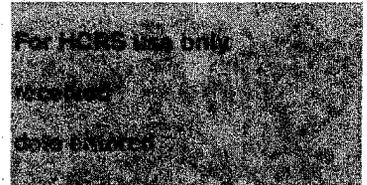


United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

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 Pikesville Armory

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 610 Reisterstown Road N/A not for publication

city, town Pikesville N/A vicinity of congressional district Seventh

state Maryland code 24 county Baltimore code 005

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input 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 checked="" 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 x244

street & number 231 W. Hoffman Street

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

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Court House

street & number

city, town Towson state Maryland 21204

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Maryland Historical Trust
title 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

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1946	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1903 **Builder/Architect** Wyatt and Nolting, Architects

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

The Pikesville Armory is primarily significant for its association with the reorganization and expansion of the National Guard system in the 20th 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. As Maryland's second-oldest armory building, constructed in 1903, it does not conform to the standard architectural form which was established in the World War I era; however, it has architectural significance in its own right as a unique design by the prestigious Baltimore firm of Wyatt and Nolting.

The Pikesville Armory was designed by the prominent Baltimore architectural firm of Wyatt and Nolting. William G. Nolting (1866-1940) and J. B. Noel Wyatt (1847-1926) designed a number of public buildings, most notably the Baltimore City Courthouse (1900) and the Veterans' Bureau in Washington, D. C. The firm also designed the Fifth Regiment Armory in downtown Baltimore (1901).

The Pikesville Armory is the home of the 110th Field Artillery of the Maryland National Guard. The 110th was originally a horse artillery and its officers were well-to-do horsemen from Green Spring Valley in suburban Baltimore. These men were, not surprisingly, keenly interested in polo, and played the game on the original tan bark floor of the armory. This floor was replaced with poured cement during major renovations to the entire building in 1970. Original cement spectator stands at both ends of the hall remain. These end areas are now enclosed and utilized as classrooms with desks installed in a lecture-hall style on the rows of spectator seats.

The Armory has a long history as a meeting place for political functions and has been the site of fetes for many famous or about-to-be-famous politicians, among them Spiro Agnew, Harry Truman, Richard Nixon, Lyndon Johnson, Barry Goldwater, Hubert Humphrey, and John F. Kennedy. The latter made campaign speeches and held a major press conference at the Armory in 1960.

The Pikesville military complex may be the only remaining National Guard "show-place" in the country. The facility's large grounds of over fourteen acres and location in a relatively low density suburb with immediate access to a major thoroughfare (Reisterstown Road) have aided in preserving the facility from the obsolescence suffered by most other armories in the state, whose once-open sites have been engulfed by urban growth and congested by increased automobile traffic. Afflicted by severe shortages of space for vehicles and equipment, both the Fifth Regiment Armory in downtown Baltimore and the Towson Academy make use of the ample parking and storage facilities at the Pikesville complex.

A "historical room" in the administrative building adjacent to the armory is filled with antique uniforms, saddlery and other memorabilia of the 110th Artillery. The room is open to visitors during regular weekday office hours.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Land Records of Baltimore County, Liber 254, Folio 259-264
Vertical files, Maryland Room, Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore
Archival materials of the Pikesville Armory Historical Room
Interviews: Col. Charles Tresse and Mrs. Edith Hall, Administrative Assistant,
of the Pikesville Armory

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property approximately 10 acres

Quadrangle name Baltimore West, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

A

1	8	3	5	1	8	3	0	4	3	5	9	1	0	0
Zone			Easting				Northing							

B

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Zone			Easting				Northing							

C

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Zone			Easting				Northing							

D

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E

Zone			Easting				Northing							

F

Zone			Easting				Northing							

G

Zone			Easting				Northing							

H

Zone			Easting				Northing							

Verbal boundary description and justification

See Continuation Sheet No. 1

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

state	code	county	code
N/A			

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Susanne Moore, Historic Sites Surveyor

organization Maryland Historical Trust date July 1980; revised July 1985

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

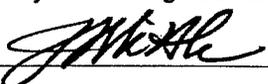
city or town Annapolis state Maryland 21401

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  date 8-14-85

title STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER date

For HCERS 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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National Park Service**

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date entered

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Continuation sheet

Baltimore County

Item number

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Verbal Boundary Description:

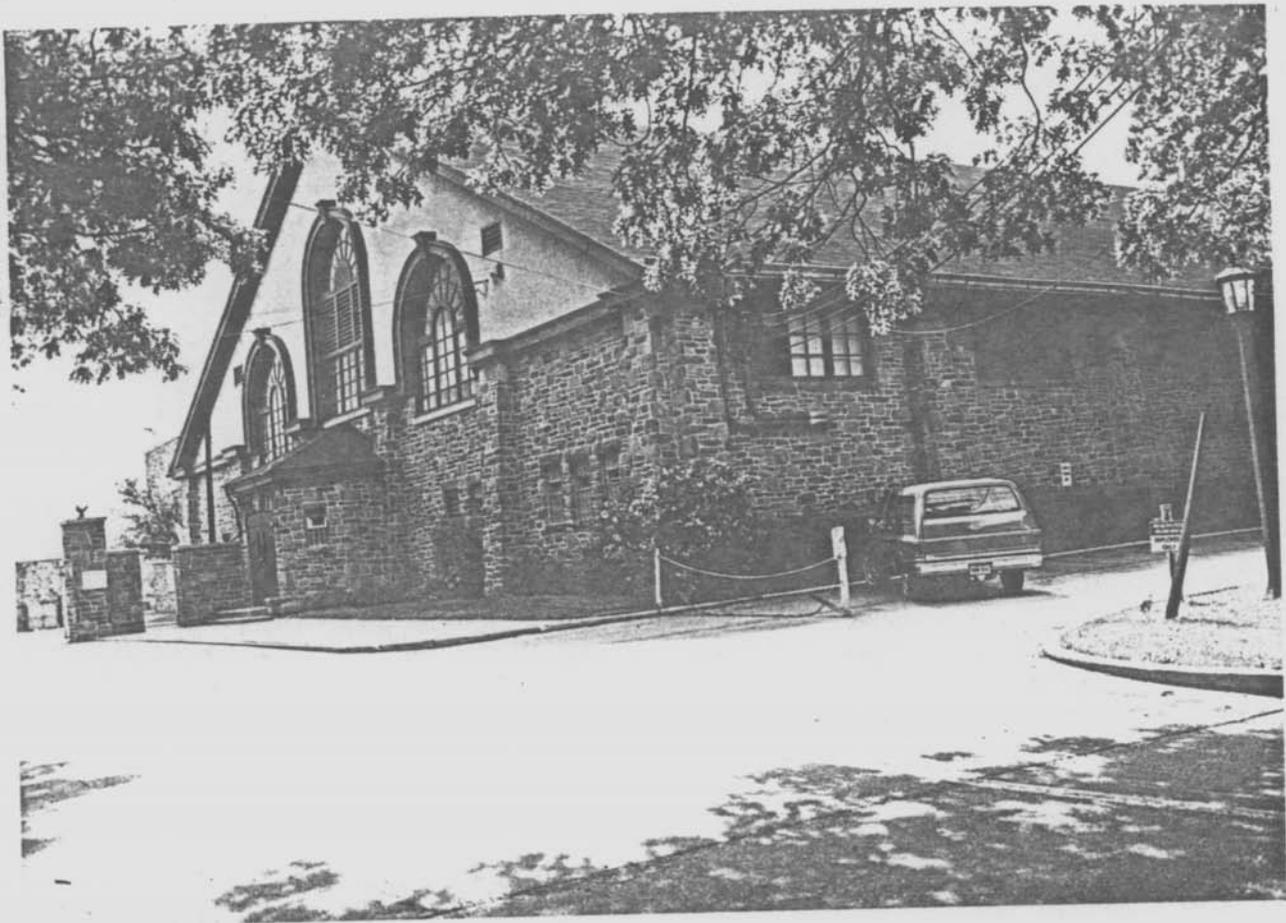
In Baltimore County near the Village of Pikesville:

Beginning for the same on the northwest side of an avenue 50 feet wide at the distance measured along the northwest side of said Avenue of 335 feet 6 inches south 59 degrees 30 minutes West from intersection of the said northwest said side of the Baltimore and Reisterstown Turnpike Road, the said place of beginning being intended to be at the end of the second line of the lot of ground which by deed dated May 20th 1897 and recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore County in Liber LMB No. 115 Folio 128 &c was conveyed by Wilson Cary McHenry and others Executors to Hugo Goertz, and running thence binding on the northwest side of said Avenue south 59 degrees 30 minutes West 9 feet 6 inches to a bind in said Avenue, north 85 degrees 30 minutes West 318 feet 6 inches to the Western end of said Avenue, thence across the Western end of said Avenue, south 30 degrees 30 minutes east 48 feet 9 inches to the end of the third line...thence binding reversely on said third line south 30 degrees 30 minutes east 113 feet 10 inches to a point south 59 degrees 30 minutes West 261 feet from the end of the first line of this description, thence south 59 degrees 30 minutes West 731 feet 6 inches, thence parallel with the Baltimore and Reisterstown Turnpike Road north 30 degrees 30 minutes West 503 feet 4 inches to intersect the south 61½ degrees West 125½ perches line of the tract of land...conveyed by Robert Riddell and wife to James Howard McHenry, thence binding on said line reversely with allowances for variation north 64 degrees 33 minutes east 1006 feet to the end of the Third line of the lot conveyed to Hugo Goertz as aforesaid, and thence binding on said third line reversely south 30 degrees 30 minutes east 414 feet 3 inches to the place of beginning; Containing 10 acres of land, more or less.

Boundary Justification:

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

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Pikesville Armory

5682 IV NE
(REISTERSTOWN)

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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PIKESVILLE
ARMORY

BALTIMORE
COUNTY,
MARYLAND

A: 18-351830-
4359100

B: 18-351920-
4358980

C: 18-351590-
4358740

D: 18-351480-
4358900

MARYLAND
NATIONAL GUARD
ARMORIES
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76°45'
39°22'30"

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Pikesville Armory BA-2080
Baltimore County, Maryland
photo: Susanne Moore
neg loc: Md Hist Trust, Annapolis, Md
July 1980
SE corner
2/4



Pikesville Armory BA-2080
Baltimore County, Maryland
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neg loc: Md Hist Trust, Annapolis, Md
July 1980
South Elevation
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Pikesville Armory BA-2080
Baltimore County, Maryland
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July 1980
Southwest corner

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Southeast corner

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