

7. Local survey organization

1. County **Phila**
 5. present name

8. property owners name and address

9. tax parcel number/other number

10. U.T.M. Zone easting
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11. status (other surveys, lists etc.)

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

13. date(s) (how determined)

14. period **1930**

15. style, design or folk type

Art Deco

19. original use **School**

20. present use **School**

16. architect or engineer

I. Catherine

17. contractor or builder

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18. primary building mat./construc.

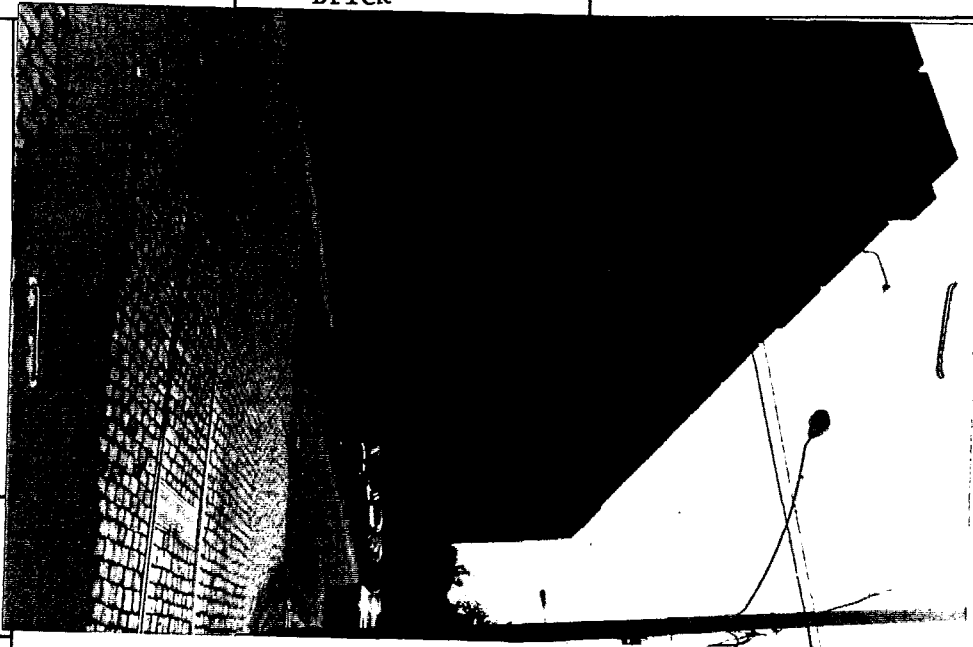
Brick

21. condition **Good**

22. integrity

2. municipality **Phila**
 6. other name (historic name if any)
Meredith, Wm. A. Schaefer

23. site plan with north arrow



3. street address or specific location
5th & Fitzwater

24. photo notation

25. file/location

26. brief description (note unusual features, integrity, environment, threats and associated buildings)

(continue on back if necessary)

27. history, significance and/or background

(continue on back if necessary)

28. sources of information

29. prepared by:

(continue on back if necessary)

Computer Coding (BHP Survey Grantees Must Complete)

30. date 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 _____

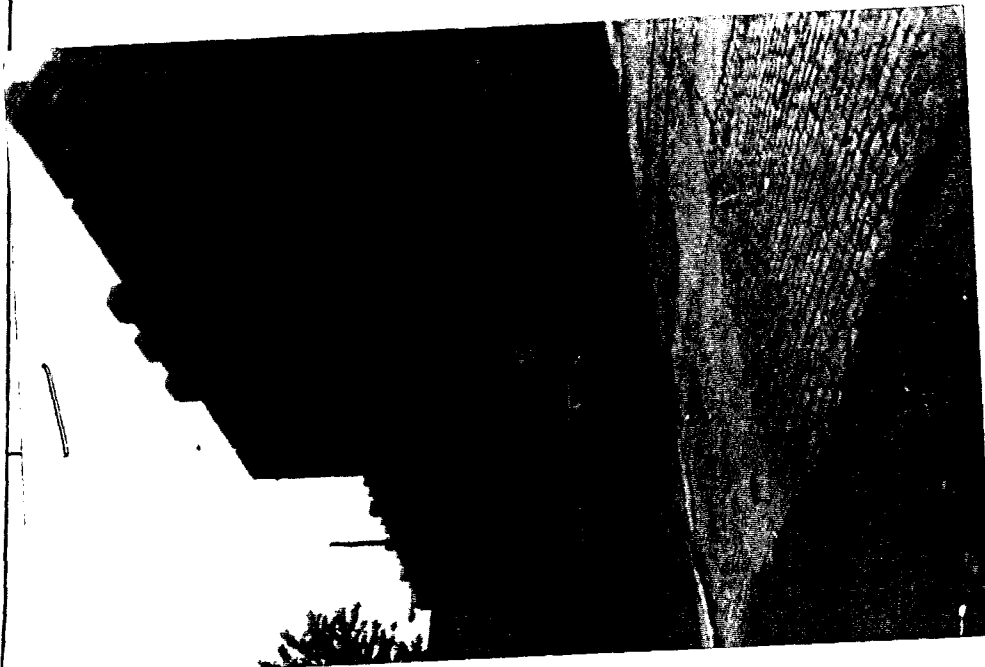
4. survey code

Description

The Meredith School is located at the corner of Fifth and Fitzwater. An "L" shaped structure, the building spans 10 bays in a tapestry of yellow, brown and white bricks. Resting on a limestone base, the basement has three double hung six over six sash. The fenestration on the upper floors follows the same pattern of three, double hung six over six sash with pronounced, molded brick mullions. Each of the bay openings are defined by brick piers rising to a limestone drip mold. The spandrel panels are enhanced by header bricks. The building parapet rises to a battlemented conclusion with limestone trim. The fifth Street elevation has two Gothic arched entrances infilled with double doors. Limestone detailing, resembling tracery, rests in the transom. Buttress piers flank the entrance. A two story arched opening rises from the projecting entrance. Attenuated sash with doublehung twelve over twelve lights and stained glass tracery enhance the Fifth Street facade. Molded brick mullions accent the window openings. At the corner of Fifth and Fitzwater Streets, on the Fifth Street elevation are large brick diaper panels. The varied colors of brick creates a pleasing polychromatic appearance.

Statement of Significance

Built in 1930, the William A. Meredith School represents an exceptionally intact example of the design talents of School Architect Irwin Catherine. First introduced to the work of the School Board by his father, Joseph Catherine, a Board Member for more than 30 years, Catherine studied to become an architect at Drexel Institute. Soon after his graduation in 1903, Catherine was hired by the Board of Education in an assistant design position, rising through the ranks to become Superintendent of Buildings by 1930. Working in the Art Deco mode, Catherine skillfully employed the use of spandrels, piers, and mosaic tiles, as well as Gothicized window treatment, to create in the Meredith School a distinct verticality and sophistication. His approach to school design paralleled contemporary architectural trends more closely than any previous period, and raised the school building to a position alongside the most distinguished of institutional forms.



EVALUATOR(S)

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Spring Garden School #2
12th & Milton St.
182485 6204423 640

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Spring Garden School #1
12th & Milron St.
182485 6204424 640

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
WAE Maria Uthmanic Sch.
16465 1048426 220

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Lydia Marran School
16465 6204424 020

PHILADELPHIA QUADRANGLE
PENNSYLVANIA-NEW JERSEY
5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Adolph Wilson School
182485 6204423 020

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
George Pease School
182485 6204423 140

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Westbrook High School
182485 6204422 560

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
W. Shoemaker, Jr. High
182485 6204424 840

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
William B. Reams School
182474 8004424 680

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
George L. Brooks School
182485 6204424 960

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
James Dennis
182485 6204423 440

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
McC. Phil. High School
182485 6204422 520

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Miss R. Hysterman School
182485 6204423 440

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
David Landreth School
182485 6204420 620

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Walter Mitchell School
182485 6204420 520

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Henry Moore School
182485 6204419 940

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
H. Tilden Jr. High
182485 6204418 840

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Daniel Boone School
182485 9204423 140

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Edison High School
182485 6204426 180

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
David Farragut School
182485 6204426 240

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
William S. Scherly
182485 6204423 900

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Paul Lawrence Dunbar
182485 6204424 840

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
William Penn School
182485 6204423 980

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Alexander Dallas Bruce
182485 6204424 220

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Ellis School
182485 7604423 500

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Fletcher School
182485 3404423 440

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Madison Stevens School
182485 3404423 180

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Franklin School
182485 1004420 620

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
J. Sylvester Ramsey
182485 3004421 420

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Samuel J. Randall
182485 3404421 140

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Robert Wallace School
182485 6204420 980

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Francis M. Inwood
182485 6204421 140

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Abigail Vere School
182485 6204421 420