

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections



1. Name

historic Centreville Armory

and/or common Centreville Armory

2. Location

street & number South Commerce Street N/A not for publication

city, town Centreville N/A vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland code 024 county Queen Anne's code 035

3. Classification

| Category | Ownership | Status | Present Use | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> district | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public | <input type="checkbox"/> occupied | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> museum |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> private | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied | <input type="checkbox"/> commercial | <input type="checkbox"/> park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> structure | <input type="checkbox"/> both | <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress | <input type="checkbox"/> educational | <input type="checkbox"/> private residence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site | Public Acquisition | Accessible | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> religious |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object | <input type="checkbox"/> in process | <input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted | <input type="checkbox"/> government | <input type="checkbox"/> scientific |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> being considered | <input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted | <input type="checkbox"/> industrial | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable | <input type="checkbox"/> no | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> military | <input type="checkbox"/> other: |

4. Owner of Property

name State of Maryland, Military Department Contact: Col. Raymond Clift
728-3388 x 244

street & number 231 West Hoffman Street

city, town Baltimore N/A vicinity of state Maryland 21201

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Queen Anne's County Courthouse

street & number

city, town Centreville state Maryland 21617

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Maryland Historical Trust
Historic Sites Inventory has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1980 federal state county local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust, 21 State Circle

city, town Annapolis state Maryland 21401

7. Description

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| Condition | | Check one | Check one | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated | <input type="checkbox"/> unaltered | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered | <input type="checkbox"/> moved | date <u> N/A </u> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed | | | |

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Centreville Armory is located on the southwestern edge of Centreville in a pleasant residential area. The building is a two story brick structure, executed in Flemish bond, which rests on a full basement. Attached to the rear of this two story main block is a narrower one story drill hall. A modern one story brick garage has been added at the rear of the drill hall.

The front (Commerce Street) facade, oriented to the east, is composed of two-bay side sections which flank a central entrance bay, itself marked by two-story towers.

The side sections are identical, each having two 6/6 sash windows at basement level, two 4/5 casement windows under 4-pane horizontal strips at first floor level which are set into the stone water table crossing the entire front facade, and two 2/4 casement windows at second floor level under 4-pane horizontal strips, with stone sills. All the windows of the side sections are topped by flat brick arches. A band of stone molding crosses the facade above the second floor windows, and four crenelles with stone caps crown each side section. Stone capped buttresses with stone trimmed set-backs corresponding to the stone water table, a line between the first and second floor windows and the base of the top stone molding bracket the ends of the side sections.

The central entrance bay is marked by slightly projecting two story towers, with one 2/5 casement window under two-pane horizontal strips at first floor level, and one 2/4 casement window under a two-pane horizontal strip at second floor level. Buttresses with stone trim, as noted for the side sections, flank each of the towers. Centered above the second floor window of each tower is a small stone panel. Above these on a line corresponding with the crenelle tops of the center front, a band of stone molding crosses each tower. Each is then crowned with three crenelles with stone caps, with a small square stone centered under the middle crenelle. At basement level of the southernmost tower is a 6/6 sash window with flat brick arch. Beneath the north tower a brief flight of cement steps with iron railing leads to a brick walled landing in front of the doorway.

At center front double doors are recessed 4-5 feet under a segmental arch of stone, surmounted by a stone name plate inscribed "Maryland National Guard." At second floor level are 8/4 casement windows under an 8-pane horizontal strip, trimmed with stone sill and flat brick arch with stone keystone. A band of stone molding corresponding to that of the side sections crosses the center above the windows. Three crenelles with stone caps top the center front. The middle crenelle is centered over a large stone tablet bearing the seal of the State of Maryland.

The north and south sides of the center block are identical each having basement windows, 6/6 sash with flat brick arches. At first floor level are three windows, one toward the front, 3/2 paned panel over 4/4 casement; two toward the rear, 2/2 paned panel over 2/4 casement, all with flat brick arches and bases set into the stone water table. At second floor level are two windows, one forward and one rear, 4-pane horizontal strips over 4/4 casement windows. Both have flat brick arches and stone sills. The band of stone molding continues from the front facade and the top finished with 6 crenelles with stone caps. Buttresses bracket the sides of the center block with stone trim as noted for the front facade.

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8. Significance

| Period | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> community planning | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> religion |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1946 | <input type="checkbox"/> communications | <input type="checkbox"/> industry | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> invention | | <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) |

Specific dates 1926 **Builder/Architect** unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph) Applicable Criteria: A, C
 Applicable Exceptions: none
 Significance Evaluated: state

The Centreville, Maryland Armory is primarily significant for its association with the reorganization and expansion of the National Guard system in the twentieth century. It derives additional significance from its role as a social center for its community, a function it has served continuously since its construction date. Architecturally, the building embodies the distinctive characteristics of its type, including a T shaped plan with a two-story front "head house" section and a one-story perpendicular "drill hall" extending to the rear; its facade is detailed to recall Medieval fortifications, with towers flanking the central entrance, crenellated parapets, and strip buttresses.

The Centreville Armory was built in 1926 for Company K, First Maryland Regiment of the 29th Division of the Maryland National Guard. As part of the 29th Division Company K shares in the honors bestowed upon the group at the close of World War II, among them distinguished unit citations and the French Croix de Guerre with Palm.

The building was to cost \$50,000 as originally contracted. A Queenstown Maryland citizen, Mr. DeCoursey W. Thom, contributed an additional \$5,000 to provide for a stage and anterooms for the auditorium. Over the years the armory has been the scene of dances and activities sponsored by the alumni association of Centreville High School, Centreville Fire Department's annual polka show, auto shows and boy scout activities.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property Approximately 0.4 acre

Quadrangle name Centreville, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

See Continuation Sheet No. 1

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Susanne Moore, Historic Sites Surveyor

organization Maryland Historical Trust date July 1980; revised 7/85

street & number 21 State Circle telephone (301) 269-2438

city or town Annapolis state Maryland 21401

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

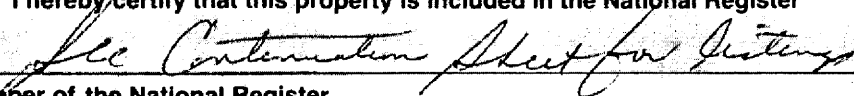
The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature  8-14-85

title STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER date

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| For HCRS use only | |
| I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register | |
|  | date |
| Keeper of the National Register | |
| Attest: | date |
| Chief of Registration | |

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The rear one story drill hall over full basement is executed in common bond and has a lightly pitched gable roof. The hall is six bays long, punctuated by six buttresses with single stone trimmed set-backs and caps at levels corresponding to the bases and tops of the windows on the first floor. There are two windows per bay at basement level, 3-pane horizontal strips with brick sills. At first floor level are two windows, 3/5 stationary panels, with brick sills and flat brick arches. The north and south sides of the drill hall are identical except that the south side contains an entrance behind the last bay, a brief flight of cement steps with iron pipe railing leading to double doors.

At the rear of the drill hall is a one-story brick garage.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES:

- Vertical files and scrapbooks compiled by E.H. Brown, Jr., Queen Anne's County Library, Centreville.
- Tompkins, Raymond S. Maryland Fights in the Great War. Baltimore, Thomas & Evans Printing Company, 1919.
- Emory, Frederic. Queen Anne's County, Md.: Its Early History and Development, Baltimore, Maryland Historical Society, 1950.
- Interview with Mr. Charles Anthony, Centreville citizen and historian.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Verbal Boundary Description: In the Town of Centreville in Queen Anne's County, State of Maryland on Commerce Street:

BEGINNING at a stone on the southwestern side of a large post of the dividing line between the Price lot and the M.E. Parsonage (colored) lot and running north thirty eight degrees fifty five minutes west, one hundred and sixty four feet and three inches to the middle of the concrete block planted in the ground near the edge of the stable of Thomas R.L. Price; thence north fifty one degrees and five minutes east, sixty eight feet and six inches to the northernmost corner of a concrete block along the Rolph line; thence with Rolph south fifty degrees fifteen minutes east ninety-six feet and ten inches; thence north forty degrees and thirty minutes east, twenty one feet and nine inches; thence south forty three degrees and fifteen minutes east, sixty one feet and one inch to the eastern corner of a concrete post along main street; thence south forty four degrees and twenty six minutes west, one hundred and fourteen feet and ten inches to the place of beginning, containing .3786 acres of land ...

Boundary Justification: The nominated property comprises the total parcel historically associated with the resource.