

PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM
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 PA HISTORICAL & MUSEUM COMMISSION Harrisburg, PA 17120

7. Local survey organization

Philadelphia Historical Commission

8. property owners name and address

School District of Philadelphia
 21st & Winter Streets
 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103

9. tax parcel number / other number

886254000

11. status (other surveys, lists etc.)
 PHRS

10. U.T.M. zone easting
 18 481480

3 acres 4422450
 northing

usgs sheet: Philadelphia

12. classification
 site () structure () object ()
 building () Thematic
 in N.R. district yes () no ()

13. date(s) (how determined)

1914

14. period

1914

15. style, design or folk type

Late Gothic Revival

19. original use

School

20. present use

School

16. architect or engineer

H. DeCourcy Richards

17. contractor or builder

Cramp & Company

18. primary building mat./construction

Brick with limestone trim

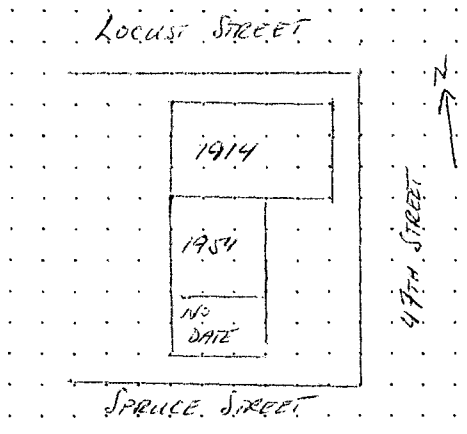
21. condition

Good

22. integrity

Fair

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)

See reverse side

27. history, significance and/or background

See reverse side

28. sources of information

See reverse side

29. prepared by:

Jefferson M. Moak

30. date
 5-27-87

revision(s)

1. County Philadelphia
 5. present name Henry C. Lea School

2. municipality Philadelphia
 6. other name (historic name if any) Henry C. Lea School of Practice

3. street address or specific location 242 S. 47th Street a.k.a. 4700 Locust Street
 4. survey code

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3. ADDRESS: 47th Street, 242 S.

5. NAME: Lea, Henry C., School

6. FORMER NAME:

13. DATES: 1914

ADDITIONS: 1954, n.d.

DESCRIPTION: A three-story, 5-register brick-faced reinforced concrete building with terra cotta and granite trim. Basement windows pierce the watertable which is capped by a limestone drip course. Thin limestone courses highlight the basement level. A Classical limestone center entrance surround is topped by an entablature. The five registers on the front of the building are stepped from the center to the ends. Each register contains four double-hung windows with a common limestone lintel. Decorative panels are set between the first and second floors and between the third floor and cornice. A stone beltcourse separated the second and third floors. The side elevation features a projecting entrance bay with a large arched opening above the entrance and an entrance surround which matches that of the main entrance. Two registers stretch to the south beyond the side entrances. It also still represents well the Late Gothic Revival style adopted by Richards for many of his 1910 schools.

HISTORY/SIGN.: This was one of seven schools erected from School Board Type Number 12B between 1912 and 1914. One only of the seven, the Edgar Allen Poe School, was included as part of the Philadelphia Public Schools Thematic Nomination. The Henry C. Lea School suffers from several unsympathetic additions in the rear. The original building still possesses most of its integrity. The Henry C. Lea School was one of the first to be designed as a demonstration school, a concept later expanded in the 1920s with the construction of such buildings as the Logan School and the Thaddeus Stevens School.

National Register Criteria: A and C, Architecture & Education.

Boundary Justification: The nominated property contains the contributing building and all historically associated land.

2B. SOURCES: Edmunds, School Buildings of Philadelphia, 1908-1918
School District, "New Buildings Under Contract"

EVALUATION: Despite the two additions, the history of the Lea School as an early pioneer of the demonstration school concept should allow it entrance onto the National Register as part of the Philadelphia Public Schools Thematic District.

There is one contributing building on the nominated property.

Verbal boundary: the nominated property is tax parcel #886254000.

EVALUATION

EVALUATOR(S)

Philadelphia Public Schools
Thematic Nomination
Overbrook School
Philadelphia County
Zone 18
UTM 18/479000/4425540

Philadelphia Public Schools
Thematic Nomination
Mayer Sulzberger School
Philadelphia County
Zone 18
UTM 18/481540/4423640

Philadelphia Public Schools
Thematic Nomination
Harambee/Holmes Jr. High School
Philadelphia County
Zone 18
UTM 18/480260/4423060

Philadelphia Public Schools
Thematic Nomination
Henry Lea School
Philadelphia County
Zone 18
UTM 18/481480/4422450

Philadelphia Quad

Philadelphia Public Schools
Thematic Nomination
Anna Shaw School
Philadelphia County
Zone 18
UTM 18/480600/4421080

