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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES REGISTRATION FORM

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Hartsville Armory

other names/site number

2. Location

street & number 539 West Carolina Avenue — not for publication ___
city or town Hartsville — vicinity ___
state South Carolina code SC county Darlington code 031
zip code 29550

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.)

Mary W. Edmonds 8/4/94
Signature of certifying official Date

Mary W. Edmonds, Deputy SHPO, S.C. Department of Archives & History, Columbia, S.C.
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):

Edson H. Beall 9/8/94

Entered in the National Register

for Signature of Keeper Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

___ private
X public-local
___ public-State
___ public-Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

X building(s)
___ district
___ site
___ structure
___ object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	___	buildings
___	___	sites
___	___	structures
___	___	objects
1	0	Total

Name of related multiple property listing
Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Historic Resources of Hartsville, ca. 1817-ca. 1941

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: DEFENSE Sub: Arms Storage/Armory

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: GOVERNMENT Sub: County/City Offices

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

Modern Movement

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick
roof Brick
walls Brick
other Cement

Narrative Description
(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria
(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

___ **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.
X **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 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
(Enter categories from instructions)
Architecture

Significant Dates
1940

Significant Person
(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)
N/A

Cultural Affiliation
N/A

Architect/Builder
Singley, Heyward S.

Period of Significance
1940

Narrative Statement of Significance
(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography
(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

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
X State Historic Preservation Office
___ Other State agency
___ Federal agency
___ Local government
___ University
___ Other
Name of repository: S.C. Department of Archives & History, Columbia, S.C.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Approximately 1.6 acres

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

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
1	17	584140	3803260	3			
2				4			

___ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description
(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification
(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title J. Tracy Power & Andrew W. Chandler, NR Specialists, South Carolina SHPO, with the assistance of Patricia J. Wilmot & Jerry Mixon, Hartsville Museum

organization S.C. Department of Archives and History date 28 June 1994

street & number P.O. Box 11669 telephone (803) 734-8610

city or town Columbia state SC zip code 29211

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name City of Hartsville

street & number 133 West Carolina Avenue telephone (803) 383-3018

city or town Hartsville state SC zip code 29551

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The Hartsville Armory is located at 539 West Carolina Avenue in Hartsville. Constructed in 1939-1940, it is an excellent example of the National Guard armories built during the period.

This two-story, twenty-one bay wide brick building is rectangular in plan and has a flat roof behind stepped and overlayed parapets with a rat-tooth corbeled course and cast stone coping. The building's horizontality is achieved through the architect's use of contrasting colors and a series of flat, raised and recessed brick courses which are delineated by cast stone string courses that wrap the structure. These string courses are further accentuated by being painted white. Below the first string course or water table and above the uppermost string course the brick is laid in Flemish bond. The intermediate three divisions are laid in common bond with every fifth or header course recessed. The facade's central entry features a brick and cast stone arched portal with radiating and elongated voussoir which corresponds to the raised and recessed brick courses of the lower and middle intermediate divisions. Within the portal, which is flanked by two narrow three-light metal casement windows and octagonal lamp posts, is a single-leaf door with sidelights and arched transom. The lower and upper intermediate divisions of the building contain narrow three- and six-light metal casement windows which are grouped in sets of three or six on the facade. The central upper portion of the building is accentuated with narrow and elongated louvered vents. To the rear of the main block and recessed approximately twelve feet on either side is a large one-story gymnasium with bow roof, supported by a steel bow-truss system, and located behind a parapet with a rat-tooth corbeled course and cast stone coping. This segment of the building is less elaborate architecturally, but nevertheless contains the same water table and third cast stone string course that wrap from the main block. Large eight-light windows with central four-light center pivot sash are located along both the east and west elevations.

The Hartsville Armory is significant as an excellent example of the National Guard armories designed with Art Moderne influences and built by the Works Progress Administration (WPA) during the late 1930s and early 1940s.

This armory was built in 1939-1940 and was designed by architect Heyward S. Singley (1902-1959) of Columbia. In 1939 Singley was hired by Brigadier General James C. Dozier, Adjutant General of South Carolina, to design several armories for the South Carolina National Guard, and those armories were built with funding and labor from the Works Progress Administration in the years just before World War II and continuing through the early war years. Singley, who graduated from the school of architecture at Clemson College in 1924, practiced in Florida, Texas, and North Carolina, then served as resident engineer for the Public Works Administration (PWA) in Charleston in 1934-1935, then established an independent practice in Columbia in 1937. The Hartsville armory was one of several armories Singley designed for the Adjutant General's office from 1939 to 1944, including identical armories in Andrews, Camden, Cheraw, Chester, Georgetown, Kingstree, Warrenville, and Winnsboro, and it was described as "built according to the newest plans" by the Hartsville Messenger. The estimated cost of the building was $38,000, and actual construction, which began in December 1939 under the direction of Superintendent C.J. Evans of the WPA and County WPA Engineer L.M. Byrd, was completed by the summer of 1940. The Hartsville Armory served as headquarters for the "Hartsville Light Infantry," Company L of the 118th Infantry, 30th Division, South Carolina National Guard, until the unit was mobilized into active Federal service in September 1940. The armory then served as company headquarters from December 1945, when Company L was inactivated after combat duty in Europe during World War II, to 1981, when the armory was sold to the city of Hartsville. The building now houses the City of Hartsville Recreation Department.[1]

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[1]Heyward S. Singley to President Donald S. Russell, University of South Carolina, ca. 1955, President's Papers, University Archives, University of South Carolina, Columbia, S.C.; Walter F. Petty, Architectural Practice in South Carolina 1913-1963: A Semi-Centennial History of the South Carolina Chapter, the American Institute of Architects (Columbia: S.C. Chapter, American Institute of Architects, 1963), pp. 138-140; Hartsville Messenger, 16 March 1939, 25 May 1939, 14 December 1939; General James C. Dozier, Adjutant General of South Carolina, to William H. Alston, 30 January 1939, and to Major Frank H. Barnwell, 10 November 1939, Administrative Reference File, 1911-1939, Office of the Adjutant and Inspector General, Records of the Military Department, South Carolina Department of Archives and History, Columbia, S.C.; Report of the Adjutant General of the State of South Carolina For The Period Beginning July 1, 1939 and Ending June 30, 1940 (Columbia: Printed Under the Direction of the Joint Committee on Printing, General Assembly of South Carolina, 1940); Gwen R. Rhodes, South Carolina Army National Guard (Dallas: Taylor Publishing Company, 1988), pp. 232-33; Darlington County Deed Book Y, p. 245, Darlington County Courthouse, Darlington, S.C.

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Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary of the nomination is shown as the dotted black line labeled "Hartsville Armory" on the accompanying map "City of Hartsville," drawn at a scale of 1" = 700'.

Verbal Boundary Justification

The nominated property is restricted to the Hartsville Armory and its immediate setting.

The following information is the same for each of the photographs:

Name of Property:	Hartsville Armory
Location:	539 West Carolina Avenue Hartsville, Darlington County, South Carolina
Name of Photographer:	J. Tracy Power S.C. Department of Archives & History
Date of Photographs:	15 June 1994
Location of Negatives:	S.C. Department of Archives & History, Columbia, S.C.

1. Principal facade, right oblique

2. Principal facade

3. Principal facade detail