

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Grand Army of the Republic Hall

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

132 Park Place

CITY, TOWN

Johnstown

STATE

Pennsylvania

VICINITY OF

CODE

42

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

12

COUNTY

CODE

Cambria

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Central Park Plaza, Inc.

STREET & NUMBER

132 Park Place

CITY, TOWN

Johnstown

VICINITY OF

STATE

Pennsylvania

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Cambria County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

South Center Street

CITY, TOWN

Ebensburg

STATE

Pennsylvania

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Pennsylvania Inventory of Historic Places

DATE

3/1/78

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission

CITY, TOWN

Harrisburg

STATE

Pennsylvania

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The G.A.R. building of Johnstown is a three story brick structure with a flat roof. The exterior is relatively undisturbed and in its original condition with the brick being painted yellows and the trim black.

The building is three bays by seven bays. The front facade faces Park Place. The first story has a central doorway flanked by two large thermoplane windows. These are the only windows in the building that have been altered (1977). The doorway and windows are capped by heavy stone arches with keystones. The keystones hold the words Post 30 and the date of construction, 1893. A basement doorway is located below the first bay window.

The second story windows have heavy stone lintels and sills. The center window has a segmental arch. The flanking bays are comprised of sets of two, one over one light windows with common lintels and sills. Below the center window is a carved stone inset with the letters G.A.R.

Between the second and third story windows are located two carved stone insets with a cannon and crossed swords motif. Windows on the third story have a common stone lintel and sill which also extends to the edge of the building forming decorative belt courses. The center window is a single one over one light with a semi-circular transom. The flanking bays are paired windows also with semi-circular transoms.

Brick dentils line the roof edge on the Park Place and Locust Street elevations. A bastionlike brick corner piene is located at the corner of the front and side elevations.

The Locust Street elevation has different window styles on all three storys as well as the basement level. Basement level windows are nine light with radiating brick arches and modern shutters. First story windows are one over one light with radiating brick arches, stone sills and modern shutters. A large doorway with radiating brick arch is located in the seventh bay. Second story windows are elongated one over one light with stone lintels and sills. Third story windows are also one over one lights but have rounded brick arches. A metal three story fire escape is located on this elevation.

The rear elevation has two recessed wall areas with single windows on the three storys. A metal fire ladder is located to the right of the windows.

The fourth elevation is a commonwall with the neighboring building.

The building originally held three hall-type rooms with restrooms on all three floors and a commercial business in the basement level. In 1976 the building was purchased by five attorneys and the first and second floors were converted into contemporary offices. The third floor is unchanged. The lower level housed a beauty shop at the time of the Johnstown Flood of July 20, 1977 and is now restored into four professional offices.

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 type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input checked="" 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 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

1893

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This building was built in 1893 by the Emery Fisher Post 30 of the Grand Army of the Republic, a Civil War Veterans organization which was organized in 1869. This building served as a meeting hall for the Grand Army of the Republic as well as the other patriotic and fraternal organizations and was a depository of Civil War relics. The interior of the building was damaged by fire in June of 1965, but rebuilt through the efforts of community leaders and housed the office of an Alderman until January of 1975 when it was purchased by the present owners.

The use by the veteran groups continued through the sale to the current owner when the building was remodeling into professional offices. This building served as a meeting place for veterans of the Civil War who in the post-war years were instrumental in the development of this community.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Archives of Johnstown Tribune Democrat - newspaper

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .1 (31.5' X 80')

QUADRANGLE NAME _____ QUADRANGLE SCALE _____

UTM REFERENCES

A	<u>17</u>	<u>676820</u>	<u>4465820</u>	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Earnest R. Walker, President

ORGANIZATION

Central Park Plaza, Inc.

DATE

814-535-1501

STREET & NUMBER

132 Park Place

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Johnstown

STATE

Pennsylvania

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL _____ STATE _____ LOCAL X

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

DATE

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

DATE

ATTEST: KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

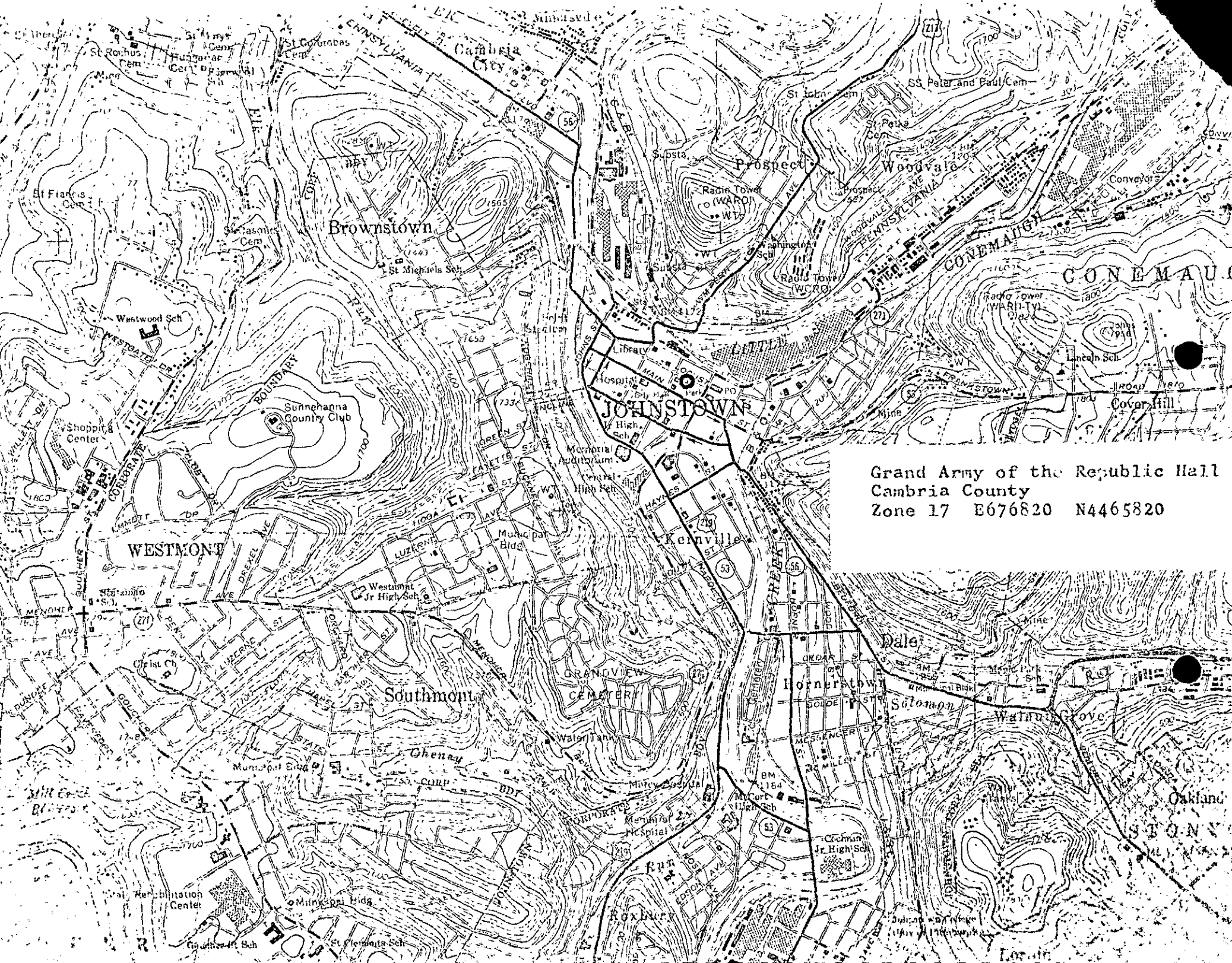
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CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC HALL
Cambria County

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

HAVING a frontage of thirty-one and one-half (31 1/2) feet on the westerly side of Park Place and extending in a westerly direction with the same width, a distance of eighty (80) feet to a private alley; the said land being bounded on the northerly side by Locust Street and on the Southerly side by land now or late of W. B. Fire; and having thereon erected a three-story brick building known as the Grand Army Hall.



Grand Army of the Republic Hall
Cambria County
Zone 17 E676820 N4465820