

Frankford Arsenal, Building 206
Southwest corner of Baker Street and Craig Road
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Location: Southwest corner of Baker Street and Craig Road
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Quad: Frankford

Date of Construction: 1918

Significance: Building 206 was constructed in 1918 as a cart house and is associated with the large-scale expansion of Frankford Arsenal in its relation with the United States' entry into World War I.

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HISTORY

Building 206 was constructed in 1918 as a cart house, at a cost of \$24,000. By 1922, the northernmost three bays of the building were used as a road machinery room. It was converted for use as a repair facility by the field service in 1943-1944. A new overhead garage door was installed in the north facade in 1945.

DESCRIPTION

Building 406 is a two-story brick building, measuring approximately 107 feet by 36 feet. It has a cement tile, gabled roof with a corbeled brick cornice. Two ventilators are located along the ridge line. A "1918" datestone is located above the segmentally-arched north entry. This entry originally contained three sliding, X-braced, glazed wooden doors. The original opening has been partially infilled with brick, and is fitted with a large rectangular, wood and glass garage-type door. Original segmentally-arched entries on the side elevations have been converted into windows with concrete sills, and tripartite nine-over-nine sash. Second story window openings have two-over-two double-hung sash. Many window openings have been infilled with louvers or glass block. A second-story loading door with overhead hoist beam is located in the south facade.

Much of the internal structure of the building, including the beams, columns, and floors is constructed of reinforced concrete. The interior is divided into four rooms by brick and plasterboard partitions. Eight-panel, steel Howe roof trusses with angled lower chords are evident in the attic.

SOURCE

John Milner Associates, "Historical and Archeological Survey of Frankford Arsenal" (West Chester, PA: John Milner Associates, 1979).

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