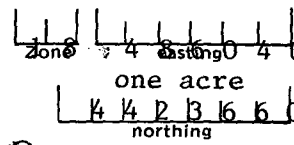


7. Local survey organization

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

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

10. U.T.M. 
 one acre
 usgs sheet: Philadelphia

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

13. date(s) (how determined)
 1908-1909
 14. period

15. style, design or folk type
 Neo-Classic

19. original use School
 20. present use School

16. architect or engineer
 H.deC. Richards

17. contractor or builder
 Cramp & Co.

18. primary building mat./construc.
 Fire Proof Const.
 Brick/Limestone

21. condition Good
 22. integrity Good

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 7/1986
 revision(s)

31. county _____ 32. style _____
 33. 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 1501 WALLACE STREET
 4. survey code
 5. present name FRANKLIN LEARNING CENTER
 6. other name (historic name if any) WM. PENN HIGH SCH. FOR GIRLS

William Penn High School for Girls (Franklin Learning Center)

Physical Description

A four story, Classical style brick and limestone structure, this building rests on a smooth dressed limestone base. The basement sash, located at street grade have paired two over two sash with pronounced mullions and limestone keystones. The center portion of the building, projecting from the building plane, is detailed with brick quoining. The base, executed in limestone rises to a series of pedimented entrance surrounds. The surrounds, linked to the molded cornice, create an arcade effect. Above these openings are arched windows. Smooth dressed columns support a two story portico, representative of Neo-Classical styling. Flanking sash are detailed with limestone surrounds. The remaining fenestration is regular with paired, double hung sash enhanced with decorative brick and limestone lintels and limestone sills. The building culminates in a molded limestone entablature and bold, dentiled cornice. The center parapet wall is clad in limestone.

Statement of Significance

Built in 1909, the William Penn High School for Girls represents an important period in the evolution high school education in Philadelphia's public school system. One of a new generation of girls high schools, offering advanced academic programs of study, the school broke a long tradition of exclusively teacher-training programs for girls. While teacher training continued to hold an important position in high school curriculum, the new academic emphasis at schools like William Penn opened new opportunities for female scholars.

One of the early fireproof schools, the William Penn High School stands as the only survivor from this original generation of academic girls' high schools. The building stands within the boundaries of the Spring Garden Historic District.

The interior design is square in plan with a large centrally located auditorium surrounded by single-loaded corridors, with stair cases on each corner.

Thus the William Penn High School for Girls is significant as the only surviving example of the first generation of academic high schools for girls in the Philadelphia public school system.

area of significance: education

verbal boundary description

The nominated property consists of Philadelphia County lot 88661465 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 & Melon St.
18E486 620M423 660

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Spring Garden School #1
12th & Odgen St.
18E486 660M424 040

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
W&E Martin Orthopedic Sch.
18E485 100M424 220

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Lydia Darrah School
18E485 820M424 020

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



Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Rudolph Walton School
18E486 900M427 020

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
School
8E485 425 140

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Brook High School
E481 460M422 540

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Shoemaker Jr. High
E480 480M424 840

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
William B. Hanna School
E479 800M424 680

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
George L. Brooks School
RN 020M424 040

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
James Dunlap
RI 040M423 440

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
School
E481 460M422 520

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
James R. Masterman School
E481 460M423 440

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
David Landreth School
E486 480M420 620

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Weir Mitchell School
E481 800M420 520

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Wynne Wayne School
RI 660M421 960

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
School
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Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Daniel Boone School
18E488 920M423 200

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Edison High School
18E487 600M426 780

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
David Farragut School
18E488 420M426 200

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
William S. Stokely
18E484 040M425 900

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Paul Lawrence Dunbar
18E486 800M430 600

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
William Penn School
18E486 040M423 660

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Alexander Dallas Bache
18E485 140M424 220

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Mifflin School
18E487 760M423 500

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Fleischer School
18E486 340M423 460

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Thaddeus Stevens School
18E486 340M423 380

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Meredith School
18E487 100M420 820

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
J. Sylvester Ramsey School
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Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Samuel J. Randall School
18E486 340M421 120

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Robert Ralston School
18E487 460M420 960

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Francis M. Drexel School
18E485 220M421 220

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Philadelphia County
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