of Harrodsburg

street & number 208 S. Main St. telephone (606) 734-7705

city or town Harrodsburg state KY zip code 40330

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Narrative Description

The historic Harrodsburg Armory (ME-H-159) was funded by the Armory Corporation of Kentucky and the Works Progress Administration. The Harrodsburg Armory is located at 130 North College Street, at a busy intersection near downtown Harrodsburg. The armory is a two-story poured concrete building consisting of an administrative building with an attached drill hall/maintenance shop combination. The armory was designed by Louisville architect Edd R. Gregg, who designed six of the eight WPA-era armories. Like other armories found in Springfield and Williamsburg, the Harrodsburg Armory has elements of the Art Deco and Art Moderne architectural styles, with stylized linear ornamentation on the front of the building, especially around the doorway and steps. The original wooden front doors have been replaced by double glass doors. The majority of the original windows are intact, although two of them have been closed up. Modern window air-conditioners are in some of the windows.

On the north and south elevations of the building, the administrative and drill hall windows are original. The first-floor, north elevation of the armory has three garage bays, and above this is the barrel-vaulted drill hall.

On the interior of the armory, many of its original features are intact. The original dedication plaque is present in the hallway, and many of the original wooden doors and hardware are intact. Some of the larger rooms on the first and second floor have been divided up with plywood partitions. On the second floor, the original drill hall floor has been replaced with an in-kind wooden floor. The wooden doors leading into the drill hall are original, as are most of the second-story windows. The original radiators are intact.

Narrative Statement of Significance

The original Harrodsburg Armory (ME-H-159) meets criteria A (historic association) and C (type of construction) of the National Register. The armory is an intact example of the WPA-era armories built in Kentucky. The armory served as both a military and community center in Harrodsburg during the period of significance, and it meets the registration requirements established for the armory property type because it possesses integrity of location, materials, design, and setting. The armory is in its original location in Harrodsburg, and retains most of its original materials. The armory is still recognizable as such on both the exterior and interior. Many of the original features and materials used in the construction of the building are intact, and the design of the building is the same as when it was constructed. The armory was used by the National Guard until 1977, when it was donated to the City of Harrodsburg after a new armory was built on the outskirts of town. Since it was donated to the city, the building has functioned as a YMCA, offices for the local water company, and offices for the Disaster Emergency Service.

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A military unit has been in Harrodsburg since the early twentieth century. A State Guard unit was stationed in Harrodsburg in the early 20th century, and was succeeded by the 38th Tank Company, officially recognized in 1921. During World War II, Company D of the 192nd Tank Battalion saw active service in the Philippines. Company D went to Fort Knox in November, 1940, training until September 2, 1941, when they transferred to Camp Polk, Louisiana, to participate in field maneuvers. In October, the 192nd was chosen by General George S. Patton to transfer to the Philippines for active duty. The 192nd sailed from San Francisco for the Philippines, and landed in Manila Harbor in November, 1941. The 192nd became part of the Provisional Tank Group, and were stationed near Clark Air Field to defend against any Japanese airborne attacks. Subsequently the men moved from Clark Air Field to Luzon to the Bataan Peninsula. Finally, the American and Philippine troops surrendered on April 9, 1942, after heavy fire from the Japanese Army. The men who surrendered were forced to march 65 miles from Mariveles to San Fernando. During the march, known as the "Bataan Death March," the prisoners were clubbed, beaten, denied food, water, and sanitary facilities. Many men did not survive the march, and perished along the way. The men that did survive were held as prisoners on the island of Corregidor until the end of the war in 1945. Twenty-nine men from Harrodsburg perished overseas. In 1961, a memorial to the men from Harrodsburg was erected.

The Harrodsburg Armory served as the home of the National Guard until a new armory was completed on the outskirts of town in 1977. The armory also served as a community center, with basketball games, dances, church functions, and parties all taking place there. The Harrodsburg Armory is one of eight armories built by the Works Progress Administration between 1941-1942, and is one of six poured concrete armories in the state designed by Louisville architect Edd R. Gregg.

Verbal Boundary Description - The parcel designated by the Mercer County PVA as tax map/ parcel #100.60-14-033.00.

Verbal Boundary Justification - The boundary encompasses the lot historically associated with the Harrodsburg Armory, including the land on which the armory sits, for a total of less than .50 acre.

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