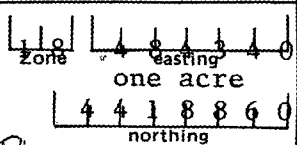


PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM
 BUREAU FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION Box 1026
 PA HISTORICAL & MUSEUM COMMISSION Harrisburg, PA 17120

7. Local survey organization

8. property owners name and address
 School District of Philadelphia
 21st Street & the Parkway
 Philadelphia, Pa. 19103

9. tax parcel number/other number
 11. status (other surveys, lists etc.)
 SPHSS

10. U.T.M. 
 usgs sheet: Philadelphia

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

13. date(s) (how determined)
 1913=1914
 14. period

15. style, design or folk type
 Jacobean

19. original use School
 20. present use School

16. architect or engineer
 H.deC. Richards

17. contractor or builder
 Chas. McCaul Co.

18. primary building mat./construc.
 Reinf. Conc.
 Brick/Limestone

21. condition Good
 22. integrity Excel.

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)
 NPS counting purposes: one contributing building
 (continue on back if necessary)

27. history, significance and/or background
 (continue on back if necessary)

28. sources of information
 see bibliography for nomination (continue on back if necessary)

29. prepared by:
 B. Mints

Computer Coding (BHP Survey Grantees Must Complete)

30. date 7/1986
 revision(s)

- 31. county _____ 32. style _____; _____; _____; _____
- 33. construction material _____; _____; _____; _____ 34. roof _____; _____; _____
- 35. design type _____; _____; _____
- 36. historic function _____; _____; _____; _____; _____; _____; _____; _____
- 37. construction feature _____; _____; _____; _____ 38. ext. walls _____; _____ 39. plan _____
- 40. facade width _____ 41. roof material _____ 42. stories _____ 43. depth _____
- 44. ext. design _____; _____; _____; _____; _____
- 45. int. design _____; _____; _____; _____; _____

1. County PHILADELPHIA
 2. municipality PHILADELPHIA
 3. street address or specific location 2136 PENNER STREET
 4. survey code
 5. present name EDGAR ALLEN POE SCHOOL
 6. other name (historic name if any) SAME

Edgar Allan Poe School

Physical Description

The Edgar Allan Poe School, a four story, five bay brick and limestone building features a three bay, projecting center section. Stylized brick and limestone piers define the bays adjacent to the main entrance. The arched limestone entrance has Gothic detailing. The fenestration pattern is regular with four window sash set into a limestone Gibbs style surround. Decorative spandrel panels rest between the second and third floor sash. A limestone band course punctuates the basement level while a molded cornice crowns the second floor. The parapet wall is enhanced by limestone decorative panels and battlemented cuts.

Statement of Significance

Academic architecture turned to Colonial, Georgian, Tudor and Gothic designs in the twentieth century. Styles which recalled our Anglo-Saxon heritage interpreted in rich tones of brick and limestone with ornate cartouches, door and window surrounds as well as battlemented parapets were popularized in school institutions. During J. Horace Cook's tenure as Superintendent, the design of Philadelphia schools reached a level of sophistication of styling and detail, previously unmatched. Poe School was designed by noted school draftsman, Henry deCoursey Richards, and shows his fluid ability to work in a variety of design modes.

This school and the Southwark School are the only two Jacobean style schools designed by Richards and included in the thematic group. Both are fine examples of the Jacobean style. However, the Poe School has more intricate detailing and is smaller in scale and massing than the Southwark School is. Thus the Poe School is a distinctive design by Richards.

area of significance: architecture

verbal boundary description

The nominated property consists of Philadelphia County lot 886184500 which contains the school and its contiguous grounds.

EVALUATION

EVALUATOR(S)

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Wm. Shoemaker Jr. High
18E480 480N4424 840

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
William B. Hanna School
18E479 800N4424 680

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
George L. Brooks School
18E480 020N4424 040

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Thomas Dunlap
18E481 040N4423 440

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
West Phil. High School
18E481 460N4422 520

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Westmaster School
18E481 000N4423 440

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
David Landreth School
18E484 480N4420 620

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
West Mitchell School
18E480 880N4420 520

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Tony Wayne School
18E483 660N4419 960

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
T. Tilden Jr. High
18E480 060N4418 840

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
John Barrtram High Sch
18E480 000N4418 820

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
George Smith School
18E485 960N4420 300

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Thomas Buchanan Read
18E478 780N4417 200

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Paul Lawrence Dunbar
18E486 800N4430 600

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
William Penn School
18E486 040N4423 660

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Alexander Dallas Bache
18E485 140N4424 220

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Kittling School
18E487 760N4423 500

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Fletcher School
18E486 340N4423 460

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Thaddeus Stevens School
18E486 340N4423 380

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Neredith School
18E487 100N4420 820

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
J. Sylvester Ramsay Sch.
18E486 300N4421 420

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Samuel J. Randall School
18E486 340N4421 120

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Robert Ralston School
18E487 460N4420 960

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Francis M. Drexel School
18E485 220N4421 120

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Abigail Vane School
18E487 100N4419 440

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Francis Scott Key School
18E486 260N4418 760

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Southwark School
18E486 420N4419 400

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Horace Furness Jr. High
18E487 080N4419 040

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Delaplane McDaniel Sch
18E484 280N4419 560

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Edgar Allen Poe School
18E484340N4418 860

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Edward Bok Vocational Sch.
18E486 300N4419 320

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Andrew Jackson School
18E486 020N4420 260

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Nathaniel Hawthorne
18E486 020N4420 260