

7. Local survey organization
 Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation

8. property owners name and address
 Charles B. Brown, III
 313 Sixth Avenue
 Pittsburgh, PA 15222

9. tax parcel number/other number
 49J-27

10. U.T.M. 117 5876810
 Zone easting
 less than one acre
 44798910
 usgs sheet: Pgh East 1:24000
 northing

11. status (other surveys, lists etc.)
 Allegheny County Survey

12. classification
 site () structure () object ()
 building (X) district ()
 Thematic (X)

13. date(s) (how determined)
 1872

15. style, design or folk type

19. original use
 School

14. period
 1861-1880

Italianate

20. present use
 Warehouse

16. architect or engineer
 Barr & Moser

17. contractor or builder

18. primary building mat./construc.
 Brick

21. condition
 Poor
 22. integrity
 Poor

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)
 Lawrence School is located in a partly residential and partly industrial section of Lawrenceville. Its property, once an open yard surrounded with iron fencing, has been consumed by additions to the building and provisions for parking.
 -----(continue on back if necessary)

27. history, significance and/or background
 Lawrence School was built in 1872 and named for its Lawrenceville community. A major impetus for its construction was a stated need for German language instruction. The school was closed in 1939 when its students were transferred to the new Arsenal Elementary School. The building was sold in 1945 and is used as a warehouse.
 Lawrence School is the only remaining Pittsburgh School known ----- (continue on back if necessary)

28. sources of information
 (continue on back if necessary)

29. prepared by:
 Martin Aurand
 PHLF

Computer Coding (BHP Survey Grantees Must Complete)

30. date 4/86
 revision(s)

31. county 003 32. style 11; ; ; ; ;
 32. construction material 03; ; ; ; ; 34. roof ; ; ; ; ;
 35. design type ; ; ; ; ;
 36. historic function 0 803 0 1 P; ; ; ; ;
 37. construction feature ; ; ; ; ; 38. ext. walls 03; ; ; ; ; 39. plan ; ; ; ; ;
 40. facade width 3 41. roof material ; 42. stories E 43. depth ; ; ; ; ;
 44. ext. design ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ;
 45. int. design ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ;

1. County Allegheny
 2. municipality Pittsburgh
 3. street address or specific location 3701 Charlotte Street
 4. survey code

5. present name
 6. other name (historic name if any)
 Lawrence Public School

26. (cont.)

Lawrence School is a blocky three-story brick building. Only projecting center bays and corner piers on each elevation break the original basic cubic form. There are, however, newer brick stairtowers at the rear, and other brick additions at the sides and rear which post-date the building's use as a school.

The basement is stone. Windows are tall and narrow with flaring segmented stone arches on the first story, brick segmental arches on the second story, and rounded arches on the third story. There is a brick beltcourse between the first and second stories, and a brick frieze and cornice of alternating corbeled brackets and recessed panels. The projecting center bay on the front elevation has a tripartite arrangement of rounded arched entries with two free-standing columns with capitals with Romanesque detailing. The west side projecting bay has a third floor pair of windows under a shared rounded arch and divided by a column. The east side bay has a second floor Palladian window arrangement. All of the projecting bays are topped with stepped parapets; the front and west bays have namestones, oculi, and incised stone caps.

Lawrence School originally had a high hipped roof with a Georgian cupola and corner finials. These features have been lost. The exterior of the building is in considerable disrepair. The interior is inaccessible for examination and is presumed to be significantly compromised.

27. (cont.)

to have been designed by Barr & Moser, the earliest identified architectural firm involved in Pittsburgh Public School design. Barr & Moser designed a number of schoolhouses similar to this one, which are known through published drawings, as well as Central High School, Pittsburgh's first public high school. T.D. Evans, designer of Morse and probably Springfield Schools, trained with Barr & Moser.

Unfortunately, the integrity of this building has been diminished by rough treatment.

significance: education, architecture

Verbal boundary description and justification.

The nominated property consists of Allegheny County Block and Lot 49J-27 which encompasses the school building and its contiguous grounds.

EVALUATION

EVALUATOR(S)

PITTSBURGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS:
Washington Vocational School
Allegheny County

Zone 17
E587900 N4480170

PITTSBURGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS:
Lawrence School
Allegheny County

Zone 17
E587680 N4479890

PITTSBURGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS:
Arsenal School
Allegheny County

Zone 17
E587940 N4479950

