

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
 Placido Caruso & Tony Caruso
 808-18 N. 3rd Street
 Philadelphia, Pa. 19123

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

10. U.T.M. Zone Easting
 less than one acre
 442185010
 usgs sheet: Philadelphia
 northing

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

13. date(s) (how determined)
 1825
 14. period

15. style, design or folk type
 Vernacular

19. original use School
 20. present use Manuf.

16. architect or engineer
 Unknown

17. contractor or builder

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

21. condition Fair
 22. integrity Fair

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
 5. present name PHILADELPHIA
 2. municipality PHILADELPHIA
 6. other name (historic name if any) MIFFLIN SCHOOL

3. street address or specific location
 808-18 NORTH THIRD STREET

4. survey code

Mifflin School

Physical Description

This classic early school is a two story, two bay red brick structure fronting on Third Street. The original section of the building had a pedimented roof line with a fanlight window resting in the gable. At some time in the past a two story addition was attached to the front of the building. This section has a low pitched roof with attenuated, double hung four over four sash on the first floor and smaller segmented sash on the upper floor. These windows are presently boarded over so the number of lights are not known. All openings, including the single leaf door with segmented transom panel, resting on the side of the is addition, have segmented brick lintels. Resting between the first and second floor sash is a stone panel incised with MIFFLIN PUBLIC SCHOOL ERECTED 1825. The side elevation has been stuccoed over, although the regular row of segmented windows, on both the first and second floors can be read.

Statement of Significance

Constructed in 1825, the Mifflin School stands as the oldest extant public school in Philadelphia. It was constructed during the first period of development of the Philadelphia public school system, 1818 to 1850. During this period forty-nine schools were constructed by seven local school boards scattered through Philadelphia County. Each local school board built small schools that were simple in plan and design. The exterior of each school tended toward the utilitarian without much architectural adornment.

The Mifflin School stands as the earliest surviving example of school construction during this first period of public school development. Although the building's architectural integrity has been compromised by subsequent uses, the building still portrays the simple plan and design of early Philadelphia public schools.

areas of significance: architecture, education

verbal boundary description

The nominated property consists of Philadelphia County lot 056171100 which contains the school and its contiguous grounds.

EVALUATION

EVALUATOR(S)

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

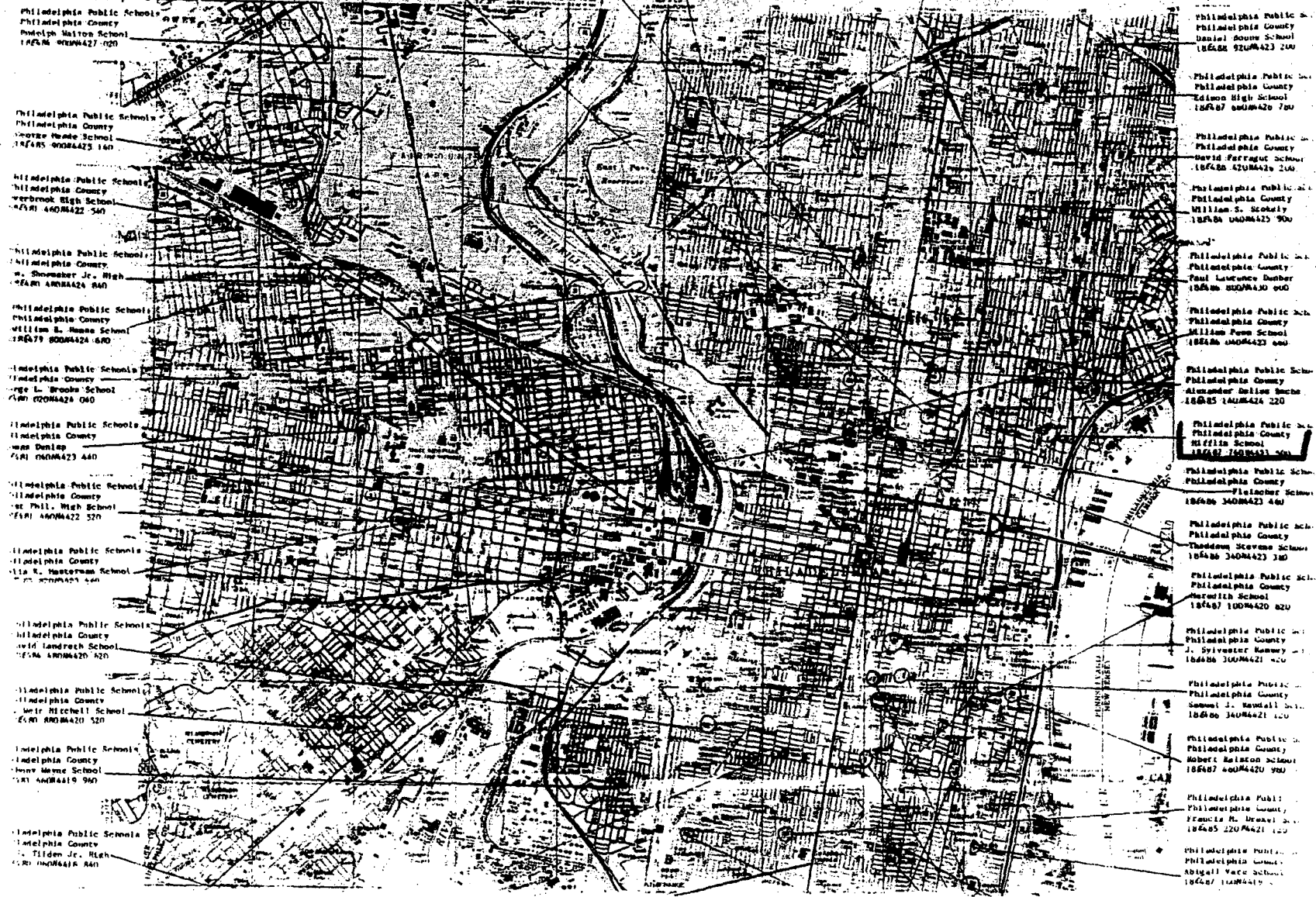
Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Spring Garden School #2
12th & 16th St.
1825 8 4208423 840

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Spring Garden School #1
12th & 16th St.
1825 8 4208424 840

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
WAE Martin Orthopedic Sch.
1825 1008424 220

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Louis Pasteur School
1825 1008424 020

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



Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Rudolph Walton School
1825 8 0208427 020

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
George Meade School
1825 8 0208425 160

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Webb School High School
1825 8 4608422 540

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
St. Shommar Jr. High
1825 8 4608424 840

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
William E. Hanna School
1825 7 8008424 160

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
George L. Brooks School
1825 7 0208424 040

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Wash. Denison
1825 8 1608423 440

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
St. Phil. High School
1825 8 4608422 520

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
St. R. Hartman School
1825 8 0208424 040

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Field Landreth School
1825 8 4608420 020

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Wm. Mitchell School
1825 8 4608420 520

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Henry Meade School
1825 8 4608419 960

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
St. Tilden Jr. High
1825 8 4608416 840

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Daniel Boone School
1825 8 9208423 200

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Edison High School
1825 7 8008426 760

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
David Farragut School
1825 8 4208426 240

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
William S. Schell
1825 8 4608423 900

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Paul Lawrence Dunbar
1825 8 2008430 060

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
William Penn School
1825 8 4608423 600

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Alexander Dallas Bache
1825 8 1408424 220

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
William School
1825 7 1608423 400

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Fletcher School
1825 8 3408423 460

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Theodore Stevens School
1825 8 3408423 340

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Francis School
1825 7 1008420 820

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
J. Sylvester Kenney
1825 8 3008421 420

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Samuel J. Randall Sch.
1825 8 3408421 120

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Robert Keizer School
1825 7 4008420 980

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Francis B. Howell Sch.
1825 8 2208421 120

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Abigail Wade School
1825 7 1408423 400