

PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM
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7. Local survey organization
 Philadelphia Historical Commission

8. property owners name and address
 School District of Philadelphia
 21st & Winter Streets
 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103

9. tax parcel number / other number
 886229700

10. U.T.M. zone easting
 18 483620
 4 acres 29 069
 northing
 usgs sheet: Germantown

11. status (other surveys, lists etc.)
 PHRS

12. classification
 site () structure () object ()
 building () Thematic
 in N.R. district yes () no ()

13. date(s) (how determined)
 1936

15. style, design or folk type

19. original use
 School

14. period
 1936

Colonial Revival

20. present use
 School

16. architect or engineer
 Irwin T. Catharine

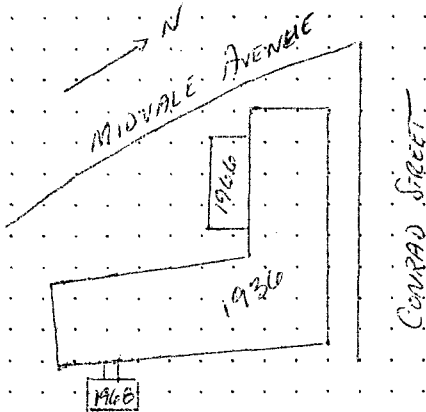
17. contractor or builder
 John McShain, Inc.

18. primary building mat./construction
 Brick with limestone
 trim

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)

See reverse side

27. history, significance and/or background

See reverse side

28. sources of information

See reverse side

29. prepared by:
 Jefferson M. Moak

30. date
 5-23-87
 revision(s)

(continue on back if necessary)

1. County
 Philadelphia
 5. present name
 Thomas Mifflin School

2. municipality
 Philadelphia
 6. other name (historic name if any)
 N/A

3. street address or specific location
 3500 Midvale Avenue

4. survey code

3. ADDRESS: Midvale Avenue, 3500
5. NAME: Mifflin, Thomas, School
6. FORMER NAME:

13. DATES: 1936

ADDITIONS: 1966, 1968

DESCRIPTION: An L-shaped brick building standing 2 1/2-stories high upon a raised brick basement with large brick and wood clock tower at the confluence of the two wings. A gabled roof tops the structure. Each register contains five openings in a 1-3-1 pattern. A limestone dripcourse and beltcourse between the basement and first floors break the monotony of the brickwork. Each opening is topped by keystone-centered flat arched lintels. Rounded gables pierce the roof. Two additions were erected: one of the same materials onto the west wing in 1966; the other is a portable school connected to the main building via an corridor structure. This latter was built in 1968.

HISTORY/SIGN.: The Mifflin School is one of the last primary school buildings erected from the designs of Irwin T. Catharine in the red Georgian Revival. It is similar but not identical to the Rowen School at 19th & Haines Streets. It is more pure Georgian; the Rowen is a mixture between the Art Moderne and Georgian Styles. The two are linked by a similar School Board Type Number. Mifflin School is 168; Rowen School is 168-A. Both are the sole examples of their particular designs. Its overall Georgian Revival styling, however, is representative of the many Georgian and Colonial Revival style schools designed by Catharine. National Register Criteria: C, Architecture

Boundary Justification: The nominated property contains the contributing building and all historically associated land. It also contains one non-contributing building.

28. SOURCES: Edmunds, Chronological List of Philadelphia School Buildings
School District, "New Buildings Under Contract"
Sanborn Map Company, Insurance Maps of Philadelphia

EVALUATION: This school appears to be eligible for inclusion onto the National Register as part of the Philadelphia Public Schools Thematic District.

There is one contributing and one noncontributing building on the nominated property.

Verbal boundary: the nominated property is tax parcel #886229700.

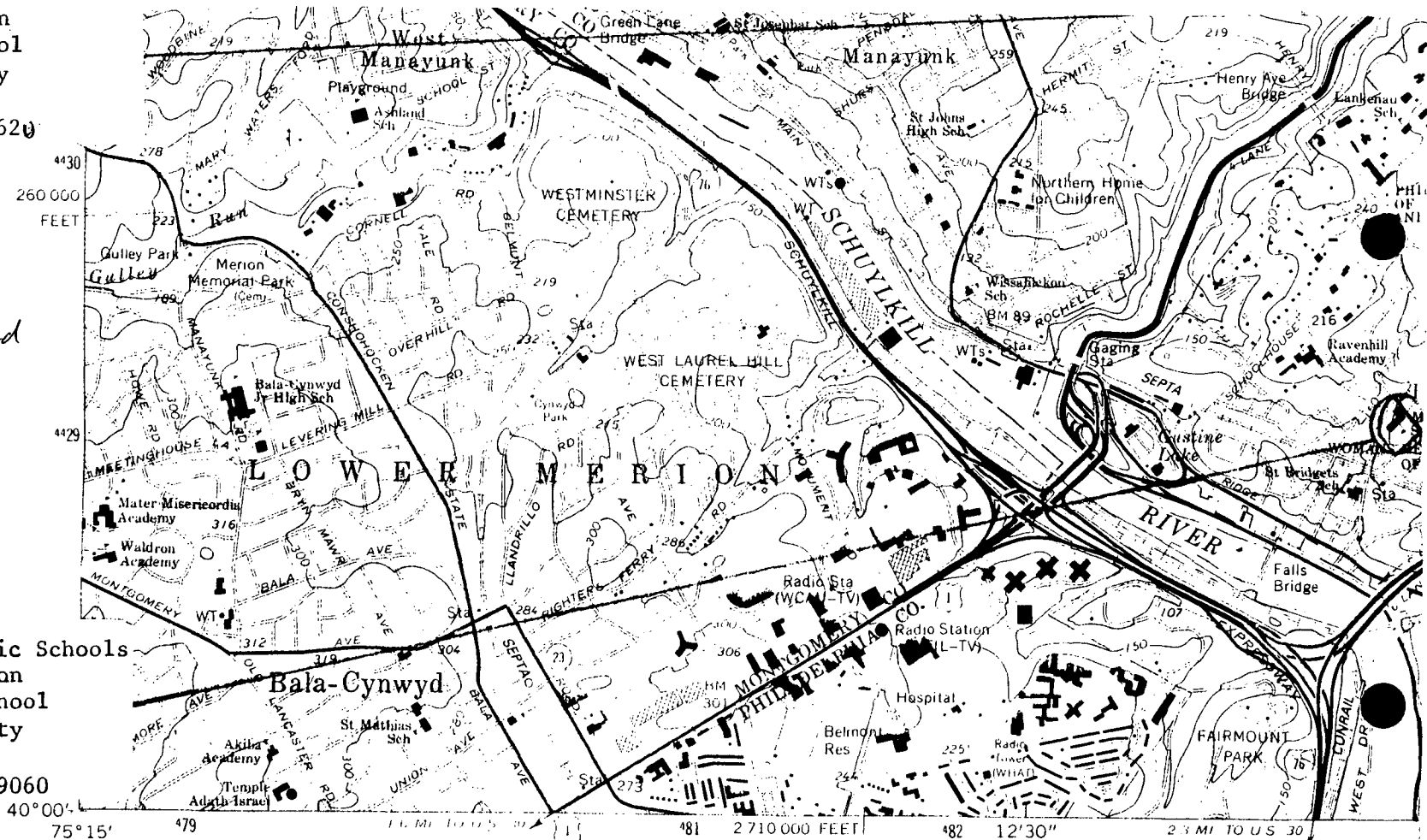
EVALUATION

EVALUATOR(S)

Thematic Nomination
 Thomas Meehan School
 Philadelphia County
 Zone 18
 UTM 18/485000/4430620

Germantown Quad

Philadelphia Public Schools
 Thematic Nomination
 Thomas Mifflin School
 Philadelphia County
 Zone 18
 UTM 18/483620/4429060



(LANS-DOWNE)
 5963 IV NE

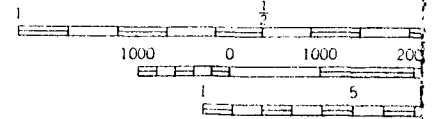
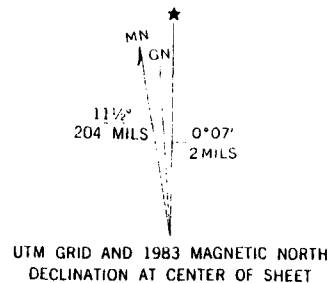
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 taken 1950. Field checked 1952. Revised from aerial
 photographs taken 1965. Field checked 1967

Polyconic projection. 10,000-foot grid ticks based on
 Pennsylvania coordinate system, south zone
 1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 18, shown in blue
 1927 North American Datum

To place on the predicted North American Datum 1983
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