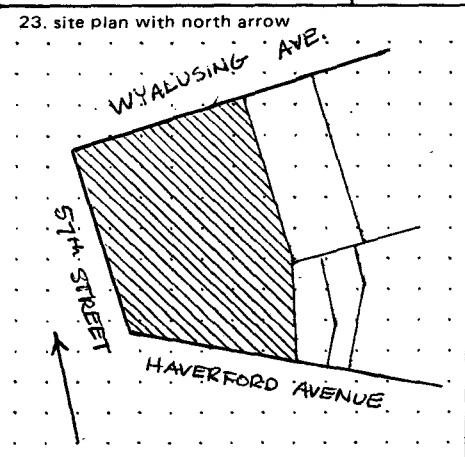



PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION Box 1026 PA HISTORICAL & MUSEUM COMMISSION Harrisburg, PA 17120		7. Local survey organization Clio Group, Inc.		1. County Philadelphia	5. Present name George Brooks School				
8. property owners name and address City of Philadelphia 5629-43 Haverford Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19107		9. tax parcel number / other number 043001510				10. U.T.M. zone 18 easting 480060 northing 4424040 usgs sheet: Phila. Quad.			
12. classification site () structure () object () building (x) in N.R. district yes () no (x)		13. date(s) (how determined) 1902 (DS) 14. period 1900-1919		15. style, design or folk type Academic Gothic 19		19. original use school 080301 20. present use school			
16. architect or engineer Lloyd Titus		17. contractor or builder		18. primary building mat./construction schist with light stone trim 02		21. condition average 22. integrity excellent			
23. site plan with north arrow 								2. municipality Philadelphia	6. other name (historic name if any)
24. photo notation CD-NWP-6-22		25. file/location		3. street address or specific location 5629-5643 Haverford Avenue					
26. brief description (note unusual features, integrity, environment, threats and associated buildings) <p>Titus, working in a traditional English-based academic vocabulary, created a simple, handsome design for the public school system. Two gabled, head-house-like forms close the serial composition of the center wing. The main entrance is made conspicuous by a central, three story, gabled, frontispiece that rises above the pointed arch door surround. The windows are tri-partite, with transoms, and trimmed in light stone.</p>								4. survey code 015-41240-05639	
27. history, significance and/or background <p>Lloyd Titus's chief claim to fame was his involvement in the East Cape May project, where he designed palatial homes for N.Z. Graves and Peter Shields, two of the principals in that grandiose development of the eastern portion of Cape May.</p>								(continue on back if necessary)	
28. sources of information G. Thomas & C. Doebley, Cape May; Queen of the Seaside Resorts, Philadelphia, 1976. Clio Index: 0026883						29. prepared by: C. Doebley		054164	
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George Brooks School

Physical Description

Built in 1919, the George Brooks School, is a three story, four bay, rough cast, coursed stone building. Constructed in the Anglo-Gothic mode, the structure was re-built using portions of the original walls after a fire destroyed the original 1902 edifice. The building detailing begins with a stone water table with limestone drip course, pierced by partially above grade basement windows. These sash are enhanced with splayed lintels and protective grilles. The main entrance features a Gothic arched entryway with molded limestone surrounds embellished with floral ornament and culminating in molded pendants. Modern metal doors replace the original. Seven cast stone gargoyles depicting the arts, sciences, and literature embellish the entrance entablature. The slightly projecting entrance bay features diamond-paned four part, double hung upper floor windows with Gibbs surrounds. The building fenestration follows a regular pattern of three windows with single limestone lintels and Gibbs surrounds. The windows on the end bays are capped by limestone labels. The rear elevation is constructed of brick with unembellished door and window openings. Crowning the building is a crenellated parapet with limestone trim.

Statement of Significance

The George Brooks School stands as an exceptionally intact example of the academic, Anglo-Gothic mode of design utilized by the Philadelphia School Board's Department of Buildings in the early twentieth century. The building also represents an amalgam of the design skills of School Board Draftsmen Lloyd Titus and Henry DeCoursey Richards. The school's original edifice, the work of Titus in 1902, was partially destroyed by fire in 1919. Working with the surviving exterior walls, Richards prepared designs for the new interior while retaining the original character of the building. The resulting rusticated stone structure now serves as the headquarters for the Family Development Corporation.

Thus the George Brooks School remains as an outstanding example of the Anglo-Gothic design used by public school architects in the early twentieth century.

area of significance: architecture

verbal boundary description

The nominated property consists of Philadelphia County lot 8860015-12 which contains the school and its contiguous grounds.

EVALUATION

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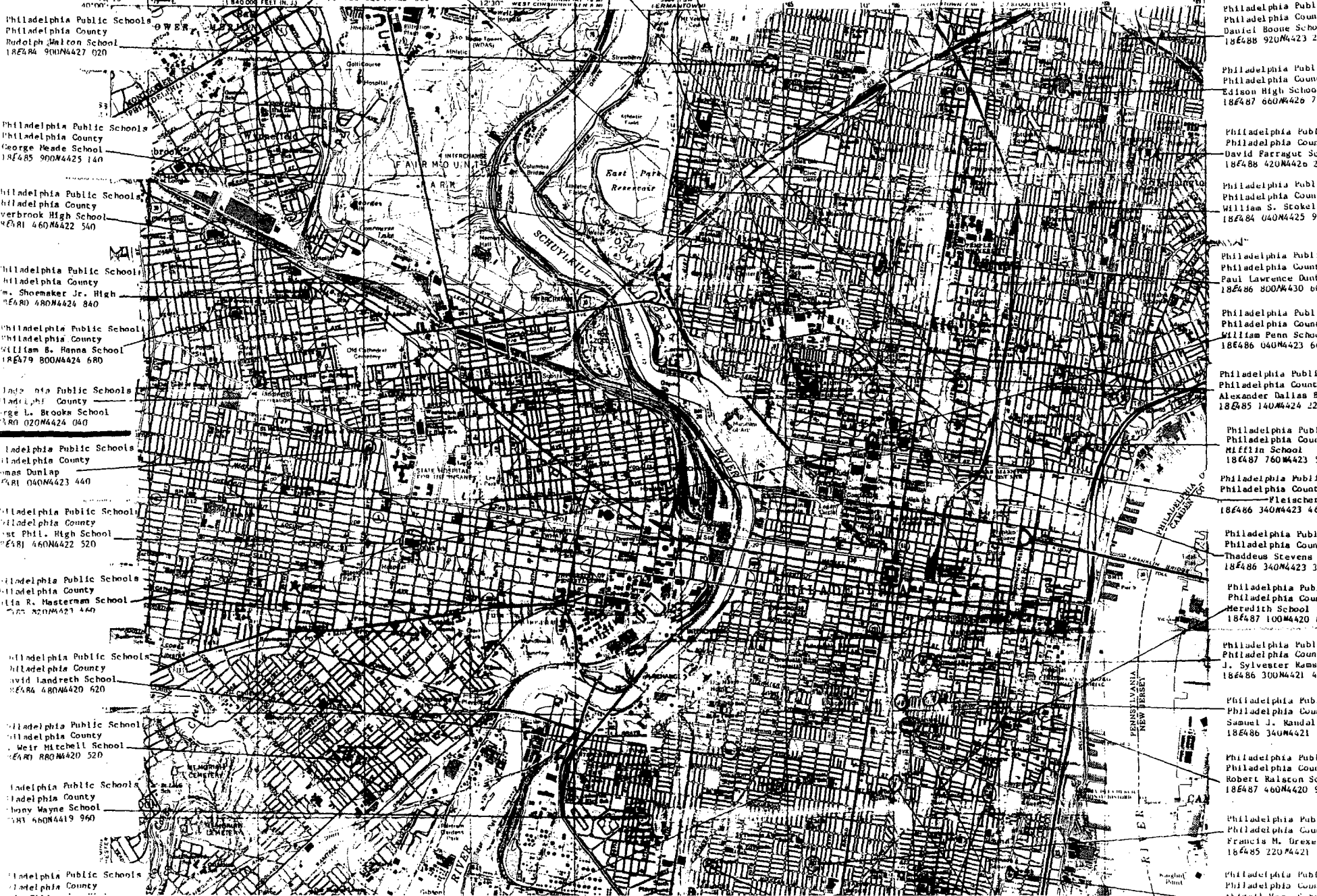
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