

8. property owners name and address
 Diocese of Pittsburgh (Roman Catholic)
 111 Boulevard of the Allies
 Pittsburgh, PA 15222

9. tax parcel number/other number
 3M-119

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

10. U.T.M. 117 586180
 Zone easting
 less than one ac
 4475460
 northing
 usgs sheet: Pgh East 1:24000

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

13. date(s) (how determined)
 1871

14. period
 1861-1880

15. style, design or folk type
 Italianate

19. original use
 School

20. present use
 School

16. architect or engineer

17. contractor or builder

18. primary building mat./construc.
 Brick

21. condition
 Good

22. integrity
 Good

23. site plan with north arrow

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

24. photo notation

25. file/location

26. brief description (note unusual features, integrity, environment, threats and associated buildings)
 Birmingham School is located on a mid-block site in a dense residential area, but maintains a small amount of open land to the south to serve as a playground. The school building runs through the block, facing both South Fourteenth and South Fifteenth Streets, but is slightly set back from both streets behind a ----- (continue on back if necessary)

27. history, significance and/or background
 Birmingham School was built in 1871 by Birmingham Borough, which was annexed by Pittsburgh in 1872. The building was closed in circa 1944 and sold to the Roman Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh. It now serves as the middle school for St. Adalbert's Church. The classrooms in this building are complemented by additional facilities in a much newer building up the street. ----- (continue on back if necessary)

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

29. prepared by:
 Martin Aurand
 PHLF

30. date
 4/86

revision(s)

31. county 003 32. style 11; ; ; ; ;
 33. construction material 03; ; ; ; ; 34. roof ; ; ; ; ;
 35. design type ; ; ; ; ;
 36. historic function 08 0 3 01 P; ; ; ; ;
 37. construction feature ; ; ; ; ; 38. ext. walls 03; 39. plan ; ; ; ; ;
 40. facade width 5 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 118-128 S. Fifteenth Street
 4. survey code
 5. present name Middle School
 6. other name (historic name if any) St. Adalbert's
 Birmingham Public School

26. (cont.)
chain-link fence.

Birmingham School is a three-story brick building with gabled east and west sections connected by a mid-section with a hipped roof topped by a deck. The center section is recessed slightly from the end sections, and all major corners are articulated with stone quoins. The twin facades have slightly projecting center bays with segmentally arched entries with stone surrounds and overhanging hoods, and paired rounded-arched second- and third-floor windows. Flanking two-bay sections as well as the sides of the building have segmentally arched windows with two-over-two double-hung sash, and projecting brick drip molds/hoods. A stone beltcourse above the first-floor level and a simple wood cornice ring the entire building. There are small arced parapets above the entrance bays.

On the interior, halls retain wood wainscoting, but ceilings have been lowered. A grand central stairhall is framed by arches supported by decorative consoles. A broad and steep stairway rises to the third floor in alternate central--split/central--split flights. It has a wood balustrade with turned balusters.

27. (cont.)

Birmingham School is Pittsburgh's oldest public school building to maintain an educational function and is a textbook example of a modest Italianate school building. The staircase is among the more dramatic to be found in Pittsburgh schools.

significance: educational, architecture

Verbal boundary description and justification.

The nominated property consists of Allegheny County Block and Lot 3M-119 which encompasses the school building and its contiguous grounds.

EVALUATION

EVALUATOR(S)

Birmingham

PITTSBURGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS:
Kland School
Allegheny County

Zone 17
E58680 N4476040

PITTSBURGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS:
Henry Clay Frick Training
School for Teachers
Allegheny County

Zone 17
E589370 N4477270

PITTSBURGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS:
Knoxville School
Allegheny County

Zone 17
E585300 N4474220

PITTSBURGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS:
Birmingham School
Allegheny County

Zone 17
E586180 N4475460

PITTSBURGH
Madison Elm
Allegheny County
Zone 17
E588130 N4475460



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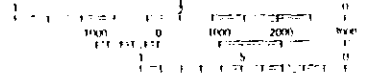
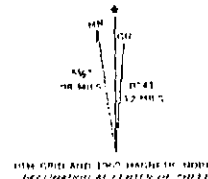
Polyconic projection - 1927 North American datum

10,000 foot grid based on Pennsylvania coordinate system, south zone
1000 meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 17, shown in blue

Red lines indicate areas in which only landmark buildings are shown

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