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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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LATE-19TH AND EARLY-20TH CENTURY

REVIVALS: Late Gothic Revival

8. Statement of Significance	
Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)	Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)
-	ARCHITECTURE
A Property is associated with events that have made	
a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.	
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☐ B Property is associated with the lives of persons	
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high artistic values, or represents a significant and	
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Property is:	
■ A owned by a religious institution or used for	
religious purposes.	
	Significant Person
☐ B removed from its original location.	(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)
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E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.	
F a commemorative property.	
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G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.	UNKNOWN
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Narrative Statement of Significance Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.	
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Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on or	
Previous documentation on file (NPS):	Primary location of additional data:
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CFR 67) has been requested ☐ previously listed in the National Register	 ☐ Other State agency ☐ Federal agency
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Maps					
A USGS ma	ap (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the p	roperty's	location.		
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Photographs					
Representat	ive black and white photographs of the pr	operty.			
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Property Owner			_		
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city or town	Noodstock	_ state _	VA	zip code	

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Description

Lantz Hall is an early-twentieth-century Late Gothic Revival-style structure built in 1907 as the second structure of Massanutten Military Academy in Woodstock, Virginia. Situated on a commanding hill south of the town center, the building faces east to the Massanutten Mountain range and fronts the campus green in a linear configuration with other academy structures. U.S. Route 11, a major historic north-south thoroughfare in the Shenandoah Valley, passes in front of the Academy grounds.

Lantz Hall stands as a $3\frac{1}{2}$ -story, seven-by-three bay, wood frame, brick veneer, T-plan structure on a raised rock-faced limestone foundation with a projecting Gothic tower pavilion and three-bay pointed-arched porch. The symmetrical facade, with varied fenestration of triple clustered windows and single pointed-arched windows, is accented by Cleveland sandstone sill courses and alternating rock-faced quoins. It rises to a replacement asphalt shingle hip roof with north and south wall dormers. In 1926 a three-story, seven-by-three bay, gable-roofed ell was constructed to the rear (west) repeating the brick veneering, window fenestration, Gothic elements, and sandstone detailing of the main structure. Parapeted square brick towers flank the end stepped gable with the south corner tower supporting an octagonal-shaped brick chimney.

The front facade combines the horizontal and vertical elements of the Late Gothic Revival-style. Double, oak, pointed-arched doors and flanking one-over-one sash windows are sheltered by the central, three-bay, brick, pointed-arched porch with its crenelated parapet. Prior to 1927 a concrete staircase led to the central portal of this porch while a square rail balustrade connected each pier of the side and front flanking portals. Today the concrete stairs span all three front portals.

The horizontality of the porch accents the verticality of the projecting pavilion that rises above and is comprised of four octagonal crenelated towers with narrow four-pane windows.

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The pavilion, which houses an interior three-story staircase, is now lit by triple clustered one-over-one sash windows on two stories, one cluster having pointed arches and trefoil architraves. The present clear glass windows, outlined by projecting sandstone blocks, were once stained glass. Between these second and thirdstory windows was a tripartite stained-glass window proclaiming "Lantz Hall, by Wm. C. Lantz in memory of his parents." stained glass suffered vandalism and disrepair and was removed in 1967. Subsequently, the spandrel was infilled with cement. Some of the removed glass was used to repair the stained-glass windows on the south facade (auditorium). Besides the decorative glass work, the pavilion is further embellished with a sandstone pent roof, supported by brackets and a string course, that connects the Gothic towers on three sides and protects the corbeled brickwork underneath. A sandstone Greek cross is located beneath the pent roof on the front facade of the pavilion.

The pattern of triple clustered windows resting upon Cleveland sandstone sill courses continues across the front of the building on the second and third stories, lighting the dormitory rooms. Third-story, symmetrical, gable wall dormers with dormer caps punctuate the horizontal rhythm of windows across the facade. These tripartite windows are outlined in brick pointed arches and sandstone quoins, resting upon brick corbeled supports. The first-story auditorium one-over-one sash windows with pointed-arched transoms are capped with a sandstone cross and rest upon a sandstone sill course.

The north and south facades of Lantz Hall utilize the elements of a gable wall dormer with dormer caps, single cruciform gable windows, sandstone crosses above third-story central arched windows, and alternating sandstone quoins to emphasize a north side entry and south side stained-glass windows. The north side double-leaf entry features paneled doors with small panes below a large six-pane arched transom. Opening into the auditorium, the entry is flanked by two-over-two sash arched windows. The south gable wall dormer is lit on the first story by the

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three stained-glass, one-over-one sash, arched windows that highlight the auditorium.

In 1926 the need for more dormitory and classroom space was met by the $3\frac{1}{2}$ -story, three-by-seven bay, brick, gable-roofed ell that was erected to the west of the main structure. One-overone sash windows with arched transoms and molded surrounds repeat the main building's first-story fenestration. Only the use of six-over-six sash windows on the second and third stories deviates from the design of the 1907 structure. Sandstone sill courses and alternating quoins accent the ell and the central gabled parapet on the west (rear) facade, while sandstone label moldings define the third-story windows and altered fire escape doors. A north corner crenelated tower with alternating quoins and sill courses features blind pointed arches. The south corner tower, also with sandstone quoins and sill courses, supports a two-part, octagonal, brick chimney with corbeled cap, protruding crenelated string course, and recessed vertical panels.

The main building of Lantz Hall originally housed a gymnasium in the basement, an auditorium on the first floor, and dormitory space on the upper floors. The 1926 ell created more dormitory rooms and some additional classroom space on the first floor.

There have been no structural changes to the interior of Lantz Hall. The only major alteration was the adaptation of the basement gymnasium to a firing range in 1924, but original paneled doors and a matchstick board ceiling attest to the room's earlier history. Presently the basement also houses the academy's maintenance shop.

Directly above the gymnasium/firing range on the first floor is the auditorium. The most impressive room in the entire structure, it spans the length and width of the main building. Its finely-crafted narrow oak board ceiling with box-paneled cross beams is supported by three central, cast-iron, Corinthian columns.

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Pointed-arched sash windows are connected by a simple molded sill rail along the plaster walls. There are three entries to the auditorium: a north facade pane-and-panel door, previously described, an arched door leading to the 1926 ell, and an altered arched opening infilled with a contemporary door leading to the front entry and Gothic tower staircase. Original narrow floor boards remain exposed. Contemporary lighting and paddle ceiling ians have been added to the hall and in 1982 the current bench seating was installed. An ogee-arched stage with an approximate three-foot rise from the floor commands the south end of the room. Double-panel, pointed-arched doors lead to the stage from either The wall behind the stage is beautifully graced by the three one-over-one sash stained-glass windows visible from the exterior south facade. The windows are enframed with molded surrounds and a simple molded sill rail. Among the curvilinear designs of the windows are depicted the torch of knowledge, laurel wreaths encircling books, and an embellished "M."

The second and third stories of the main building housed the dormitory facilities with fourteen rooms on each floor. Some contemporary materials were applied in the 1960s such as linoleum tile covering the wood floors, sheet paneling applied to the plaster walls, and plywood doors closing the dormitory rooms. However, original woodwork in simple quarter-round molded baseboards, door, and window surrounds remain.

Each floor is entered by the enclosed front tower staircase.

The wide stairs with oak handrails connect each floor and feature spacious landings. Contemporary paneling has been applied to the tower walls.

The 1926 ell increased Lantz Hall's capacity for dormitory space by adding approximately ten more dormitory rooms to the upper stories. Similar to the main building, linoleum tile covers the floor, sheet paneling hangs over the plaster walls, and the original woodwork is simple. The only structural alteration

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came a year later in 1927 with the addition of fire escape doors on the west facade leading to exterior wrought-iron stairs.

The first story houses two large classrooms with plaster walls, tile flooring, simple woodwork, and oak horizontal panel doors. The basement contains the heating plant for Lantz Hall, neighboring Harrison Hall (1923) and all subsequent structures on the campus green. Originally a coal furnace, with high pressure boilers, it has been converted to gas. A north side basement entrance leads to a wooden staircase with access to each story. The stairway has box-molded newel posts and wood-panel balusters.

Statement of Significance

Lantz Hall is an excellent example of an early-twentieth-century Collegiate Gothic-style building. Built in 1907, the second structure of Massanutten Military Academy, its imposing facade of vertical and horizontal elements draws directly from the popular Late Gothic Revival style of the time with strength, solidity, and religious references. Its architectural significance contributes greatly to the overall linear configuration of the neighboring buildings along the great lawn. Commanding an imposing position upon the campus facing South Main Street, the building represents the finest of Late Gothic Revival-style architecture in Woodstock, Virginia. Although alterations have occurred through the years, Lantz Hall retains its significance through skillfully combined materials and quality craftmanship rendering this property locally significant under Criteria C of the National Register. With the declining number of military academies throughout Virginia, the architectural quality of this building is significant to the history of education within the state. The structure also stands as a tribute to William C. Lantz, son of German Valley settlers, who was a founding trustee of the Academy, an educator in the public schools of Shenandoah County, and a prominent citizen within his community as a justice of the peace and a bank vice-president.

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Massanutten Academy was chartered by the state of Virginia in the spring of 1899 by the Virginia Classis of the Reformed Church, presently the United Church of Christ. It was the youngest of twelve Reformed Church institutions in the United States. Purchasing four acres of open farm land on a commanding hill at the southern edge of the town of Woodstock, and the former home of United States Senator, Harrison Holt Riddleberger (1843-1890), the Reformed Church opened its academy doors on 12 September 1899 in Riddleberger Hall. The school was, "established to foster Christian education without regard for denomination or sect." It was during World War I that the Academy became organized under military rules to foster a disciplined atmosphere, and thus its name changed accordingly. In the beginning of the twentieth century Massanutten Academy was one of a number of such academies in Virginia. Today it is one of seven to survive in the state.

Lantz Hall, the second structure on the academy grounds, was begun in 1907 to accommodate a growing student population. Dedicated in 1909, Lantz Hall housed fifty-two boys and four instructors on the upper floors. Lantz Hall also contained an auditorium with seating for 350 and a basement gymnasium with lockers and showers.

Howard J. Benchoff, the Academy's third headmaster from 1905 to 1958, was instrumental in the planning of this second building, but it was the generosity of William C. Lantz from Mount Jackson, Virginia, that made the building a reality.

The Lantz name appears as early as 1785 on a Shenandoah County census and is associated with the Lantz Mills village along Stony Creek, west of Edinburg, Virginia. George Lantz, William's father, was associated with a forge along this creek which, during the years, expanded and developed into the thriving Lantz Mills village.

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William C. Lantz was a member of the Reformed Church and a founding trustee on the board of Massanutten Academy. Born and educated in Shenandoah County, Lantz pursued a respectable career as a justice of the peace (Ashby District), a vice-president and trustee of Mount Jackson National Bank, and an educator in the Shenandoah County public schools. His community involvement and accumulated wealth proved a valuable asset to the Academy.

The Late Gothic Revival-style architecture of Lantz Hall majestically proclaimed the Academy's growing status within the community and recognized the generosity of W.C. Lantz. The building was dedicated in memory of Lantz's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Lantz of Hamburg, Shenandoah County, and inscribed as such in the tripartite stained-glass windows of the building's front towered pavilion.

In the next decade the Academy continued to enjoy the reputation of a, "high-grade boys preparatory school," and faced the need for further building expansion. Overlapping part of the southern facade of Lantz Hall at the building's southwest corner is the two-story brick Virginia Lee Harrison Dormitory and Gymnasium. Built in 1923, this structure continued a linear configuration of Academy buildings facing the campus green begun by Lantz Hall. Within two years of the opening of Harrison Hall, the basement gymnasium in Lantz Hall was converted to a rifle range, and became the Battalion Headquarters. The campus had grown to ten acres, landscaped with Norway maples and spruce trees.

Immediately following the opening of Harrison Hall plans were in place to extend Lantz Hall to the west with a $3\frac{1}{2}$ -story, 40' X 62', brick ell. Completed in 1926, this wing provided additional first-floor classrooms and upper-story dormitory space 14 increasing occupancy to eighty-eight cadets and four instructors. The central coal heating plant installed in the basement at this time served both Lantz and Harrison halls and eventually went on to service all of the buildings along the campus green

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(Benchoff Hall, Sperry Hall, Riddleberger Hall).

During 1925, along with the building activity of the Lantz Hall wing, the front staircase to the main building was enlarged to reach all three of the porch portals. In 1927 fire escape doors were installed in the west facade of the new wing.

As the twentieth century progressed, Massanutten Military Academy enjoyed continued success as one of Virginia's prominent military schools, reaching its highest enrollment during the early 1960s. About this time Lantz Hall was cosmetically updated with linoleum tile covering the wood floors and sheet paneling hung over the plaster walls. Continuing to house students and provide classroom space, the building remained a focal point on campus for assemblies, entertainment, and chapel on Sunday in the auditorium.

Lantz Hall also became the focus of antiwar protestors during United States involvement in Vietnam in the 1960s and 1970s. Due to a combination of age and possible destruction through protest activity on campus, the stained-glass windows in the front pavilion were removed in 1967. The remaining pieces of the stained glass were stored in the basement over the years and periodically used to repair the stained-glass windows in the south wall of the auditorium.

Only in 1991 did the building cease its activity as a dormitory.

It continues to serve as the main heating plant for the surrounding buildings and its basement still houses the rifle range and maintenance rooms for the custodial staff. The first floor of the ell provides classroom space and the auditorium serves, as it has since 1909, as the main assembly hall.

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Verbal Boundary Description

The property is a rectangular parcel measuring 97 x 249 feet, whose southeast corner is on the western curbline of South Main Street (U. S. Route 11), 132 feet directly east of the southeast corner of the foundation of Lantz Hall, 614 South Main Street, and whose northeast corner is also on the western curbline of South Main Street (U. S. Route 11), 97 feet directly north of the corner established above.

Boundary Justification

The boundaries of the nominated property were chosen to include Lantz Hall and its setting on the campus green, and to exclude the nearby buildings which were not architecturally significant.

