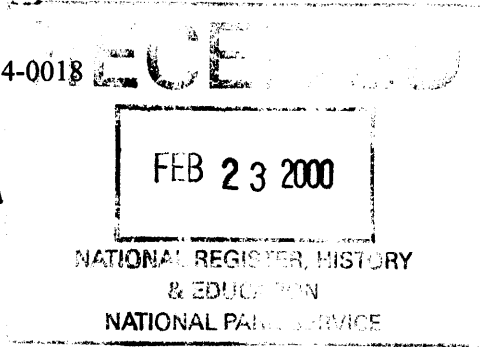


United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM



1. Name of Property

historic name Russellville Armory  
other names/site number Lo-R-67

2. Location

street & number 190 S. Winter St. not for publication N/A  
city or town Russellville vicinity N/A  
state Kentucky code KY county Logan code 141 zip 42276

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 K. 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

**RUSSELLVILLE ARMORY**  
LO-R-67; Logan 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 **1934-1949**

Significant Dates **1934** \_\_\_\_\_

Significant Person **N/A**

Cultural Affiliation **N/A**

Architect/Builder **Architect and builder unknown** \_\_\_\_\_

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

Acreeage of Property **less than one acre** \_\_\_\_\_

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

	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing	
1	16	510	010	4077	700	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 Russellville** \_\_\_\_\_

street & number **106 S.W. Park Square** \_\_\_\_\_ telephone **(502) 726-5000** \_\_\_\_\_

city or town **Russellville** \_\_\_\_\_ state **KY** zip code **42276** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Narrative Description**

The former Russellville Armory (LO-R-67), located at 190 S. Winter Street, was completed in 1934, and was the first armory built in the city. The armory is located right off the town square in downtown Russellville, in a commercial/residential area of town. The armory is a two-story red brick building with a five-bay facade and an attached one-and-a-half-story drill hall at the rear. The front facade of the building is largely unadorned, except for limestone decoration around the front door and far right first-floor window, and around the far left and right second-story windows. All of the other windows have limestone sills. The windows are replacement nine-over-nine double-hung sash windows, but are very similar to the original windows, which had six-over-six double hung sashes. The double steel-and glass doors are replacements; the original double doors were wooden. A small parking lot is right in front of the building. Currently, the building is home to the Russellville Recreation Center, and is owned by the city. On the front of the building, a small plaque says the building was erected in 1932, but other documentation states that the building was completed in 1934.

The interior of the building has been modernized, with carpeting, new paint, and central air and heat. The room configurations are the same, and the original wooden drill hall floor has been stripped, but is intact. The original windows in the drill hall are largely intact with few exceptions. On the second floor, an open balcony overlooked the drill hall; this has been glassed-in. Some of the original interior wooden doors have been replaced with new ones, but some are still intact. The architect and builder of the armory are unknown; the blueprints and plans for the building are no longer at Facilities Division in Frankfort.

**Narrative Statement of Significance**

The former Russellville Armory (LO-R-67) is significant because of its association with the National Guard in Russellville, and for its importance to the city as a recreation and community center. The former armory meets National Register eligibility criterion A (historic association), and criterion C (type of construction). The property meets the registration requirements established for the armory property type because it possesses integrity of location and setting, materials, and design. The armory maintains integrity of location because it has not moved, and the setting (mixed commercial/residential) is the same as when the armory was built. The armory retains much of its original materials, and its design is the same. Besides serving as an armory, the community used the building for basketball games, community gatherings, fairs, and dances. The armory was used by the Guard until 1976, when a new facility was completed farther outside town. The building was then donated to the city, who renovated the facility for its current use as a recreation center.

The former Russellville Armory is a duplicate of the old Ravenna Armory, both built the same year and with the same design. The architect and builder of the two armories was most likely the same, however, since both buildings are no longer the property of the Commonwealth, blueprints could not

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be located. Overall, the historic Russellville Armory is in much better shape, both on the exterior and interior. The Ravenna Armory is not eligible for the National Register due to its many changes. At the Ravenna Armory, the windows have been replaced with different windows, the drill hall floor has been removed, and the original doors are gone. A single door has replaced the two double doors, and a small porch with latticework was put over the door. Many of the drill hall windows were filled in, due to the fact that they were broken while the building sat vacant. On the interior, the rooms have been changed around, and walls have been removed.

The National Guard has been in Russellville since 1902, when they were organized as Company M of the Third Kentucky Infantry. The company was demobilized in 1905, but revived in 1916 for service during World War I. The unit saw service on the Mexican border and in France during the war. After the war, the unit was once again demobilized, and then revived again in 1922, when it was federally recognized as Company M, 149th Infantry. The unit next saw active service in World War II where they spent time in Hawaii, Leyte, and the Phillipines. Members of the unit were in Manila when the war ended in August, 1945. After World War II, the unit was activated during the Bay of Pigs Crisis in 1961. Presently, the unit in Russellville is Detachment 1 of the 307th Maintenance Company, which has been there since May, 1995.

**Verbal Boundary Description** - The parcel designated by the Logan County PVA as tax map/parcel #R5-7-5.

**Verbal Boundary Justification** - The chosen boundary encompasses the lot historically associated with the Russellville Armory, including the land on which the building sits and the parking area out front, for a lot measuring 75 x 125 feet.

**Bibliography**

Historical Annual of the National Guard of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Author unknown.  
Baton Rouge: Army and Navy Publishing Company, 1938.

Files on the Russellville Armory, located at the Military Records and Research Branch, Frankfort.

Interview with Armory manager and SSG Jimmy Driver, December, 1997.

Newspaper clippings from Logan County paper, included in the history file /scrapbook at the Russellville Armory.