

PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM
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7. Local survey organization
Philadelphia Historical Commission

1. County
Philadelphia
 5. present name
J.C. King Educational Bldg.

8. property owners name and address
Mr. & Mrs. Samuel W. Smith, Jr.
1728 Meadow Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19124

9. tax parcel number / other number
232123800
 11. status (other surveys, lists etc.)

10. U.T.M. zone **18** easting **4193101610**
 2 acres
 northing **414219101610**
 usgs sheet: **Frankford**

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

13. date(s) (how determined)
1874
 14. period
1874

15. style, design or folk type
Italianate

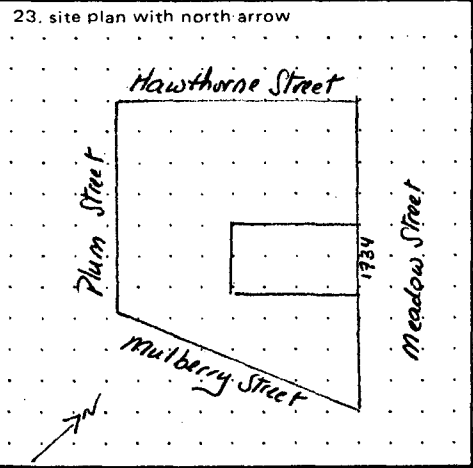
19. original use
Public School
 20. present use
Private School

16. architect or engineer
Lewis H. Esler

17. contractor or builder
William Keas

18. primary building mat./construction
Stone

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



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)
David Wilmot School

24. photo notation
 25. file/location

3. street address or specific location
1734 Meadow Street

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 **6-19-87** revision(s)

4. survey code

3. ADDRESS: Meadow Street, 1734

5. NAME: King, J.C. Educational Bldg.

6. FORMER NAME: Wilmot, David, School

13. DATES: 1874

ADDITIONS: 1908

DESCRIPTION: A 2-story, 4-register, stone school building with brownstone sills under all openings and brownstone arches above all openings. A gable appears above the right center opening. The entrance is within the same register on the first floor. An addition was erected in 1908 in the rear which continued the same wall surface but the openings are filled with triple windows. Lynch Brothers, contractors, erected this addition from the plans of H. deCourcy Richards.

HISTORY/SIGN.: One of the small 2-classroom structures which were common in Philadelphia during the middle of the 19th century. The Wilmot School has survived in very good condition and integrity over the last 113 years. Although Esler had been the School Board Architect for seven years, one can still discern his reliance upon the plans submitted by James C. Sidney in 1866-1867 for that particular generation of school buildings.

Few schools from this early period remain standing. Indeed, only fourteen schools built before 1876 survive. Nine already appear on the National Register; three are included in the present nomination, and two others have suffered serious mutilation. Moreover, the J. S. King Education Building, originally the Wilmot School, is but one of ten schools from the first two decades of the consolidation of the City and County of Philadelphia. During this twenty-year period, the School Board had 116 school buildings erected.

28. SOURCES: Edmunds, Public School Buildings of Philadelphia
Edmunds, Chronological List of Philadelphia School Buildings
Sanborn Map Company, Insurance Maps of Philadelphia

EVALUATION: The Wilmot School is an excellent representation of the typical school building of the 1860s and 1870s designed by Sidney and Esler and as such should be included onto the National Register.

National Register Criteria: A, Education

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

There is one contributing building on the nominated property.

Verbal boundary: the nominated property is tax parcel #232123800.

EVALUATION

EVALUATOR(S)

Philadelphia County
Zone 18
UTM 13/489500/4430280

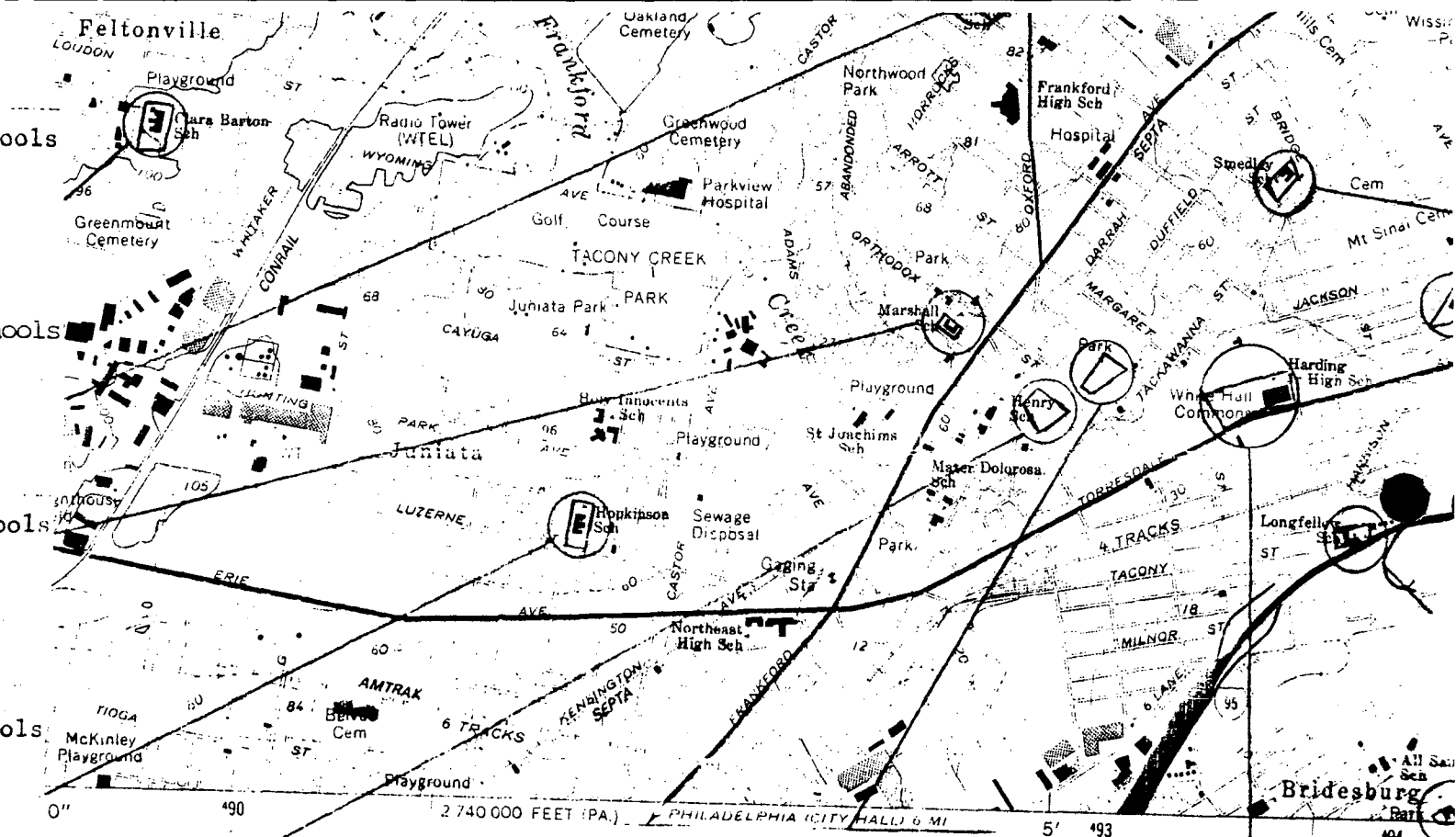
Philadelphia Public Schools
Thematic Nomination
Clara Barton School
Philadelphia County
Zone 18
UTM 489750/4429800

Philadelphia Public Schools
Thematic Nomination
Henry Edmunds School
Philadelphia County
Zone 18
UTM 18/492540/4430330

Philadelphia Public Schools
Thematic Nomination
John Marshall School
Philadelphia County
Zone 18
UTM 18/492520/4429180

Philadelphia Public Schools
Thematic Nomination
Francis Hopkinson School
Philadelphia County
Zone 18
UTM 18/491240/4428460

Philadelphia Public Schools
Thematic Nomination
William Axe School
Philadelphia County
Zone 18
UTM 18/492830/4428850



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Hydrographic data compiled from NOS chart 296 (1966). This information is not intended for navigational purposes
Cylindrical projection. 10,000-foot grid ticks based on Pennsylvania coordinate system, south zone, and New Jersey coordinate system 1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 18, shown in blue. 1927 North American Datum
To place on the predicted North American Datum 1983 move the projection lines 6 meters south and 32 meters west as shown by dashed corner ticks
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown
There may be private inholdings within the boundaries of the National or State reservations shown on this map

Philadelphia Public Schools
Thematic Nomination
David Wilmot School
Philadelphia County
Zone 18
UTM 18/493060/4429060

UTM GRID AND 1983 MAGNETIC NORTH DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET
Buildings shown in purple and woodland compiled from aerial photography taken 1981 and other sources. This information not field checked. Map edited 1982
Blue tint indicates extension of urban areas

Philadelphia Public Schools
Thematic Nomination
Warren Harding School
Philadelphia County
Zone 18
UTM 18/493630/4428940

Frankford Quad