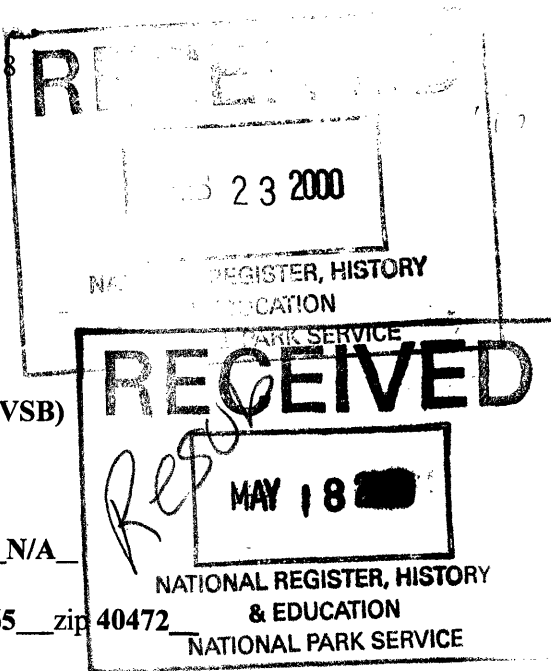


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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

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1. Name of Property

historic name **Ravenna Motor Vehicle Service Building (MVS)**
other names/site number **ES-30**

2. Location

street & number 512 Main St. not for publication N/A
city or town Ravenna vicinity N/A
state Kentucky code KY county Estill code 065 zip 40472

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
Signature of certifying official

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

State Historic Peservation 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 Beth Poland 6/21/00
- 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

Date of Action

8. Statement of Significance

**RAVENNA MOTOR VEHICLE
SERVICE BUILDING (MVSB)
ES-30; Estill 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 **1949** _____

Significant Dates **1949** _____

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: _____

**RAVENNA MOTOR VEHICLE
SERVICE BUILDING (MVSB)
ES-30; Estill County, KY**

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property **less than one acre** _____

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

	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
1	17	239	630	4174	710	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 **Estill County** _____

street & number **Courthouse** _____ telephone **(606) 723-7524** _____

city or town **Irvine** _____ state **KY** zip code **40336** _____

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Narrative Description

The Ravenna Motor Vehicle Storage Building (MVSB), (ES-30), is located at 512 Main Street in downtown Ravenna. The architect and builder of the Ravenna MVSB are unknown. The red brick building was completed in 1949, and is one-and-a-half stories tall with a large, centered garage door on both east and west elevations. On either side of the garage door are small barred windows set up high in the wall. A metal door is on one side of the garage, and two small air vents are directly above the garage. A metal roof covers the building. Along the two sides of the Ravenna MVSB are evenly-spaced windows, also set up high in the wall. The building sits on a limestone foundation.

The interior of the building is open, due to its function of serving as a storage facility for military vehicles and equipment. The building has a concrete floor and electricity, but otherwise the interior is rough and unfinished. Next door to the Ravenna MVSB is the old Ravenna Armory, which was built in 1934, and now serves as a community center for the county.

Narrative Statement of Significance

The Ravenna Motor Vehicle Storage Building (MVSB) (ES-30), is one of four such buildings in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, although it is the only one built of brick rather than concrete blocks. The MVSB's served as both garages/storage sheds for military vehicles, as well as armories in some communities. In Ravenna, which already had an armory, the main purpose of the building was vehicle storage. In other cities, such as Middlesboro and Tompkinsville, the MVSBs served as both armories and garages. The interior of these buildings differs from the Ravenna building in that separate office space was erected in part of the building.

The MVSBs were indicative of the growth of the National Guard organization after World War II. Five new armories were built between 1947-1948, all of them large buildings. The MVSBs were built to accommodate the new vehicles and equipment the Guard was receiving. The smaller armories built before World War II did not have adequate space in which to store some of the newer vehicles, so the MVSBs provided the needed room. Four of these were built between 1949-1950. After 1950, large free-standing garages were no longer built, and in their place, smaller corrugated metal buildings were used. Increasingly, armories were built with a large garage door in the drill hall, which could accommodate a very large vehicle. The four MVSBs are representative of the United States' desire to build up the military in the early years of the Cold War.

Verbal Boundary Description - Parcel 10, Block 18, Estill County PVA map 82-2

Verbal Boundary Justification - The area proposed for listing is the lot historically associated with the significant resource.

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Interview with SGT William Flynn, February, 1998.

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