

7. Local survey organization

1. County PHILADELPHIA
 5. present name WILLIAM B. HANNA SCHOOL

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

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

10. U.T.M. Zone 119 Easting 47680
 two acres
 usgs sheet: Philadelphia northing 4121468

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

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

15. style, design or folk type
 Anglo-Gothic

19. original use School
 20. present use School

16. architect or engineer
 H.deC.Richards

17. contractor or builder
 Sax & Abbott

18. primary building mat./construc.
 Reinf.concrete/
 brick w/terra cotta

21. condition Good
 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.

2. municipality PHILADELPHIA
 6. other name (historic name if any) SAME

26. brief description (note unusual features, integrity, environment, threats and associated buildings)
 NPS counting purposes: one contributing building
 (continue on back if necessary)

3. street address or specific location
 5729-5738 Media Street

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 _____

4. survey code

William B. Hanna School

Physical Description

Built in 1909, the William B. Hanna School is a three story brick building designed in the Neo-Gothic mode. The main entrance entablature, above the Gothic arched entry is embellished with gargoyles depicting fields of study. The building detailing begins with a brick watertable capped by a limestone drip course. Basement windows with flat arched lintels rest partially above grade. The fenestration follows a regular pattern of bands of five, two over two double hung sash with limestone trim. Thin bands of patterned brick span between second and third floor windows. Quoining delineates each bay of the main facade. The center bay features decorative name panel ornamented with granite foliation, sculptured open books and scroll motifs. Stylized Gibbs surround trim rises from the second through third floor defining the center bay. The cornice is distinguished gothic style terra cotta trim. Along the 58th Street elevation is a large, modern addition, which has been sympathetically linked to the original structure.

Statement of Significance

The William B. Hanna School stands as an exceptionally intact example of the academic, Anglo-Gothic mode of design practiced by the Philadelphia School Board's Department of Buildings in the early twentieth century. One of several schools designed in the identical style and massing by School Board draftsman Henry deCoursey Richards, the Hanna School closely resembles the Anthony Wayne School.

The Gothic design used by Richards for the William B. Hanna School is not as ornate as the Gothic appearance of Horace Furness School also designed by Richards. However, the William B. Hanna School is representative of much of Richards' Gothic school designs. Richards adopted the Collegiate or Anglo-Gothic style popular in the early twentieth century for a number of his school designs. Most of his Gothic style schools were less ornate than the Horace Furness School.

Thus the William B. Hanna School is important as a representative example of the Gothic style schools designed by Richards, a significant Philadelphia public school architect.

area of significance: architecture

verbal boundary description

The nominated property consists of Philadelphia County lot 886108500 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.
182486 420N4423 660

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Spring Garden School #1
12th & Odgen St.
182486 660N4424 040

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
W&E Martin Orthopedic Sch.
182485 100N4424 220

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Lydia Darrah School
182485 820N4424 020

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

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Rudolph Walton School
182484 900N4427 020

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
George Heade School
182485 900N4425 140

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Verbrook High School
182481 460N4422 540

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Wm. Shoemaker Jr. High
182480 480N4424 840

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
William B. Hanna School
182479 800N4424 680

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
George L. Brooks School
182480 020N4424 040

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Thomas Dunlap
182481 040N4423 440

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
West Phil. High School
182481 460N4422 520

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Willa R. Westerman School
182482 820N4423 440

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
David Landreth School
182484 480N4420 620

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Weir Mitchell School
182480 880N4420 520

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Thony Wayne School
182481 660N4419 960

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Daniel Boone School
182488 920N4423 210

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Edison High School
182487 060N4426 710

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
David Farragut School
182488 420N4426 210

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
William S. Stokely
182484 040N4425 960

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Paul Lawrence Dumb
182486 800N4430 600

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
William Penn School
182486 040N4423 660

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Alexander Dallas Bell
182485 140N4424 220

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Mifflin School
182487 760N4423 500

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Fleischer
182486 340N4423 460

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Thaddeus Stevens School
182486 340N4423 380

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Meredith School
182487 100N4420 810

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
J. Sylvester Kamae
182486 300N4421 420

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Samuel J. Randall
182486 340N4421 110

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Robert Ralston School
182487 460N4420 960

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Francis M. Draxel
182485 220N4421 110

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County