

PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM
 BUREAU FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION Box 1026
 PA HISTORICAL & MUSEUM COMMISSION Harrisburg, PA 17120

7. Local survey organization

8. property owners name and address
 Iglesia Evangelica Bautista Church
 2637-2647 N. 4th Street
 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19133

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

10. U.T.M. zone **18** easting **418111810**
 northing **442615150**
 usgs sheet:

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

13. date(s) (how determined)
1879-1880
 14. period **1861-1880**

15. style, design or folk type
Queen Anne

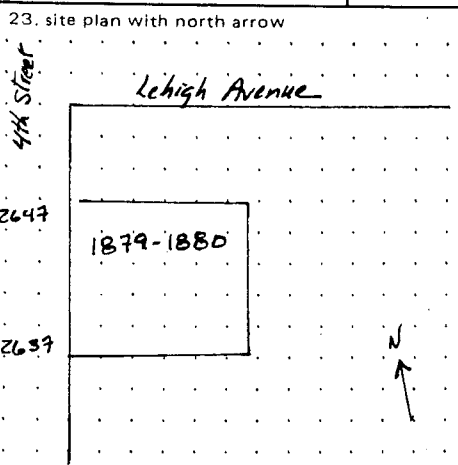
19. original use **School**
 20. present use **church**

16. architect or engineer
Addison Hutton

17. contractor or bullder
Philip H. Somerset

18. primary building mat./construction
Brick with brownstone trimmings

21. condition **Fair**
 22. integrity **Good**



6. other name (historic name if any)
William Adamsom School

2. municipality **Philadelphia**

3. street address or specific location
2637-2647 N. 4th Street

4. survey code

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

(continue on back if necessary)

27. history, significance and/or background
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28. sources of information
See reverse side

29. prepared by:
Jefferson M. Moak

30. date **5-24-87** revision(s)

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3. ADDRESS: 4th Street, 2637-2647 N.

5. NAME:

6. FORMER NAME: Adamson, William, School

13. DATES: 1879-1880

ADDITIONS:

DESCRIPTION: A 3-story, four-register, brick building. Each register contains three openings: the center two project. The building sits on a stone basement. Brownstone sills and lintels appear at each opening. The left and right registers have two openings on the first and second floors with paired windows within. A brick pilaster separates these openings. Three openings pierce the third floor. The central two registers have three openings on all three floors: the center one on the first floor in each register has been closed. Brick piers with brownstone tops appear at the ends of the projection and in the center separating the two registers. A corbeled brick cornice tops the structure. Several flat brownstone beltcourses break up the brick facade. A carved brownstone datestone is placed between the center registers on the second floor.

HISTORY/SIGN.: In May 1877, City Councils passed an ordinance requiring fire-proof stairways for school buildings. This marked the first attempt to improve school design since Samuel Sloan was hired in 1850. Recognizing perhaps the limitations of their in-house architect, Lewis Esler, to incorporate new and modern ideas into school designs, the Controllers of the Public Schools hired Addison Hutton, a leading Philadelphia architect, to prepare plans for two school buildings which would incorporate the latest ideas as to light, ventilation and safety. The two school buildings were the William Welsh and the William Adamson Schools. The Adamson School is the only survivor. It is also noteworthy in that it survives as the only school building not designed by a Board of Education employee between 1867 and 1946. Alterations were performed to the building in 1946 and 1948, the latter designed by Cronheim & Weger, architects, for the Textile Workers Union.

28. SOURCES: Edmunds, Public School Buildings, 1875-1889
Building Permits 1946 # 2998, 1948 # 3804

EVALUATION: The twin facts that this building was designed by a noted architect and incorporated new ideas in school designs makes it eligible for the NR

EVALUATION

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