

7. Local survey organization

8. property owners name and address
 School Board of Philadelphia
 21st Street & the Parkway
 Philadelphia, Pa. 19107

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

10. U.T.M. Zone Easting Northing
 18 485780
 one acre
 4439440
 usgs sheet: Geemantown

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

13. date(s) (how determined)
 1897-1898
 14. period

15. style, design or folk type
 Gothic

19. original use School
 20. present use Vacant

16. architect or engineer
 J.W. Anshutz

17. contractor or builder
 S. Gourley Jr.

18. primary building mat./construc.
 Wood/ Granite
 & Brick

21. condition Good
 22. integrity Excel.

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)
 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. Mintz

Computer Coding (BHP Survey Grantees Must Complete)

30. date 7/1986
 revision(s)

31. county _____ 32. style _____; _____; _____; _____
 32. 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 SE Seymour and Knox Streets
 4. survey code
 5. present name FITLER SCHOOL
 6. other name (historic name if any) N/A

Fitler School

Physical Description

Constructed of random coursed wissahickon schist, the Fitler School rises three and one half stories, with a stone foundation. basement of stone. The overall appearance of this building is castle like with an impressive projecting battlemented tower and three, projecting gable pediments punctuating the main body of the building. The fenestration pattern features double hung four over four sash with transoms in a variety of sizes and shapes including arched and square heads. Stone lintels corresponding in shape to the window sash support the openings. The main entrance has a Gothic arched openings with a stone lintel. A stone belt course adorns the first and second floors. A projecting, molded cornice rests above the third floor. The flanking gable end walls have stylized Palladian sash, while the middle gable has a small single window. The end tower rises to a decorative battlemented conclusion. Crowning the flat sections of wall, on the other portions of the building is a molded wood cornice with decorative bracketing.

Statement of Significance

Built in 1897, the Fitler School represents a new period of school construction begun in response to the Compulsory Education Act of 1895. Unlike previous School Board building activity, which consisted primarily of replacement or enlargement of existing schools, the post-1895 period saw the construction of school buildings in new areas of the City in compliance with the new national requirement. In short, this Compulsory Education Act required districts to provide free schooling for all children between the ages of 8 and 16. National economic depression, as well as the Board's need to determine appropriate school locations, delayed new construction for two years. The Fitler School was among the first built when construction finally began.

Architecturally, the Fitler School represents a move toward change in design features, selected by the School Board. Previously dominated by brick construction school design now began to reflect the larger architectural climate which increasingly favored granite and limestone. Designed by Joseph Anshutz, the Fitler School demonstrates this prolific architect's adaptability and talents in a variety of materials.

The floor plan at each level featured a single-loaded corridor with flanking stairs and five separate class rooms on each floor.

Thus the Fitler School is significant as being designed by the important school architect Joseph Anschutz late in his career when he turned from earlier brownstone and brick construction to stone construction.

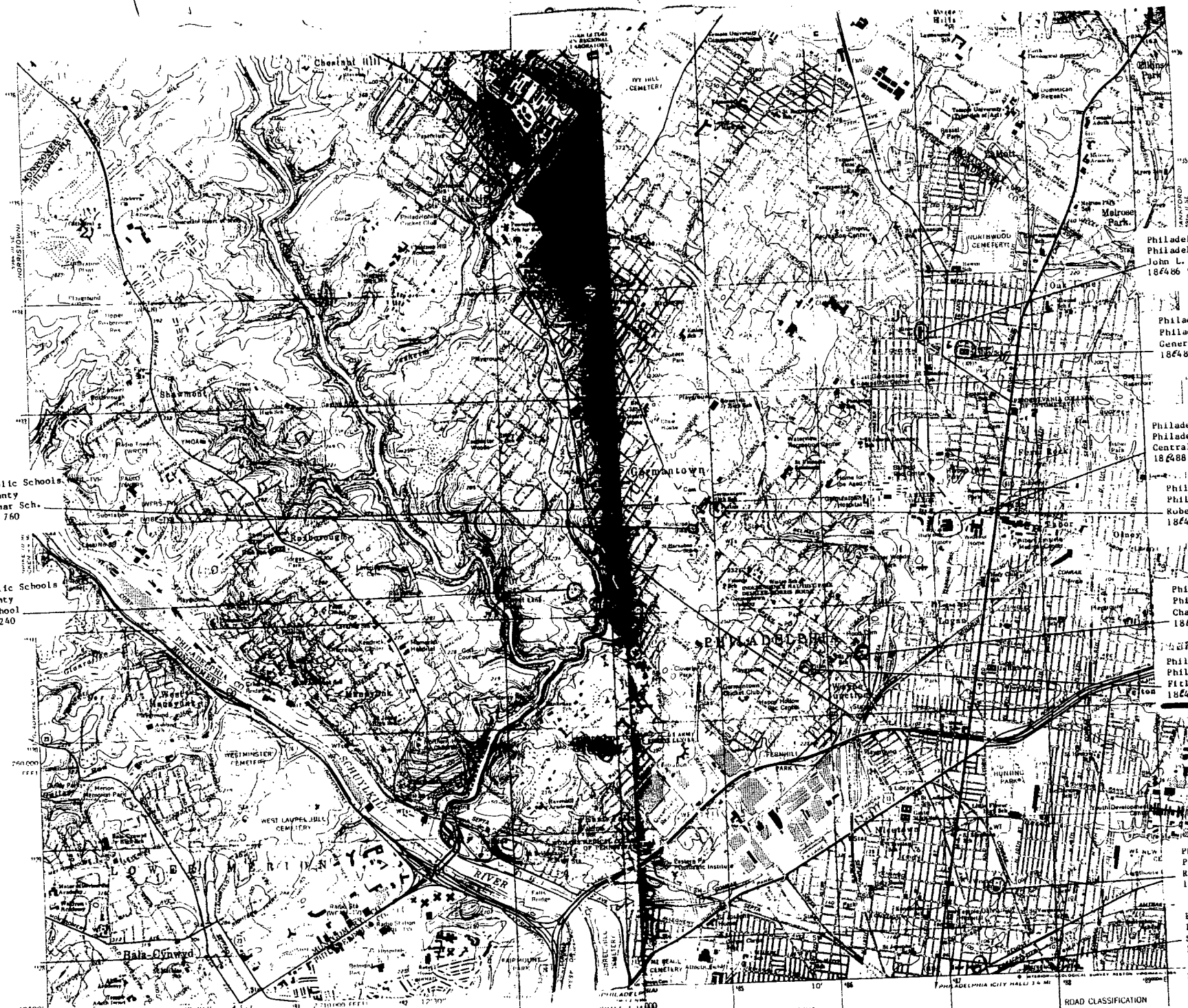
area of significance: architecture

verbal boundary description

The nominated property consists of Philadelphia County lot 1230513 which contains the school and its contiguous grounds.

EVALUATION

EVALUATOR(S)



Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Hantown Grammar Sch.
184808 800N4431 760

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Charles Crease School
184886 300N4431 240

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
John L. Kinsey School
184886 980N4433 460

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
General Louis Wagner Jr.
184887 380N4432 60

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Central High School
184888 160 N4431 700

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Robert Fulton School
184885 640N4431 920

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Charles Schaeffer School
184886 300N4430 580

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Fittler School
184885 780N4430 440

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Richardson L. Wright School
184887 460N4428 340

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Simon Muhr School
184887 280N4427 660

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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy duty	Light duty
Medium duty	Unimproved dirt
() Interstate Route	() U.S. Route
	() State Route

GERMANTOWN, PA.