

7. Local survey organization

8. property owners name and address

9. tax parcel number/other number

10. U.T.M. Zone easting

11. status (other surveys, lists etc.)

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

13. date(s) (how determined)

14. period 1899

15. style, design or folk type

19. original use School

20. present use School

16. architect or engineer  
 J.W. Anshutz

17. contractor or builder

Samuel Gourley Jr. Wood/Stone

18. primary building mat./construc.

21. condition Good

22. integrity Excel.

23. site plan with north arrow



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 \_\_\_\_\_

1. County Phila

2. municipality Phila

3. present name Phila  
 6. other name (historic name if any) HOIR, SIMON WORK TRAINING SCHOOL

4. street address or specific location 12th & Allegheny

5. survey code

Simon Muhr Work Training School

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Physical Description

Three story, with basement, three bay, rough cast stone structure. Designed in a castle mode, the building is dominated by a projecting center bay with stepped gable and battlement-like motif. A limestone bandcourse defines the first floor area, a molded stone cornice caps the second floor. Limestone sill bands continue the line from the granite sills. The fenestration pattern is regular with double hung four over four sash on the first and third floors and arched head windows on the second. The center portion has a segmented door entrance and square headed and arched sash. The lintels correspond to the shape of the sash. A large wood cornice caps the roofline.

Statement of Significance

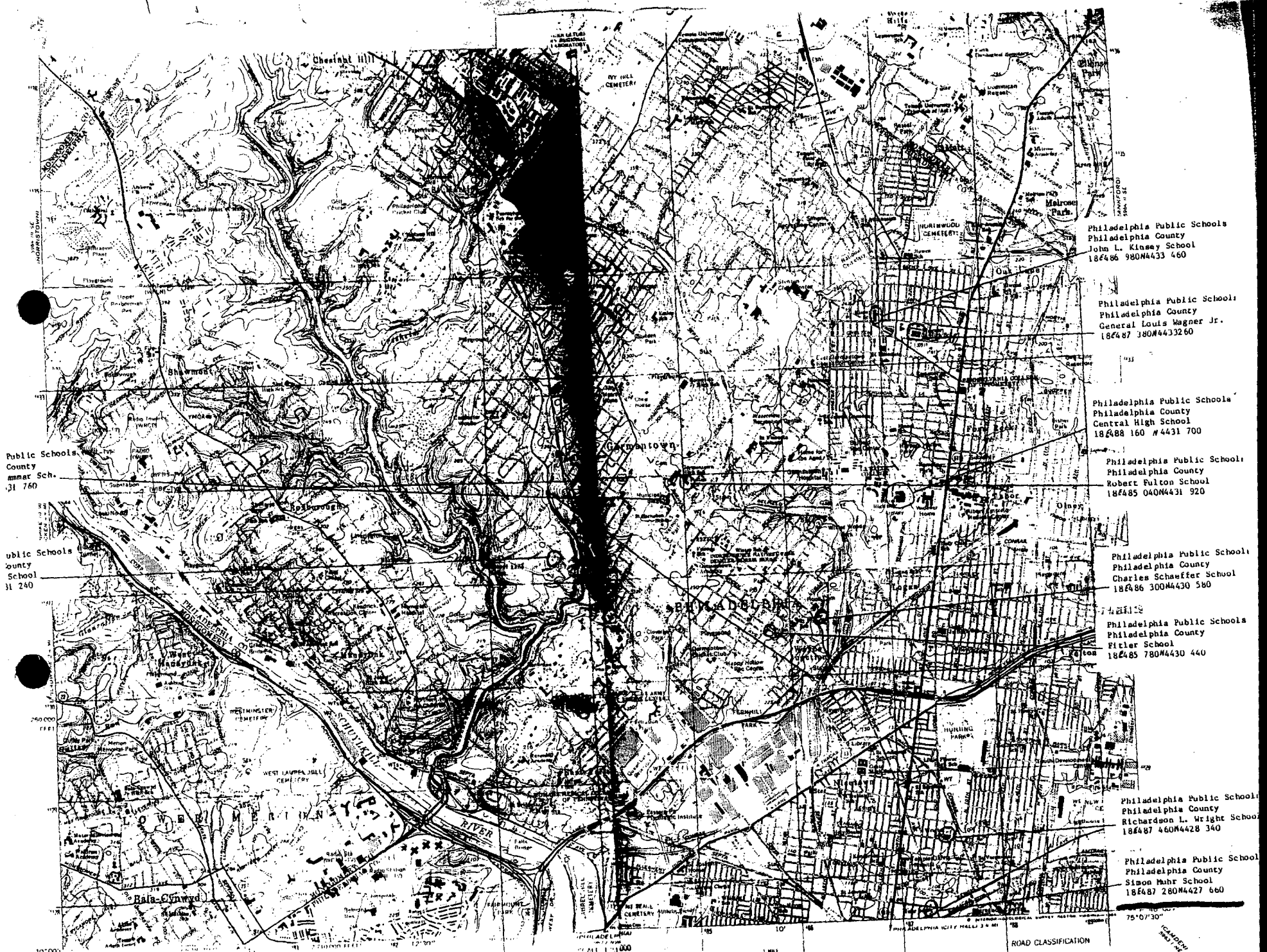
Built between 1899-1900, the Muhr Work Training School exemplifies the increasing specialization of schools in Philadelphia during the late nineteenth century. Manual training, first introduced into the public schools in the post-Civil War period, had evolved into a separate program of education altogether by the 1880's, with the establishment of a Manual Training School in 1884. Teaching woodworking and carpentry, manual training schools offered practical skills with which students could enter the world of trade.

Designed specifically for training in the trades, the Muhr Training School represents a departure from standard school design of the period, displaying a plan which eliminated cafeteria and gymnasium, features unnecessary in the school's work-related program of study.

Architecturally, the building stands as a handsome example of school design during the last year of Anshutz' term as Superintendent. As such, it reflects his move away from heavy Romanesque or Victorian Gothic trends of the 1870's and 80's, adopting such features of late nineteenth century Revivalism as stepped gables, and fortress-like parapets.

EVALUATION

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Philadelphia Public Schools  
Philadelphia County  
John L. Kinsey School  
182486 980N4433 460

Philadelphia Public Schools  
Philadelphia County  
General Louis Wagner Jr.  
182487 380N443260

Philadelphia Public Schools  
Philadelphia County  
Central High School  
182488 160 N4431 700

Philadelphia Public Schools  
Philadelphia County  
Robert Fulton School  
182485 040N4431 920

Philadelphia Public Schools  
Philadelphia County  
Charles Schaeffer School  
182486 300N4430 580

Philadelphia Public Schools  
Philadelphia County  
Titler School  
182485 780N4430 440

Philadelphia Public Schools  
Philadelphia County  
Richardson L. Wright School  
182487 460N4428 340

Philadelphia Public School  
Philadelphia County  
Simon Muir School  
182487 280N4427 660

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 Heavy duty ——— Light duty ———  
 Medium duty - - - - - Unimproved dirt  
 Interstate Route U.S. Route State Route

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