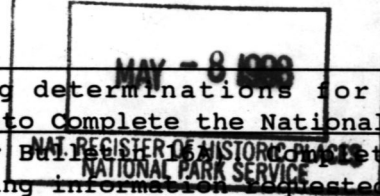


UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties or districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 38) to complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classifications, 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 Walton Grange #1454/Former Armory

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 57 Stockton Avenue [] not for publication

town Walton [] vicinity

state New York code NY county Delaware code 025 zip code 13856

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, 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.)

8 April '98

Deputy Commissioner for Historic Preservation

Date

NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation

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
State or federal agency and bureau

Date

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: _____

for Signature of keeper Date of Action
Barry P. Savage 6/22/98

5. Classification

Ownership of Property/Category of Property/Number of Resources within Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

(check box)

(do not include previously listed resources in the count)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing	
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	_____	_____	buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____	_____	sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____	_____	structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	_____	_____	objects
		_____	_____	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: NA

NAME OF RELATED MULTIPLE PROPERTY DOCUMENTATION FORM: NA

6. Function or Use

Historic Function

Current Function

MILITARY: armory

SOCIAL: meeting hall/grange
COMMERCIAL: store

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Materials

(enter categories from instructions)

Late nineteenth century:
Vernacular

foundation _____ stone
walls _____ brick
roof _____ modern shingles
other _____

Narrative Description

See attached continuation sheets.

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CONTINUATION SHEET

Walton Grange No. 1454 (Meeting Hall), Former New York State Armory
Walton, Delaware County

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Description

The Walton Grange No. 1454 is located on the south side of Stockton Avenue just west of Bridge Street, which provides access over the Delaware River (West Branch) to downtown Walton. The building, constructed in 1886 by the New York National Guard as a state armory, occupies most of its flat, 95' x 200' parcel; a large parking lot covers the entire width of the property along the street. Small alleys flank the building on its east and west elevations. West of, and adjacent to, the property is another armory, built in 1895 to replace the 1886 facility.¹ Across Stockton Avenue to the north is undeveloped land along the bank of the river; the remainder of the vicinity, particularly to the southeast, consists of scattered residential properties, none of which--with the exception of the 1895 armory--appear to possess architectural or historical significance.

Built as an armory, the two-part, brick building features a two-story administration building with an attached, rear drill shed. The administration building is a rectangular, gable-roofed structure resting on a low, stone foundation, and features tall, narrow, paired windows with stone lintels and sills. The east portion of the asymmetrical front facade is distinguished by a slightly projecting, gable-roofed pavilion with restrained, Romanesque Revival-inspired corbelled brickwork. The main door to the former armory/present Grange hall is sheltered under a large, round-arched, sally port-like entrance at the base of the pavilion. The west end of the former administration building now houses a small grocery store; the three original, paired first-story windows have been replaced with modern plate-glass storefront windows sheltered by a modern, pent roof supported by large knee braces.

1. Pending receipt of permission from the current owner, this armory will also be nominated to the National Register.

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Extending behind (south of) the former administration building is a long, rectangular, gable-roofed drill shed. The east and west (side) elevations of the former drill shed feature tall, narrow, paired windows articulated by simple brick buttresses.

The exact original interior configuration of the building is unknown, but the former administration building presumably contained at least one large company meeting room and several offices. The present grocery store occupies what once were the primary public spaces of the administration building; the Grange now uses the remainder of the smaller rooms as well as the entire, virtually intact drill hall. Some original interior features in the administration building survive intact, such as simple door and window trim and beaded wainscoting (recently painted). Typical of late nineteenth century armories, the drill shed features a hardwood floor, brick interior walls, and massive, exposed trusses supporting the soaring roof.

There are no outbuildings located on the nominated property.

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

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

- [X] 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 that 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 pre-history or history.

Criteria Considerations: NA

- [] A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
[] B removed from its original location.
[] C a birthplace or 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.

Area of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Military History

Agriculture/Grange activity

Architecture

Period of Significance

1886 - 1939

Significant Dates

1886; 1939

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above.)

na

Cultural Affiliation

na

Architect/Builder

unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance

See attached continuation sheets.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Walton, New York. Walton Historical Society. Research files.

Previous documentation on file (NPS): Primary location of additional data:

- [] 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 Building Survey #
[] recorded by Historic American Engineering
[X] State historic preservation office
[] Other State agency
[] Federal agency
[] Local government
[] University
[] Other:

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Statement of Significance

The Walton Grange is historically significant for its association with the Grange No. 1454, the local chapter of the "Order of the Patrons of Husbandry," a national organization formed during the late nineteenth century to improve agricultural practices in America. Originally built in 1886 by the New York Army National Guard as a state armory, the facility is also architecturally significant as a representative example of the building type; furthermore, it is historically significant for its association with the volunteer militia, a pivotal component of the American military system.

As discussed at length in the National Register Multiple Property Documentation Form, Army National Guard Armories in New York State (NR: 1993), scores of armories were built in New York during the last quarter of the nineteenth century to house local units of the National Guard. The National Guard, i.e., the country's loosely federated collection of state-controlled volunteer militia units, was, at the time, the backbone of America's military system; its primary duty was military readiness in case of international or domestic crises. Because America was seldom involved in international events during the late nineteenth century, the main occupation of the Guard during the period was to maintain domestic peace, particularly during the turbulent era of labor-capital conflict.

The National Guard first achieved national acclaim for its role in suppressing rioters during the Great Railroad Strike of 1877; shortly thereafter, beginning with the erection of the famous Seventh Regiment Armory in Manhattan in 1879, scores of medieval inspired armories were built all across the state (and, eventually, the country) in response to the fear of class warfare. During the 1880s and 1890s, many large-scale armories were built in New York City for full regiments; by the late 1890s, many smaller, single company sized armories had been built all across the state.

The armory in Walton, built in 1886, is an early example of a small, upstate facility, completed a few years before the major wave of armory construction by State Architect Isaac G. Perry. The Walton Armory displays the characteristic form and plan of the

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type, i.e., an imposing administration building with an attached drill shed to the rear, but it predates the full-blown, castellated design features popularized by Perry during the 1890s. Instead, it appears to be little more than a restrained, Romanesque Revival inspired commercial building, regardless of its telltale drill shed at the rear. (In contrast, the slightly later armory next door--designed in 1895 by Perry--is a massive, castellated style fortress, clearly evoking its primary purpose and use.)

Upon its completion in 1886 for Walton's Thirty-third Separate Company, the armory was a comparatively large, progressive and fashionable facility; only a few other upstate communities could boast such a fine armory. Oddly enough, within a few years, plans were underway for a new facility on the adjacent parcel; by 1895, Walton was one of approximately thirty communities to receive a brand new armory by Perry. When the Thirty-third vacated the 1886 building, the old armory was converted for use as a school--first, as an academy for training teachers and, later, as a grade school.

In 1939 the building was acquired by the Walton Grange No. 1454 and converted for use as a Grange hall. The National Grange had been established shortly after the Civil War in response to abusive railroad tariffs and corporate monopolies; it quickly evolved into a nationwide initiative to improve agricultural practices in general. Just as quickly, it evolved from a strictly professional, agrarian society into a family-oriented, community organization designed to enhance all aspects of farmers' lives. Communal suppers and Saturday night dances became as important as discussions of the latest discoveries in animal husbandry or crop hybridization! Thus, the old armory was particularly attractive for such an adaptive use, containing many of the types of facilities (such as a large kitchen) and spaces (such as large and small meeting rooms) required by the Grange; the drill hall perfectly fit the Grange's need for auditorium space. Still owned by the Grange and serving a variety of needs in this rural agrarian region, the building remains an important reminder of the agricultural heritage of Delaware County.

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property less than one acre

UTM References

A. 18/489211/4667945

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary coincides with legal lot lines of the nominated parcel as identified on the attached county tax map (273.11-7-4).

Boundary Justification

The boundary is drawn to encompass the approximately 200' x 95' lot historically and currently associated with the nominated building.

11. Form Prepared By:

contact: Nancy L. Todd, Program Analyst
organization NYSHPO, Division for Historic Preservation date March 1998
street & number Peebles Island, PO Box 189 telephone 518-237-8643
city or town Waterford state NY zip code 12188-0189

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 SHPO or FPO.)

name _____
street & number _____
city or town _____ state _____ zip code _____

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WARE

RIVER

BRIDGE ST. (60')

TAX EXEMPT
28419 - 79025

1
2 ACc
WALTON SCHOOL
VILLAGE

TAX EXEMPT
28384 - 79023
79
VILLAGE OF
WALTON

300'

255'

(42')

STOCKTON

147
D WELLS

273.11-7-3139

273.11-7-4.00

VON SCHENBORN

WALTON
GRANGE

28374 - 78991
3
14 ACc

28387 - 79000
5
273.11-7-5.00

28393 - 79003
5
273.11-7-5.00

28399 - 79003
6
DICK GIFFORD

127
28412 - 79000
26
RAYMOND
MCDEVITT

28420 - 78995

27
DELAWARE
VALLEY

25
AILEY
GOODIE

28409 - 78990

24
28411 - 78983
JANET RICHARDS

28
POWELL

28421.7

78991
2
4 ACc

78979

28362 - 78966
77
GEO. KLINGER

28361 - 78961
76
PAUL ROGERS

28361 - 78956
75
DON JENKS

28360 - 78951
74
EVINGROND

28360 - 78946
73
UZANNE MASON

28359 - 78941
72
AN FRATILE

28386 - 78975
10
JULIUS

28383 - 78968
11
EY

28379 - 78962
12
RANDOLPH

28379 - 78956
13
SLOTT

28378 - 78949
14
RUBIN

28376 - 78943
15
JAMES
BUDIAE

Walton Grange No. 1454
Former New York State Armory
Heavy black outline defines boundary
of nominated property
1" = 100'
Walton, Delaware County

28431 - 78960
29.1
4.6 ACc

DVH

WILLIAM

28405 - 78964
21
JANN

28403 - 78959
20
HEPINS

28401 - 78954
19
SLOTT

28400 - 78950
18
SLOTT

28399 - 78945
17

28398 - 78940
16



Walton Grange/
Former Armory
Walton West Quad
Zone 18, 1:24,000
E : 489211
N : 4667945

800 000

4671
WALTON EAST

4670000m. N.

4669

10'
790 000

4667

4666

4665000m. N.



Walton Grange / Former Armory

Walton, Delaware Co.

Photo & Neg: N Todd, 1998, OPRHP

View: Front (north) facade

WALTON
1454
GRANGE

Marlboro
SANDWICHES
HOT COFFEE
NEWSPAPERS
SOFT DRINKS

CAMEL
LIGHTS
2.45

Walton Grange / Former Armory

Walton, Delaware Co.

Photo & neg: N. Todd, 1998, OPRHP

View: Detail, front facade



Walton Grange / Former nys Armory

Walton, Delaware Co.

Photo & Neg: N Todd, 1998, OPRHP

View: East elevation



Walton Grange / Former Armory
Walton, Delaware Co.

Photo: N Todd, 1998

neg: OPRHP

View: west elevation

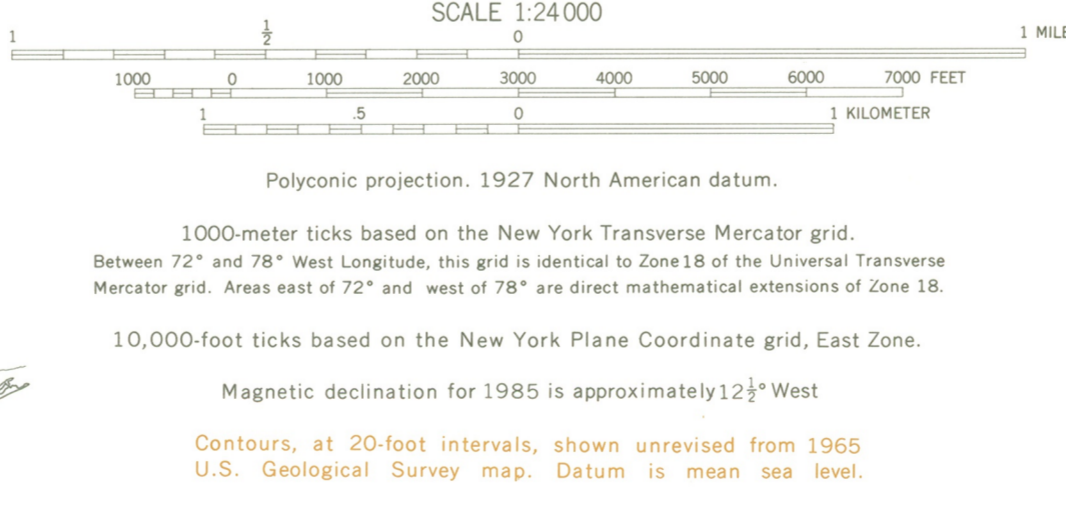


Walton Grange/
Former Armory
Walton West Quad
Zone 18, 1:24,000
E: 489211
N: 4667945

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QUADRANGLE LOCATION



INDEX TO 1:9600 (1" = 800') MAP COVERAGE

BOUNDARIES:

State	-----
County	-----
Town or City	-----
Incorporated Village	-----

ROADS:

Touring Route markers:		Divided highways and streets:	
Interstate	(I)	Wide mail	=====
U.S.	(U)	Narrow mail or barrier	=====
State	(S)		
County	(C)	Undivided highways and streets:	
		4 or more lanes	=====
State Highway number and limit	(#)	Less than 4 lanes	=====
County road	(#)	Vehicle track; trail	-----
Interchange number	(I)		