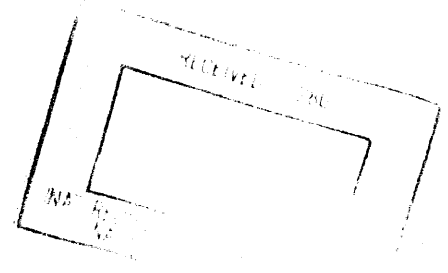


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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name **Frankfort Storage Building/Armory**
other names/site number **Maryland Avenue Building/FR-F-56**

2. Location

street & number 208 Maryland Ave not for publication N/A
city or town Frankfort vicinity N/A
state Kentucky code KY county Franklin code 073 zip 40601

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 / Excutive Director

9/18/02
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

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): _____

9/16/02
Date of Action

8. Statement of Significance

**FRANKFORT STORAGE
BUILDING/ARMORY**
FR-F-56; Franklin 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 **1931-1949** _____
Significant Dates **1931** _____
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: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 1.10 acres

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UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation

	Zone Easting	Northing	Zone Easting	Northing	
1	<u>16</u>	<u>687 520</u>	<u>4229</u>	<u>590</u>	Frankfort East Quad

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 Commonwealth of Kentucky

street & number Boone National Guard Center telephone (502) 564-0269

city or town Frankfort state KY zip code 40601

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Narrative Description

The "Frankfort Storage Building/Armory" (FR-F-56) served as an armory when it provided storage space for arms, and is located on Maryland Avenue in Frankfort. Constructed in 1931, is one of the oldest buildings still owned by the Kentucky National Guard. Presently, the building serves as a storage warehouse. The warehouse is metal over a non-masonry frame, topped by a metal roof. Today, some newer metal has replaced the old, and the windows are covered. This was done at an unknown date. On one side of the building are several sliding doors which open to accommodate large vehicles. Presumably, these doors were originally used for horses, as the building was used by the cavalry unit there. The majority of the building is open and has a dirt floor, while about one-sixth of the building was used for offices and living space. An old coal-burning stove is located in this area, and several windows are still intact in their original metal frames. A staircase leads up to the second floor where living quarters were located. A few windows are located in the drill/ stable area of the building, but mainly the doors make up one wall. An old tile floor is in place in the former office area of the building. The exposed beams of the building are evident in the drill area - this space is largely unfinished on the interior, further suggesting that soldiers used this section of the building to drill on their horses.

Narrative Statement of Significance

The old armory, identified in this document as "Frankfort Storage Building/Armory" (FR-F-56), on Maryland Avenue in Frankfort, KY, was one of two buildings used by the National Guard's 123rd Cavalry unit in the 1920s and 1930s. Both of these buildings were constructed in 1931, the year before a third building, a stable, was built. Pictures from a 1938 Annual of the National Guard show the soldiers drilling on their horses in the open area of the building. Of the three buildings constructed at the Maryland Avenue site in Frankfort, only the Frankfort Storage Building/Armory is still intact. Both the stable and the other building were torn down in the 1980s. The Frankfort Storage Building/Armory is eligible because of its affiliation with a cavalry unit of the National Guard. After World War II, cavalry units were no longer in existence. The current building stands as a reminder of what the cavalry's facilities were like - this is the only remaining building of this type in the state. The old armory/ drill hall meets National Register eligibility criterion A (historic association), as well as criterion C (type of construction), as it is the only building of this type still standing in Kentucky. Similar buildings designed for use by cavalry troops were located at Lexington and London, but have since been demolished. The structure meets registration requirements as defined in the armory property type because it possesses integrity of location and setting, materials, design, and association. The building retains integrity of location and setting because it has not moved, and is in a residential/rural setting, as it was originally. The building retains its original materials - wood and metal, and the interior and exterior design are relatively unchanged. The interior room arrangements are the same, and the original metal casement windows are intact, but covered over. The structure is

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still owned by the National Guard, so it retains integrity of association.

Verbal Boundary Description - The parcel designated by the Franklin County PVA as tax map/parcel #074-22-03-001.00

Verbal Boundary Justification - The chosen boundary encompasses that part of the 1.10 acre lot historically associated with the storage warehouse/old armory, excluding the land on which the current armory and classroom trailer sit.

Bibliography

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

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

Interview with Don Waldner, Assistant Director of Facilities Management, January 1998.

Interview with SFC Jim Roy, armory manager, January, 1998.