

7. Local survey organization

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

9. tax parcel number/other number

10. U.T.M. 

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Zone	Easting				

 two acres  

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11. status (other surveys, lists etc.)  
 N.R. Dist.

usgs sheet: Philadelphia School

12. classification  
 site ( ) structure ( ) object ( )  
 building Theatrical

13. date(s) (how determined)  
 1932-1933

15. style, design or folk type  
 Neo-Classical

19. original use

School

16. architect or engineer  
 Irwin T. Catharine

17. contractor or builder

18. primary building mat./construc.  
 Recon/brick  
 Limestone

20. present use

Good

21. condition

Excel.

22. integrity

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. Mintz

Computer Coding (BHP Survey Grantees Must Complete)

30. date

revision(s)

7/1986

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  
 5. present name JULIA R. MASTERMAN SCHOOL

2. municipality PHILADELPHIA  
 6. other name (historic name if any) PHILADELPHIA HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

3. street address or specific location SEVENTEENTH & SPRING GARDEN STREETS

4. survey code

## Julia R. Masterman School

### Physical Description

This brick and limestone building is in the Classical style. Constructed in 1902, it is flanking a recessed courtyard. The facade is smooth dressed, rusticated limestone, on the Spring Garden side. The courtyard entrance is highly detailed, on the Spring Garden side, enhanced by limestone columns culminating in pedimented finials of limestone running below the elaborately detailed window with limestone. A limestone balcony with splayed brick and limestone elevations are heavily detailed. The pattern of double hung sash windows. Limestone columns culminate in the center of the building is reached through a balustrade. The center bay has a balcony flanking a center door with square columns. Four smooth dressed Ionic columns rising three stories in height. A pedimented balcony and a center cartouche with swag.

### Statement of Significance

Designed in the Neo-Classical style, it represents an architectural type of structures. Constructed along the design aesthetic of its neighborhood and the Wills Eye Hospital, now the design or detailing which would be to the Mint or another public structures commissioned by the State of Pennsylvania. 22nd and Brown Streets or Germania. The Masterman School. With a history that constitutes one of the system's significant in light of the original High School for Girls. As such, the express purpose of providing education was later converted to coeducation. The name was changed to the Masterman School provided secondary, and college through 12, who must qualify to attend.

The original floor plans of the building facilities including a large laboratory, home economics room, infirmary and doctor's office.

EVALUATION: Pavilion and promenade.

Thus the Julia R. Masterman School is important as a fine example of Neo-Classical schools designed by Irwin T. Catharine. It is also significant as the largest Philadelphia public school devoted to the academic education of girls before schools were converted to coeducational use.

areas of architecture: education, architecture

verbal boundary description

The nominated property consists of Philadelphia County lot 886128500 which contains the school and its contiguous grounds.

EVALUATION

EVALUATOR(S)

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

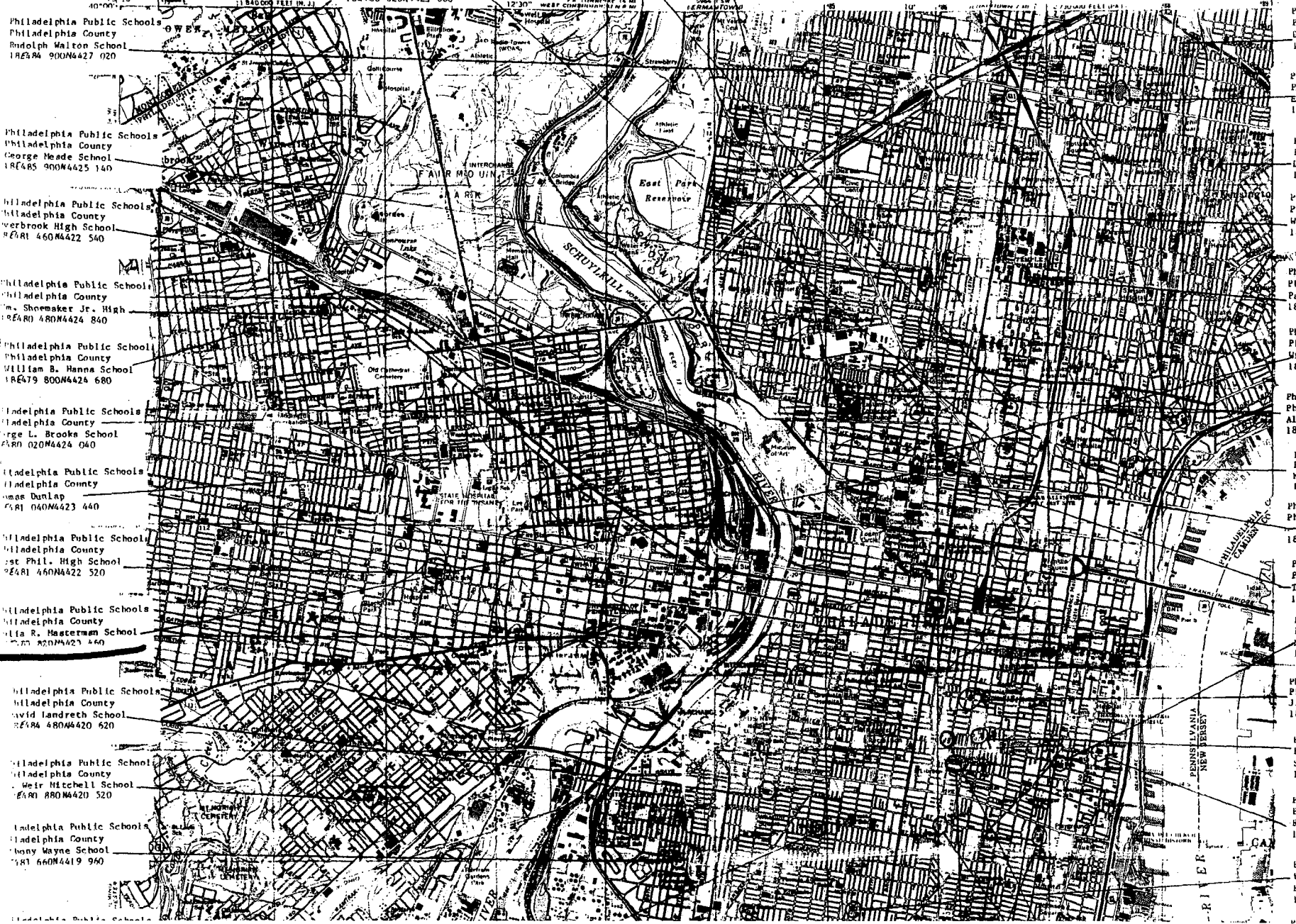
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