

7. Local survey organization  
 Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation

8. property owners name and address  
 Latimer Associates  
 490 East North Avenue  
 Pittsburgh, PA 15212

9. tax parcel number/other number  
 23M-196  
 11. status (other surveys, lists etc.)  
 NR District  
 Allegheny Co. Survey

10. U.T.M. 17 584700  
 Zone Easting  
 four acres  
 usgs sheet: Pgh. West 1:24000  
44718660  
 Northing

12. classification  
 site ( ) structure ( ) object ( )  
 building (X) district ( )  
 thematic (X)  
 16. architect or engineer  
 Frederick C. Sauer

13. date(s) (how determined)  
 1898  
 14. period  
 1881-1900  
 17. contractor or builder

15. style, design or folk type  
 Classical  
 Revival  
 18. primary building mat./construc.  
 Brick

19. original use School  
 20. present use School  
 21. condition Good  
 22. integrity Good

23. site plan with north arrow  
 24. photo notation  
 25. file/location

BLACK AND WHITE PRINT(S)  
 3 1/2" x 5" enlargement or medium format contact  
 note location of negative in block 24.

26. brief description (note unusual features, integrity, environment, threats and associated buildings)  
 This massive three and one half story yellow brick school building is raised on a stone base. It has a shallow hipped roof with hipped roof dormers, and a central open arcaded tower on the south (Tripoli Street) facade. The facade features a symmetrical but highly varied sequence of sections which project and recess in both  
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27. history, significance and/or background  
 Latimer School acts as an anchor for its Duchtown neighborhood and is a solid representative of 1890's school building. Latimer's fenestration pattern and rhythmic massing give it a lively aspect reminiscent of Italianate designs but much of the detailing is Classically derived. The smokestack, however, has a bold and almost modern appearance. The school deals with space constraints by filling its city lot and rising several stories above the street level in  
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28. sources of information  
 (continue on back if necessary)

29. prepared by:  
 Lu Donnelly  
 PHLF

Computer Coding (BHP Survey Grantees Must Complete)

30. date 5/85  
 revision(s)

31. county 003 32. style 22  
 32. construction material 03 34. roof \_\_\_\_\_  
 35. design type \_\_\_\_\_  
 36. historic function 0 80 3.0 1P  
 37. construction feature \_\_\_\_\_ 38. ext. walls 03 39. plan \_\_\_\_\_  
 40. facade width 6 41. roof material \_\_\_\_\_ 42. stories \_\_\_\_\_ 43. depth \_\_\_\_\_  
 44. ext. design \_\_\_\_\_  
 45. int. design \_\_\_\_\_

1. County Allegheny  
 2. municipality Pittsburgh  
 3. street address or specific location Tripoli and James Streets  
 4. survey code  
 5. present name Latimer School  
 6. other name (historic name if any) N/A

26. (cont.)

height and depth. A massive chimney with a corbeled brick cap rises on the east side.

The windows of the building's three main stories are both rounded arch and rectangular, mostly single sash, fulcrum style with transoms, arranged singly and in groups. Lintels and sills are of stone, and sill courses run below the first and third stories. All entranceways are rounded arched. The main doorway on Tripoli Street is flanked by multiple stone colonnettes, sidelights and transoms and ultimately by a stone entablature. The 1898 date is carved above.

The school covers nearly the entire block on which it sits, and has no playing fields.

Latimer's interior has an H-shaped network of wide hallways with classrooms at the perimeters. The wide central split stair rising from the Tripoli Street entry is unadorned. The school, despite its lively fenestration and massive size, employs no elaborate decorative features.

27. (cont.)

a manner similar to Fifth Avenue High School completed four years before. Interior space is made available for children's play in the form of a pair of gymnasiums on the fourth floor.

Architect Frederick C. Sauer (1860-1942) was born in Heidelberg, Germany and worked as a stone-cutter, bricklayer and carpenter as part of his architectural training. At age 19 he came to Pittsburgh and apprenticed with architect E. M. Butts. He began his own practice in 1884. His other Pittsburgh buildings include St. Stanislaus Church in the Strip District, St. Stephen's Church in Hazelwood, St. Mary of the Mount Church on Mt. Washington, and the Fifth Ward (Manchester) School. He was a prolific designer of warehouses, office buildings and large residences as well. In 1904 he organized the Aspinwall-Delafield Land Company and became very active designing houses in Aspinwall where he also built himself a complex of eccentric buildings known as the "Sauer Buildings."

Latimer School was named in memory of Alexander C. Latimer, the last president of the local School Board (Allegheny City).

In 1974 a study listed the building as unsatisfactory for school use since it had no outdoor play space. The street was blocked off to provide a playground during lunch hour. The fourth floor gymnasium facilities were against code regulations. The school was closed shortly thereafter.

The building was purchased in 1984 by a Philadelphia-based firm, Historic Landmarks for Living, which is creating market rate rental units in the building.

*stonic space: architecture*  
Verbal boundary description and justification.

The nominated property consists of Allegheny County block and lot 23M-196 which encompasses the school building and contiguous grounds.

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