

8. property owners name and address  
 School District of Philadelphia  
 21st & Benjamin Franklin Parkway  
 Philadelphia, Pa.

9. tax parcel number/other number

10. U.T.M. 18 4 0 4 0  
 zone easting  
 one acre  
 4431920  
 northing  
 usgs sheet: Germanantown

11. status (other surveys, lists etc.)

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

13. date(s) (how determined)  
 1935-1937  
 14. period

15. style, design or folk type  
 Moderne

19. original use School  
 20. present use School

16. architect or engineer  
 Irwin T. Catharine

17. contractor or builder

18. primary building mat./construc.  
 Brick/limestone

21. condition Good  
 22. integrity Good

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.

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 161 32. style 20; \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_  
 33. construction material 02, 03; \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_ 34. roof \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_  
 35. design type \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_  
 36. historic function 080301P; \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_  
 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 60-68 E. Haines Street  
 4. survey code  
 5. present name ROBERT HILTON SCHOOL  
 6. other name (historic name if any) SAME

## Robert Fulton School

### Physical Description

The Fulton School rising three stories and spanning along Haines Street is a brick and limestone building designed in the Moderne style. The building is dominated by its vertical lines. Ribbon bands of windows punctuated by brick piers emphasize the structure's verticality. The main entrance rising from the building skyscraper fashion is enhanced by limestone detailing. Historical figures, holding the lamps of enlightenment and knowledge stand in watch at the main door. Above is a band incised with the building name. Rising from the entrance surround is a window band, all executed in limestone. The fenestration pattern is regular with limestone sills giving horizontal emphasis to the verticality of the windows. Large brick piers, punctuating the bay openings, rise above the building face, capped by limestone caps. The effect of these pilasters and the main entrance tower is a modified castle design. Adjacent to the main entrance is the auditorium area which continues the building's appearance with the exception of the windows.

### Statement of Significance

The Robert Fulton School, is an impressive brick and limestone structure designed in the Moderne style, under the auspices of Superintendent of Building's Irwin T. Catharine. The building displays a high level of sophistication and design styling. Always mindful of the high profile school buildings maintained, within a community, Catharine's office erected structures which stood out from the surrounding architecture. In size, scale, material and ornamentation, the school is a superb example of the Moderne period. This structure, designated as Building Type No. 169 is one of three structures built in this particular design. The other two schools are the George Meade and George Washington Schools.

Thus the Robert Fulton School is exceptionally significant as a superb example of the Moderne style, particularly with its understated detailing, as designed by Irwin T. Catherine.

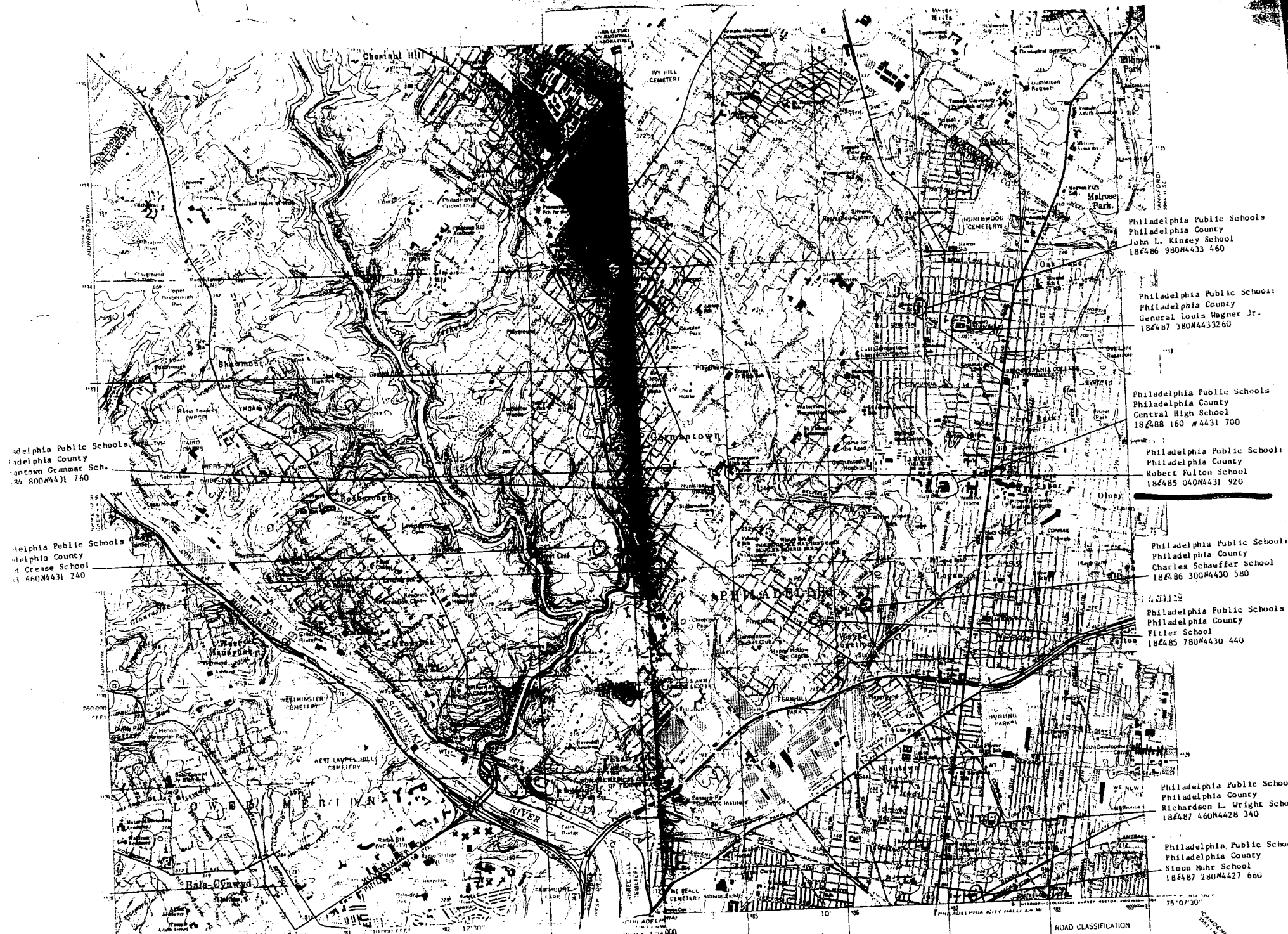
area of significance: architecture

verbal boundary description

The nominated property consists of Philadelphia County lot 886279500 which contains the school and its contiguous grounds.

EVALUATION

EVALUATOR(S)



Philadelphia Public Schools  
Philadelphia County  
John L. Kinsey School  
182486 980N4433 460

Philadelphia Public Schools  
Philadelphia County  
General Louis Wagner Jr.  
182487 180N4433260

Philadelphia Public Schools  
Philadelphia County  
Central High School  
182488 160 N 4431 700

Philadelphia Public Schools  
Philadelphia County  
Robert Fulton School  
182485 040N4431 920

Philadelphia Public Schools  
Philadelphia County  
Charles Schaeffer School  
182486 300N4430 580

Philadelphia Public Schools  
Philadelphia County  
Fidler School  
182485 780N4430 440

Philadelphia Public School  
Philadelphia County  
Richardson L. Wright School  
182487 460N4428 340

Philadelphia Public School  
Philadelphia County  
Simon Muir School  
182487 280N4427 660

Philadelphia Public Schools  
Philadelphia County  
Canton Grammar Sch.  
182480 800N4431 760

Philadelphia Public Schools  
Philadelphia County  
Creese School  
182480 660N4431 240

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy duty	Light duty
Medium duty	Unimproved dirt
Interstate Route	U.S. Route
	State Route

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