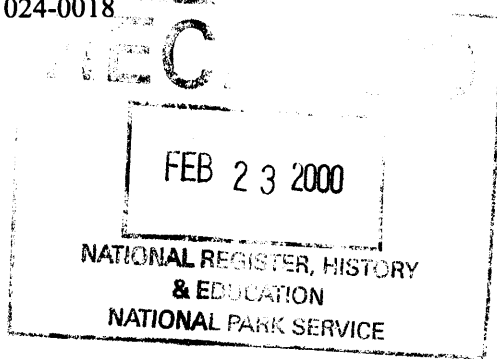


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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name Carlisle Armory
other names/site number Ni-C-70

2. Location

street & number 378 Main St. not for publication N/A
city or town Carlisle vicinity N/A
state Kentucky code KY county Nicholas code 181 zip code 40311

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this x 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 x meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide x locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

David L. Morgan David L. Morgan, SHPO / Executive Director 2-11-2000
Signature of certifying official 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 Elson H. Beall 3/24/00
 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

8. Statement of Significance

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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 **1941-1949** _____
 Significant Dates **1941** _____
 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: _____

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 1 acre

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
1	16	760 050	4244 360			

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 Nicholas County

street & number P.O. Box 167 telephone (606) 289-3725

city or town Carlisle state KY zip code 40311

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Section number 7 & 8 Page 1**Narrative Description**

The Carlisle Armory (NI-C-70) was built by the Works Progress Administration (WPA), and is located at 378 Main Street, right off the town square in downtown Carlisle. The armory is similar in appearance to the other WPA armories in Kentucky, except that it is one story tall, not two stories. The armory has not been painted, so its original grey exterior is intact. The armory is a one-story building on a fall-away lot, so a basement garage is underneath. The basement garage area is used by the local ambulance company. The upper floor is home to the University of Kentucky's Agricultural Extension Office. Like the other five armories designed in the same Art Moderne style, the Carlisle Armory was designed by Louisville architect Edd R. Gregg. The front of the building has a flat roof topped by a rolled asphalt tar roof, while the drill hall has a barrel-vaulted roof covered by asphalt roofing. The original front doors of the armory have been replaced with a single glass door and sidelights.

The first floor had a stairway leading down to the basement level - this has been closed up. The entrance has a plaque on the wall stating the name and date of the armory including the date of construction, architect, and engineer. The walls of the armory are 10-12" thick, and the first floor has classrooms (now offices), a large vault (now a small kitchen), and a large drill hall (vacant, used for storage). The basement level is open, and features a large open garage area.

The interior of the armory remains moderately intact - some rooms have been divided up, but this was done with plywood partitions, so it is not permanent. The old vault has been converted into a small kitchen, but the original door is intact, and the area of the room/vault has not been changed. Some of the original doors are intact, while some of them have been removed. The windows are all original, although some window air conditioners have been installed. The front of the building and the drill hall have been closed off with a plywood partition. The drill hall has its original features, with both the original wooden floor and windows intact. Currently, the drill hall is not used for anything but storage. On the first floor, the stairway that led from the main section of the building down to the basement garage has been enclosed. Access between floors is no longer possible.

Narrative Statement of Significance

The Carlisle Armory (NI-C-70) meets National Register criteria A (historic association), and C (type of construction) of the National Register. The armory is a good example of Kentucky's National Guard buildings from the 1940s. The armory fits within the context of "Kentucky's National Guard Armories: 1934-1951." The armory served as both a military and community center during its 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. This historic Carlisle Armory is still in its original location, in downtown Carlisle, and is recognizable as an armory on both the interior and exterior. The building retains a high degree of integrity, in that many of its original

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materials are intact, and the design of the building is largely unchanged. The exterior design of the building is unchanged.

The historic Carlisle Armory is currently owned by Nicholas County, and the University of Kentucky Agricultural Extension Office is located in the building. On the lower level is the county ambulance service. The National Guard occupied the building until 1977, when they moved to a newer armory on the outskirts of town.

A military unit has been in Carlisle since at least the Civil War, when the 37th Kentucky Rifles were located there. During World War II, the 103rd Anti-aircraft battalion served in Europe, including battles in Sicily, Normandy, Northern France, the Rhineland, Central Europe, Ardennes-Alsace, and the Battle of the Bulge. The Carlisle unit was one of the few Kentucky units to serve in Europe. The unit actually left before the armory was completed, so the Home Guards were the first to occupy the building. The National Guard did not use the building until they returned in 1945. The Carlisle unit did not see active duty in Korea or Vietnam, but some members of the unit went to Desert Storm in 1990-91. Currently, the unit in Carlisle is Company B of the 206th Engineers, with headquarters in Richmond. Prior to that, the unit was Company B of the 201st Engineers, headquartered in Ashland. The armory also served as an important community center, as evidenced by an article in the *Carlisle Mercury* from April 8, 1943. The article reads: "In order to raise funds with which to buy new equipment, the Carlisle High School Band is sponsoring a dance to be held in the new Carlisle Armory, Friday night, April 16, hours 9 to 1." Life-long Carlisle residents Kimball Booth and Frank Mathias recall other events which occurred at the armory, such as school dances, county fairs, fall festivals, and the annual Briar And Rabbit Dance, held between Christmas and New Year's.

The Carlisle Armory was one of eight Works Progress Administration armories built between 1941-1942, and was the first armory built in Carlisle. The Carlisle Armory was the only one-story armory designed by Edd R. Gregg, who designed six of the eight WPA armories. The armory was built on the site of an old tobacco warehouse.

Verbal Boundary Description - The parcel designated by the Nicholas County PVA as tax map/parcel #C03-45-003.00.

Verbal Boundary Justification - the chosen boundary encompasses the lot historically associated with the Carlisle Armory, including the land on which the armory sits, for a total of .20 acres.

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Interview with SSG James Galbreath, Carlisle, December 8, 1997.

Interview with Kimball Booth and Frank Mathias, residents of Carlisle, August 24, 1998.

From videotaped interview with Robert Womack, (deceased) retired Guardsman, Carlisle, December 8, 1997. Interview recorded 1992 at Carlisle Armory.

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