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DATA SHEET

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC Motor Square Garden

AND/OR COMMON East Liberty Market ~~House~~ *use this*

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Centre Avenue & Baum Boulevard ___ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN Pittsburgh CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 14th

STATE Pennsylvania VICINITY OF COUNTY Allegheny CODE 42 CODE 003

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME ~~Hufstader Cadillac~~ FRANK MAGUIRE FORD (Visit 12/6/77)

STREET & NUMBER Centre Avenue & Baum Boulevard 5900 BAUM BOULEVARD.

CITY, TOWN Pittsburgh STATE Pennsylvania

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Allegheny County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER 414 Grant Street

CITY, TOWN Pittsburgh STATE Pennsylvania

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Landmark Architecture of Allegheny County

DATE 1967 ___ FEDERAL ___ STATE COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Pittsburgh History & Landmark Foundation

CITY, TOWN Pittsburgh STATE Pennsylvania

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Architects trained in the Beaux Arts tradition, frequently incorporated Roman classical elements and forms when they had to shelter vast areas. Peabody and Stearns used the basilica and bath forms, the arch, and the dome in the Motor Square Garden. Although traditional in material, brick and details, it is modern in concept. The one story structure is based on a gabled modular unit with a six parlite arched window; three units by five units. An archivolt of polychrome headers and queen closers, with a keystone subtly articulates each arched unit. This polychrome design is continued along the impost cornice. Between each module is a colossal pilaster and capital that is actually the section of an entablature with modillions, dentils and moulding pattern. In the center of the roof area, is a large circular dome of timber, metal and glass erected on an octagonal drum.

In 1915, the market was converted into a sports arena, and in later years, it was used for trade shows. It is now an automobile showroom. Some changes have occurred over the years and the interior space has been subdivided, but the exterior has not been much changed. It has considerable visual value in its context and still performs a commercial function.

The building is about 200 feet square.

undisturbed - 2x5 P-93

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1898

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

PEABODY & STEARNS
(ARCHITECTS)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The great market shed was a familiar structure in nineteenth century America. At one time Pittsburgh had market houses. The Diamond Market, designed by Rutan and Russell was erected in 1915-16 and demolished in 1962. Motor Square Garden is one of two extant market sheds in Pittsburgh. It was designed at a time when Boston was still the center of architectural influence. Peabody and Stearns, a renowned Boston firm, designers of a large addition for Joseph Horne's department store, designed the market. It was their largest commission in Pittsburgh.

Motor Square Garden served as a market from 1900 when it was completed until 1915 when it was converted to a "sports arena". In later years it was used for trade shows. Now it is an automobile showroom. Miraculously it has managed to remain standing in an area that has been subject to heavy redevelopment, because it continues to have considerable visual value in its context and is still functionally operative, we strongly urge for its preservation. Now a rare architectural form to Pittsburgh and the country, this structure, by its form and size, is an East Liberty Landmark. The market shed, like the railroad station represents a by-gone era. Every possible effort should be made to preserve it.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Brickbuilder, Vol. 10, No. 1, January, 1901.

Van Trump, James D. and Ziegler, Arthur P. Jr. Landmark Architecture of Allegheny County, Pittsburgh: Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation, 1967, p. 126.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .2

UTM REFERENCES

*ONE ACRE. (2006 DIMENSIONS ARE 100' X 270')
Brick 12/6/77*

A

1	7	5	9	0	9	3	0	4	4	7	9	1	4	0
ZONE				EASTING				NORTHING						

B

ZONE				EASTING				NORTHING						

C

ZONE				EASTING				NORTHING						

D

ZONE				EASTING				NORTHING						

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

James D. Van Trump, Research Director

ORGANIZATION

Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

Old Post Office Museum, Allegheny Square West

TELEPHONE

(412) 322-1204

CITY OR TOWN

Pittsburgh

STATE

Pennsylvania

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 National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE

WILLIAM J. WEWER, Executive Director
Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission

DATE

5/9/77

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

12/12/77

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

DATE

12.8.77

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Property ~~Motor Square Garden~~

*Allegheny Co.
REF # 7700121*

State Pennsylvania Working Number 5.17.77.797

TECHNICAL

Photos 2
Maps 1

CONTROL

OK 5.19.77

HISTORIAN

~~ACREAGE SEEMS TOO SMALL~~ → *ACREAGE O.K.* → **ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN** → ACCEPT

"PEABODY & STEARNS" BLDG. - NO DOUBT IT IS ARCHITECTURALLY SIGNIFICANT DESPITE BRIEF NOMINATION.

H. Gibb 11/8/77

ARCHEOLOGIST

*accept
Braham
11/21/77*

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____
Review _____

Herb revised acreage in conjunction with Pittsburgh Landmarks + told Pa. SHPO.

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

*Accept
L. BOON
12/7/77*

BRANCH CHIEF

*[Signature]
12.8.77*

KEEPER

*[Signature]
12/12/77*

National Register Write-up _____
Federal Register Entry 2-7-78 Send-back _____
Re-submit _____

Entered DEC 12 1977

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Motor Square Garden

Allegheny Co

East Liberty Market

MOTOR SQUARE GARDEN
Allegheny County, PA

Photo Date: 1973

Photo Credit: Pittsburgh History &
Landmarks Foundation

Photo View: View from the Southwest

DEC 12 1977 MAY 17 1977

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PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Motor Sq Garden



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MOTOR SQUARE GARDEN

Allegheny County, PA

Photo Date 1973

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Photo View View from South Southeast

DEC 12 1977

MAY 17 1977

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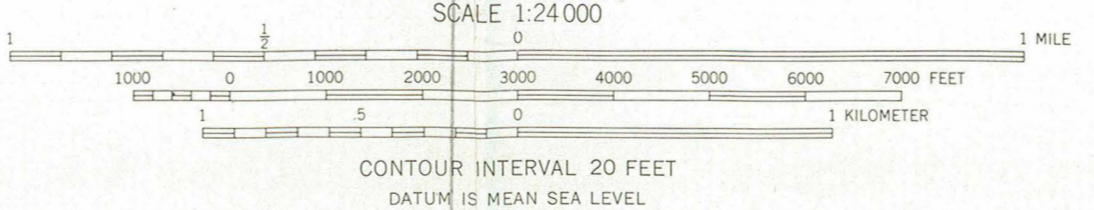
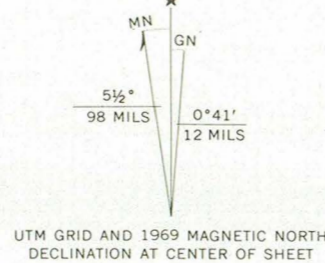
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Motor Square Garden
Zone 17
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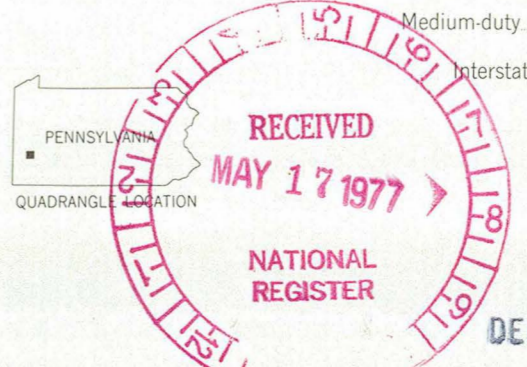
MOTOR SQUARE GARDEN
Allegheny County
DEC 12 1977
ZONE: 17 590 930 4479 140

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Topography by planetable surveys 1925-1941, and 1948
Culture revised by photogrammetric methods from aerial
photographs taken 1959. Field check 1960
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Pennsylvania coordinate system, south zone
100-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 17, shown in blue
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown
Revisions shown in purple compiled from aerial
photographs taken 1969. This information not
field checked
Purple tint indicates extension of urban areas



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty	Light-duty
Medium-duty	Unimproved dirt
Interstate Route	U. S. Route
	State Route



THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
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PITTSBURGH EAST, PA.
N 4022.5—W 7952.5/7.5
1960
PHOTOREVISED 1969
AMS 5064 IV NW—SERIES V831
DEC 12 1977

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE PENNSYLVANIA

Date Entered DEC 12 1977

Name

Location

East Liberty Market

Pittsburgh
Allegheny County

Boalsburg Historic District

Boalsburg
Centre County

Also Notified

Hon. H. John Heinz, III

Hon. Richard S. Schweiker

Hon. William S. Moorhead

Hon. Joseph S. Ammerman

Regional Director, Mid Atlantic Region

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Mott/js

12/19/77

State Historic Preservation Officer
Mr. William J. Wewer
Executive Director, Pennsylvania
Historical and Museum Commission
Box 1026
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

① NAME as it appears on federal register: East Liberty Market
 ② OTHER NAMES: Motor Square Garden
 ③ date of entry: DEC 12 1977
 ④ county code: 03

⑤ LOCATION street & number: Centre Ave. and Baum Blvd.
 city / town: Pittsburgh
 vicinity of: _____
 state: PA
 county: Allegheny
 ⑥ NPS REGION: MA

⑦ OWNER PRIVATE STATE MUNICIPAL COUNTY MULTIPLE FEDERAL (agency name)
 ⑧ ADMINISTRATOR: _____
 ⑨ EXISTING SURVEYS HABS HAER NHL
 ⑩ FUNDED? YES NO
 ⑪ CONGRESS. DISTRICT: 14th
 ⑫ SOURCE of NOMINATION: STATE FEDERAL
 if state who prepared form? _____

⑬ WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES, NAME _____ NO
 ⑭ WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES, NAME _____ NO
 ⑮ ACREAGE: _____
 LOCAL PRIVATE ORGANIZATION

⑯ CONDITION
 excellent good fair
 deteriorated unexposed unexcavated
 altered reconstructed excavated
 original site moved unknown
 ⑰ features:
 INTERIOR: SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-1 NOT INTACT-0 UNKNOWN-4 NOT APPLICABLE-7
 EXTERIOR: SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-2 NOT INTACT-0 UNKNOWN-5 NOT APPLICABLE-8
 ENVIRONS: SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-3 NOT INTACT-0 UNKNOWN-6 NOT APPLICABLE-9

⑱ ACCESS: YES - Restricted YES - Unrestricted No Access Unknown
 ⑲ ADAPTIVE USE: YES NO
 ⑳ SAVED? YES NO
 ㉑ IS PROPERTY A HISTORIC DISTRICT? yes no

㉒ AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE:
 ARCHEOLOGY - prehistoric-2
 ARCHEOLOGY - historic-1
 AGRICULTURE-3
 ARCHITECTURE-4
 ART-5
 ENGINEERING-11
 ENTERTAINMENT-26
 EXPLORATION-12
 HEALTH-27
 ECONOMICS-9
 EDUCATION-10
 LANDSCAPE ARCH.-15
 LAW-16
 LITERATURE-17
 MILITARY-18
 MUSIC-19
 PHILOSOPHY-20
 POLITICS / GOVT.-21
 RELIGION-22
 SCIENCE-23
 SOCIAL / HUMANITARIAN-24
 SOCIAL / CULTURAL-30
 TRANSPORTATION-25
 RECREATION-28
 SETTLEMENT-29
 URBAN PLANNING-31
 OTHER (SPECIFY) _____
 ㉓ CLAIMS: explain
 'first'
 'oldest'
 'only'

㉔ functions
 WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT:
 CURRENTLY:
 ㉕ dates of initial construction:
 major alterations:
 historic events:
 ㉖ ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION

㉗ architectural style(s):
 ㉘ architect:
 ㉙ master builder:
 ㉚ engineer:

㉛ landscape architect / garden designer:
 ㉜ interior decorator:
 ㉝ artist:
 ㉞ artisan:
 ㉟ builder/contractor:

㊱ NAMES give role & date
 PERSONAL:
 EVENTS:
 INSTITUTIONAL:

㊲ NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP