

Architectural And Historic Survey



Identification

STREET ADDRESS: 300 E. Market Street	HISTORIC NAME: National Guard Armory
MAP & PARCEL: 53-160	DATE / PERIOD: 1937, 1978
CENSUS TRACT AND BLOCK:	STYLE: Art Deco
PRESENT ZONING: B-3	HEIGHT (to cornice) OR STORIES: 1, 2 storeys
ORIGINAL OWNER: City of Charlottesville	DIMENSIONS AND LAND AREA: 287.8' x 190' (47,500 sq. ft.)
ORIGINAL USE: Armory	CONDITION: Good
PRESENT USE: Recreation Center	SURVEYOR: Bibb
PRESENT OWNER: City of Charlottesville	DATE OF SURVEY: Summer 1983
ADDRESS: City Hall	SOURCES: City Records
Charlottesville, Virginia 22901	The Daily Progress, Ch'ville Bicentennial Edition, 4/13/62

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The Old National Guard Armory consists of a tall, gable-roofed central section with shorter 2-storey, flat-roofed end pavilions at the front and rear. The land is graded in such a way that the concrete basement is above ground on the east side. Wall construction is of brick laid in Flemish bond. The steep gable roof of the central section is covered with slate. There are brick dentils and frieze between the piers or buttresses which divide that section into six bays. There is a segmental-headed pair of entrance doors (4 light over a panel) in the first and fifth bays with a pair of 9-light metal fixed and hinged sash windows above them. There is a pair of 18-light windows in each of the other bays. All have flat arches and brick sills. There is a large circular window in each gable end. Each flat-roofed 2-storey end pavilion is in the form of a projecting central pavilion with flanking wings. On the facade, the tall projecting central pavilion is set back in three stages toward a stepped frontispiece with a 2-storey round-arched entrance recess. A multi-light second storey window fills in the arch above the new paired entrance doors. The emblem of the National Guard appears in relief decoration on the stepped parapet. The 4-bay flanking wings are also two storeys tall, but with a lower parapet with a band of vertical stretchers. The bays are separated by buttress-like piers on the facade and end walls. At each level, there is a pair of 6-light metal casement windows the width of the bay with a 4-light transom, flat arch, and brick sill. The rear pavilion has the same massing as the front, but without the piers and the Art Deco details.

HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

The Monticello Guard, now a unit of the National Guard, was formed in 1857, possibly as a re-organization of an earlier group. It served in the Civil War, and in World War I and II. This building is the second of three armories that the Guard has occupied. The first was a brick building on Market Street between the old City Hall and Police Department buildings. It later served as the City Recreation Center until it was demolished in the early 1960's to make way for the new Police Department Building. In 1916, the City purchased the old Piedmont Institute Building at 700 East Market Street for use as an orphanage. A new armory was built at the eastern end of that lot in 1937. It served as the headquarters of the Monticello Guard until a third building on Avon Street Extended replaced it in the 1970's. This building was renovated in 1978 for use as a public recreation center.

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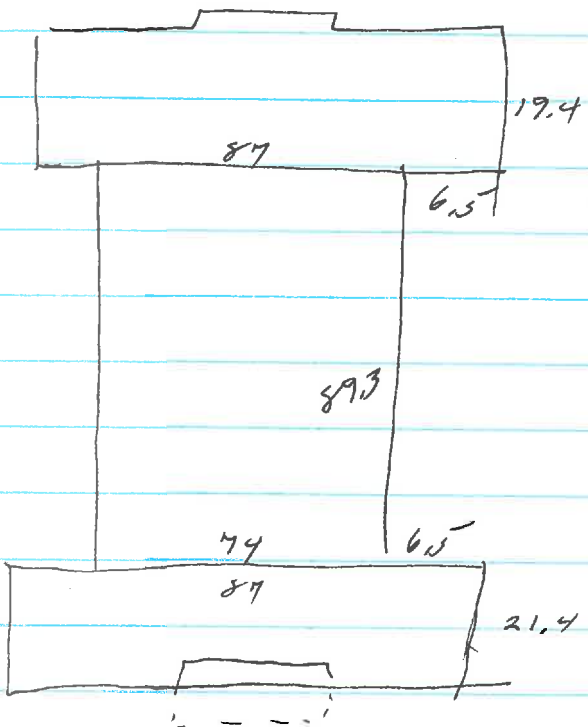
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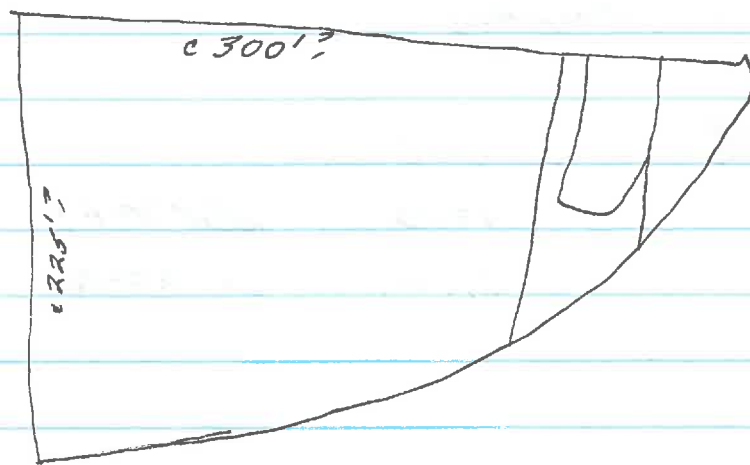
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Armory

220-451	City of Lk'ville	1960		
90-65	"	1936	plat 90-67	boundary agreement
28-374	"	1916	" 20-380	

2-5, 85% basement
conc found, brick walls, slate gable & built-up flat roof
renovated 1978





1920 Sanborn - not there; Chn's home only

Armory

28-374 School Board of Ch' & Dist. No. 5 of Alb Co →
City of Ch'ville \$15,000
tract of dwelling & other impts, formerly known as the
"Piedmont Female Institute", on south ~~west~~ side
E Mkt St, at SE corner Market & 7th
~~291' on E Mkt x 12'-11" - 20' - 6' - 11'~~

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Monticello Board formed 1857

Served in Civil War

possibly re-organization of an earlier group

"In 1891 the city built the brick armory next to City Hall on Market St where the company drilled until the present armory a block to the east was erected in 1937."

served in World Wars I & II

Armory

central section

1.5 by ~~100~~

buttresses divide into 6 bays

low found Flem;

Flemish bond

steep slate gable roof

brick ~~or~~ dentils & frieze bet buttresses

large windows in bays # 2, 3, 4, 6

pr 18-x fixed & hinged sash, metal,
brick sills & flat arches

bays # 1 & 5:

pr 9-x over ent; sq-headed pr doors, 48/100

aboveground conc basement E side

large brick chim at E intersection of 5 par

another on rear of rear par, near E end

1.2 circular window in 5 gable end

pavilion

end pavilions

2-3, - bay facade, rear
ends div into 3 bays by buttresses
Flem band

side bays facade
end windows: or 6-l metal casement w/ 4-l transom,
brick sills, flat arch, fill space bet. buttresses

flat roof, ~~steps~~ band vert, stretchers on parapet

rear of E pavilion:

3-bay sides, same windows without buttresses
" proj center section; same windows without
on 1½-storey (mezzanine) level, no buttresses

facade of N pavilion:

4-bay sides matching ends

proj 4-bay cent. section

side bays proj farther & ~~at~~ extend above parapet of side section;

single narrow 3-l casement w/ transom each level;

conc panel w/ symbol of Nat Guard (?) in relief on
stepped parapet

next bays don't proj as far, are taller w/ plain parapet;
same windows 1st level only

wide center bay set back, maybe to level of side section,
parapet same ht as adj tall;

circular-headed 2-3 entry recess; masonry with
round arch w/ stepped top

multi-light window fills arch at 2nd level;

or new doors at 1st level

awning cover anything?

stepped or
set-back facade

stepped frontispiece

brick ent platform across ent section

facade ^{set} ~~stepped~~ back in 3 stages toward a stepped frontispiece ent.