

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

1. Name of Property

historic name: Liberty Arming the Patriot

other name/site number: Ladies Soldiers Memorial

2. Location

street & number: Park Place

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Pawtucket vicinity: N/A

state: RI county: Providence code: 007 zip code: 02860

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: public-local

Category of Property: object

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
_____	_____	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
<u>1</u>	_____	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register:

Name of related multiple property listing: Outdoor Sculpture of Rhode Island, 1851-present

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4. 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.

 See continuation sheet.

Signature of certifying official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria.

 See continuation sheet.

Frederic C. W. Hanson

Signature of commenting or other official

Date 3/22/09

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. 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):

Signature of Keeper

Date
of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic: RECREATION AND CULTURE

Sub: work of art

Current: RECREATION AND CULTURE

Sub: work of art

Property name Liberty Arming the Patriot, Providence County, Pawtucket, RI**7. Description**Architectural Classification: NA

Other Description:

Materials: foundation _____ roof _____
walls _____ other METAL/bronze

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

X See continuation sheet.**8. Statement of Significance**Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: statewideApplicable National Register Criteria: ACriteria Considerations (Exceptions): FAreas of Significance: ArtPeriod(s) of Significance: 1896Significant Dates: 1896

Significant Person(s):

Cultural Affiliation:

Architect/Builder: Hastings, W. Granville (sculptor)

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

X See continuation sheet.

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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:

 State historic preservation office Other state agency Federal agency Local government University Other -- Specify Repository:**10. Geographical Data**Acreage of Property: less than one

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

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C _____ D

 See continuation sheet.Verbal Boundary Description: See continuation sheet.Boundary Justification: See continuation sheet.**11. Form Prepared By**Name/Title: Ronald J. OnoratoOrganization: RI Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission Date: 8/2000Street & Number: 150 Benefit Street Telephone: 401-874-2769City or Town: Providence State: RI ZIP: 02903

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Description

Liberty Arming the Patriot (1897) is a dynamically composed bronze figure group, portraying a young male farmer dressed in realistic work clothes and a female figure. The woman stands on a rocky prominence; she wears classical robes, a breastplate, sandals, and billowing cloak. The face is impassive; on her head is the Phrygian cap which identifies her as the embodiment of freedom. She holds a pike in her right hand, a sword in her left. The farmer is bare-headed, dressed in a yoked shirt with rolled sleeves and work trousers tucked into rough boots. He is shown turning from his plow (his left hand still rests on the plowhandle) to take up the sword held by the female figure with the right hand. He steps toward the other figure on his left foot. The figure group is 11' high and 5' wide and deep.

The group is set at the center of a wide, stepped, grey granite base, whose sides curve forward; the base is large, 22' wide, 10' high, and 9' deep. At the center of the base is a large square bronze plaque depicting in shallow relief a Union artillery battery, representing the men led by General Ambrose Burnside at Antietam Bridge; smaller triangular plaques on either side depict female figures, one of whom inscribes a tablet, described as Epic Poetry or History; the other, Eternity, contemplates a fern frond. On the rear of the base is a text plaque, identifying the work as a memorial to Pawtucket citizens who served in the Civil War: IN GRATEFUL RECOGNITION/of the valiant and self-sacrificing service to their country/of all persons/who went from Pawtucket and its vicinity to join/the forces of the United States during the Civil War,/and especially to the memory of those who suffered/And died in that service,/this monument is erected by/THE LADIES' SOLDIERS' MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION of Pawtucket, Rhode Island,/and by them is consecrated as an everlasting/memorial/anno domine 1897. Bronze lamps were once set on the low ends of the base; these are now missing, but they are documented in photographs.

Aside from the missing lamp standards, the monument is in good condition. There is some corrosion and staining of the bronze figure group, but this is minor.

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Photographs

Photo #1

Photographer: Pamela Kennedy

Date:

Negative: RIHPHC, 150 Benefit Street, Providence, RI

Liberty Arming the Patriot, from the southwest; base of missing bronze lamp standard seen at right.

Photo #2

Liberty Arming the Patriot, central figure group, seen from the southeast.

Photo #3

Liberty Arming the Patriot, central figure group, seen from the southwest.

Photo #4

Liberty Arming the Patriot, from the east, central group and three relief plaques: Antietam Bridge at center, History at right, Eternity at left; base of missing lamp standard at far right of base.

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Significance

Liberty (sometimes Freedom) Arming the Patriot (1897) is historically significant because it documents the principal effort of Pawtucket to honor those who served in the Civil War; because it is associated with a major fabricator of bronze sculptures, the Gorham Manufacturing Company; and because it is a good representative of the character of early twentieth century figurative sculpture.

Liberty Arming the Patriot was raised by the Ladies' Soldiers' Memorial Association, a local group formed to honor Pawtucket's Civil War veterans. They conducted an 11-year campaign of donations, public subscriptions, and entertainments to raise funds. The memorial was cast at the Gorham Manufacturing Company plant in Providence.

Compared with many other Civil War memorials in Rhode Island which depict stiff figures in military dress, Liberty Arming the Patriot is innovative in form and shares some of the characteristics of the leading sculpture of its day. The sculpture uses the posture and detailing of the two figures to create an active composition, a decisive moment caught in time forever in the metal. The sculpture depicts an ancient theme, the young man called from civil life to serve the nation in time of need, and transforms the theme into a contemporary allegory. The dynamism and activity of the sculpture is characteristic of the best sculpture of the turn of the century. Even the form of the base, with its stepped arms extending out and forward from the statue, reaching a crescendo at the sculpture group, adds to the lively drama of the composition.

W. Granville Hastings was born in London and studied at King's College and Lambeth Art School. He worked in Paris under Jules Dalou and, in 1892, was hired by the Gorham Company to work principally on the exhibits at the World's Fair.

Though commemorative in intent, Liberty has also achieved historical significance, by the quality of its design, by its association with the Gorham Company, and as its community's

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Major Bibliographical References

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Geographical Data

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary of the nominated property is the land on which the sculpture sits.

Boundary Justification

Liberty Arming the Patriot is set in its original location on Park Place. The historic significance of the work, however, is not dependent upon its setting but is encompassed within the object itself.



Liberty Arming the Patriot
Providence City, Pawtucket, R.I.
Photo # 1 of 4

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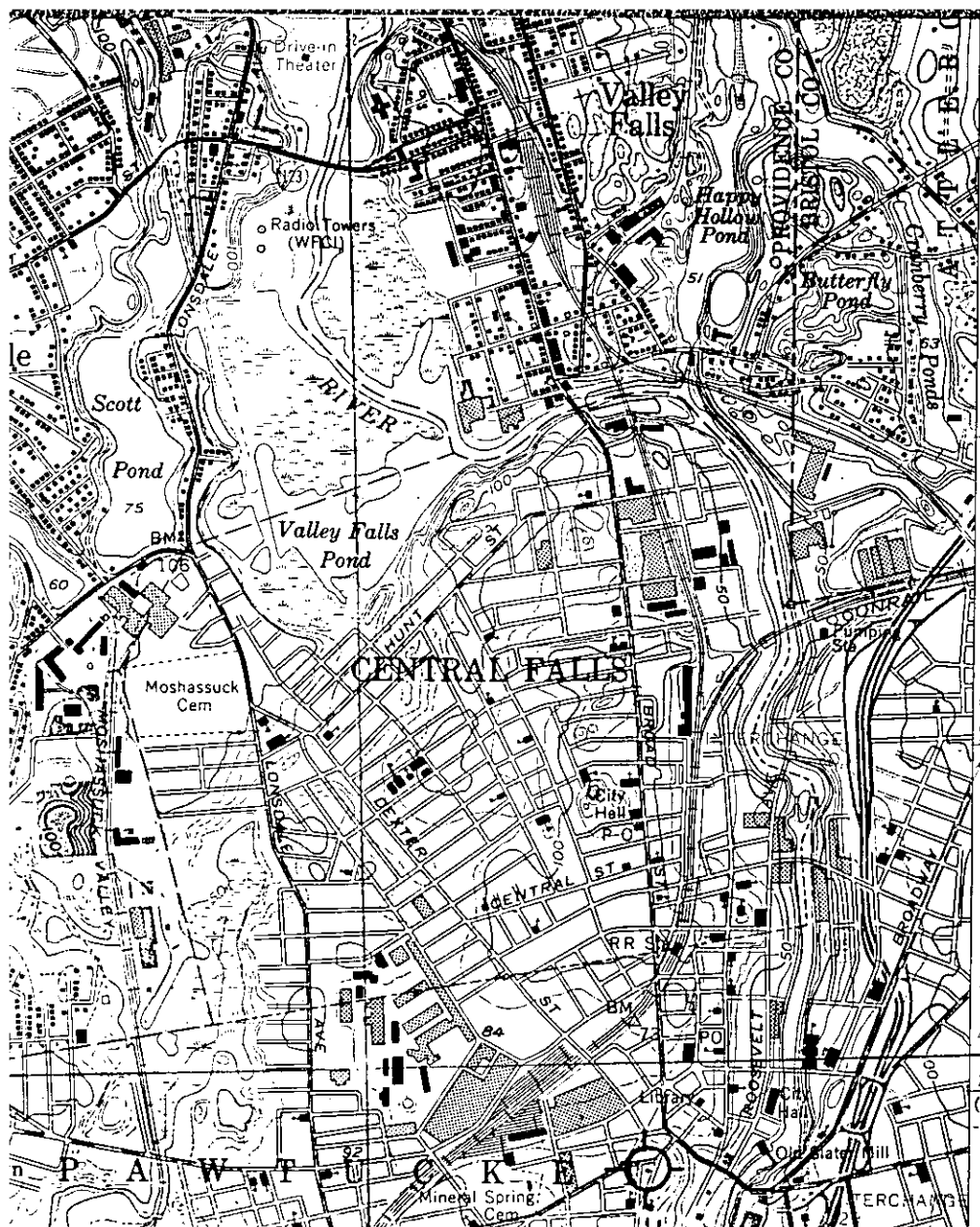
Liberty Arming the Patriot
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Liberty Arming the Patriot
Providence City, Pawtucket, R.I.
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Liberty Arming the Peasant
 Providence City, Pawtucket, R.I.
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*Liberty Arming the Patriot
Providence City, Pawt., RI*

4639000m N. 19-301900-4638660

290 000 FEET (R.I.)

41°52'30"

71°22'30"

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

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

*(EAST PROVIDENCE)
6767 IV SE*

PAWTUCKET, R. I.-MASS

N4152.5-W7122.5/7.5

1949

PHOTOREVISED 1970 AND 1975
AMS 6767 IV NW-SERIES V815

QUADRANGLE LOCATION

1:250,000 scale
1:50,000 scale
1:25,000 scale