

7. Local survey organization

8. property owners name and address

9. tax parcel number/other number

11. status (other surveys, lists etc.)

10. U.T.M. Zone easting

usgs sheet: northing

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

13. date(s) (how determined)
 1909 period

15. style, design or folk type
 Colonial Rev.

19. original use
 School

20. present use
 vacant

16. architect or engineer
 L. Titus

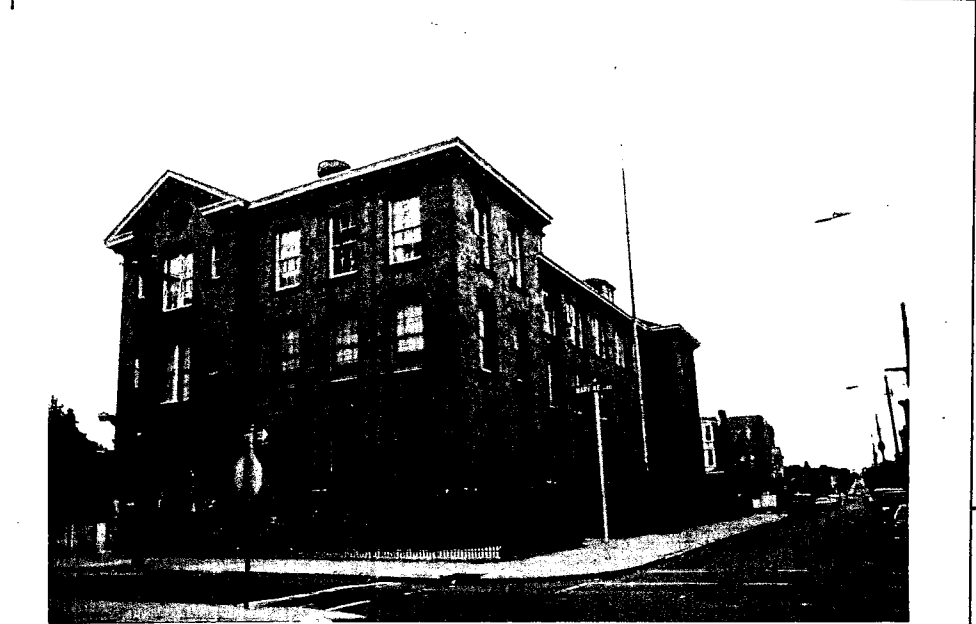
17. contractor or builder
 Henderson Co.

18. primary building mat./construc.
 Stone

21. condition
 Fair

22. integrity
 Good

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

(continue on back if necessary)

29. prepared by:

Computer Coding (BHP Survey Grantees Must Complete)

30. date 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

2. municipality

3. street address or specific location

4. survey code

5. present name

6. other name (historic name if any)

Physical Description

Constructed in 1905, the Richardson L. Wright School is a 5 bay, 3 story coursed ashlar building located at the corner of 11th and Marvine Streets. Designed in the Colonial Revival style, the hip roofed building features a projecting pedimented entrance bay on the marvine St. elevation and a 10 bay side elevation with projecting end bays. Detailing begins with a watertable pierced by partially below grade basement windows with smooth dressed flat arch brownstone lintels capped by stone dripcourse. A Classical frontispiece with paired pilasters supporting an entablature with name panel and crowned by a dentilled cornice marks the entrance, a sealed double leaf door. paired double leaf 4 over 4 wash with stone lintels and sills, flanked by narrow 2 over 2 double hung sash with sotne lintels and sills, pierce the building surface above the entrance. Capping the bay is a modillioned cross gable with return. A cameo window with stone trim distinguishes the gable. Fenestration on the main body of the building follows a regular pattern of 6 over 6 double hung sash with brownstone lintels and sills. Paired windows with similar trim embellish the main body of the side elevation. Crowning the building is a modillioned cornice. The hip roof is pierced by hipped dormers with paired windows.

Statement of Significance

The Wright School stands as one of a few surviving, intact examples of the Colonial Revival school designs of Lloyd Titus, Chief Draftsman for the Philadelphia School Board's Department of Buildings from 1901 to 1905. Titus represented the last non-architect to hold this position, working under the Department's supervisor, a licensed architect. He was succeeded by architect Henry deCoursey Richards, whose Colonial Revival schools illustrated, in their sophistication of detail and innovation, the subtle differences between architect and non-architect. titus' designs, while simple, and with minimal detailing and ornamentation, illustrate a proficiency and skill with materials adequate to the tasks of school design in early twentieth century.

EVALUATION

EVALUATOR(S)

7. Local survey organization

8. property owners name and address
 School Board of Philadelphia
 21st Street & the Parkway
 Philadelphia, Pa. 19107

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

10. U.T.M.

Zone	4	8	7	4	0
Eastings	4	4	2	8	3
Northings	4	4	2	8	3

 usgs sheet: Germantown

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

13. date(s) (how determined)
 1904-1905
 14. period

15. style, design or folk type
 Colonial Rev.

19. original use School
 20. present use Vacant

16. architect or engineer
 Lloyd Titus

17. contractor or builder
 Henderson Co.

18. primary building mat./construc.
 Stone

21. condition Fair
 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 _____
 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 PHILADELPHIA
 2. municipality PHILADELPHIA
 3. street address or specific location 1101 VENANGO STREET
 4. survey code
 5. present name RICHARDSON L. WRIGHT SCHOOL
 6. other name (historic name if any)

Richardson L. Wright School

Physical Description

Constructed in 1905, the Richardson L. Wright School is a three story, five bay coursed ashlar stone building designed in the Colonial Revival style. The hipped roof building features a projecting, pedimented entrance bay on the Marvine St. elevation and a ten bay side elevation with projecting end bays. The building detailing begins with a watertable pierced by partially below grade basement windows with smooth dressed brownstone lintels capped by a stone dripcourse. A Classical frontispiece with paired pilasters supports an entablature with the school name panel. A dentilled cornice crowns the entrance, a sealed, double leaf door. Paired, double hung four over four sash with stone lintels and sills, flanked by narrow, two over two sash with stone lintels and sills, pierce the building surface above the entrance. Capping the bay is a modillioned cross gable with return. An ocular window with stone surround trim distinguishes the gable. The fenestration on the main body of the building follows a regular pattern of six over six double hung sash with brownstone lintels and sills. Paired windows with similar trim embellish the side elevation. Crowning the building is a modillioned cornice. The hip roof is pierced by hipped dormers with paired windows.

Statement of Significance

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Thus the Wright School is significant as a rare Colonial Revival design executed by Lloyd Titus, an important turn-of-the-century designer of Philadelphia public schools.

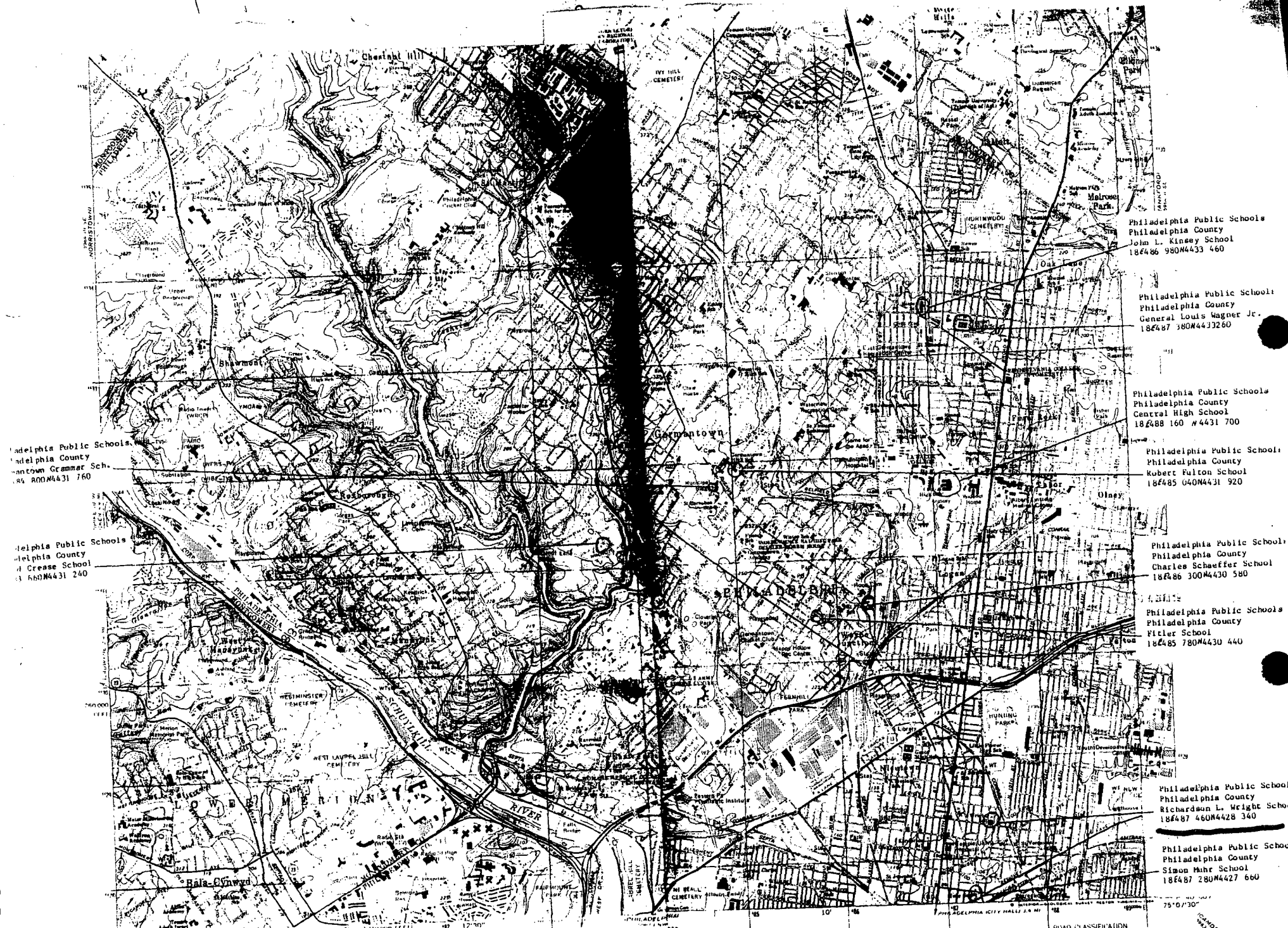
area of significance: architecture

verbal boundary description

The nominated property consists of Philadelphia County lot 8862640 which contains the school and its contiguous grounds.

EVALUATION

EVALUATOR(S)



Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
John L. Kinsey School
184486 980M4433 460

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
General Louis Wagner Jr.
184487 360M4433 260

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Central High School
184488 160 4431 700

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Robert Fulton School
184485 040M4431 920

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Charles Schaeffer School
184486 300M4430 580

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Fidler School
184485 780M4430 440

Philadelphia Public School
Philadelphia County
Richardson L. Wright School
184487 460M4428 340

Philadelphia Public School
Philadelphia County
Simon Paine School
184487 280M4427 660

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Canton Grammar Sch.
184480 400M4431 760

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Grease School
184480 400M4431 240

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ROAD CLASSIFICATION
 Heavy duty ——— Light-duty ———
 Medium-duty - - - - - Unimproved dirt
 Interstate Route (I) S. Route (S) State Route (St)