

PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION Box 1028 PA HISTORICAL & MUSEUM COMMISSION Harrisburg, PA 17120		7. Local survey organization Philadelphia Historical Commission		1. County Philadelphia
8. Property owners name and address School District of Philadelphia 21st and Winter Streets Philadelphia, PA 19103		9. tax parcel number / other number 451150400	10. U.T.M. zone 1.4 acres 11. status (other surveys, lists etc.) 1.8 491161810 414215191410 Camden	5. present name James Martin School
12. classification site () structure () object () building () Thematic in N.R. district Yes () No ()	13. date(s) (how determined) 1894-1896 1922 14. period 1894-1896 1922	15. style, design or folk type Romanesque	19. original use School 20. present use School	2. municipality Philadelphia 6. other name (historic name if any) N/A
16. architect or engineer Joseph W. Anschutz Irwin T. Catharine	17. contractor or builder Frank J. Amweg	18. primary building mat./construction Granite	21. condition Good 22. integrity Very Good	
23. site plan with north arrow 		3. street address or specific location 3340 Richmond Street		
24. photo notation		4. survey code		
25. file/location		26. brief description (note unusual features, integrity, environment, threats and associated buildings) A 3-story, 5-register, stone school set upon a slightly raised basement. The front elevation is divided into five registers; the outside registers each contains separate openings with stone sills and lintels on the first two floors and stone sills under arched openings on the third level. The inside registers now contain single openings with stone sills and lintels. Four windows fill each opening. These openings were probably altered from the original design in 1922 when a large 9-register wing was erected. Portholes appear over the central three registers of the front facade and the cornice is set higher than over the outside registers. The side elevation extends but two registers. The one next to the front contains two openings similar to those on the outside registers of the front. The second register contains the entrance, stairwell, and three openings with		
27. history, significance and/or background During his tenure with the School District, 1885-1899, Joseph W. Anschutz designed 76 school buildings. Of these, the great majority have been demolished, leaving but twelve with enough integrity for consideration for the National Register. Nine of the twelve were entered on the National Register in 1986; however, three others were overlooked, including the Watson Comly, Philip Sheridan and James		29. prepared by: J. M. Moak		
28. sources of information Edmunds, Public School Buildings of Philadelphia Edmunds, Chronological List of Philadelphia School Buildings Sanborn Map Co., Insurance Maps of Philadelphia		30. date 6-20-87		

26. DESCRIPTION (continued)

rough stone trim. The addition stands at the southeastern part of the building.

27. HISTORY/SIGNIFICANCE (continued)

Martin Schools. They appear in the present nomination.

As built the James Martin School bore a very close resemblance to the James G. Blaine (1894-1895) and Gustavus S. Benson (1894-1896) Schools in plan and elevation. The Martin School survives as the only example of Anschutz's use of Romanesque Revival ornamentation applied to an essentially utilitarian structure and further reflects his stylistic versatility. The Martin School assumes additional interest in the addition of 1922 by Irwin T. Catharine. Known primarily for his school designs in Collegiate Gothic, Georgian Revival and Art Deco modes, including additions to older buildings, Catharine here retained the original character of Anschutz's work, respected and adopted Anschutz's vocabulary and sought to follow the original design. This may be the last instance in which Catharine did not use a totally new design.

National Register Criteria: C, Architecture

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 #451150400.

EVALUATION

For its place in the history of education and of school architecture in Philadelphia, this building warrants listing on the National Register

EVALUATOR(S)

3. ADDRESS: Richmond Street, 3340

5. NAME: Martin, James, School

6. FORMER NAME:

13. DATES: 1894-1896

ADDITIONS: 1922

DESCRIPTION: A 3-story, 5-register, stone school set upon a slightly raised stone basement. The front elevation is divided into five registers: the outside registers each contain three separate openings with stone sills and lintels on the first two floors and stone sills under arched openings on the third level. The inside registers now contain single openings with stone lintels and sills. Four windows fill each opening. These openings were probably altered from the original design in 1922 when a large 9-register wing was erected. Portholes appear over the central three registers of the front facade and the cornice is set higher than over the outside registers. The side elevation stretches but two registers. The one next to the front contains two openings similar to those on the outside registers of the front. The second register contain the entrance, stairtower, and three openings with rough stone trim. The addition is located on the southeastern part of the building.

HISTORY/SIGN.: The James Martin School still retains much of the original design imparted to it by Joseph W. Anschutz. The addition constructed in 1922 uses the same type of stonework as the original structure. The Martin School and the Kearney School at 6th & Fairmount are probably the last schools in which Irwin T. Catharine attempted to match the original design. After this, he essentially would use a totally new design for any addition. Catharine is also probably responsible for the alterations to the windows in the front facade: these are the same type of openings found on the Kearney School and on the Martin School addition.

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

EVALUATION: The Martin School deserves inclusion onto the
National Register of Historic Places as part of the Philadelphia Public Schools
Thematic District.

EVALUATION

EVALUATOR(S)

Camden Quad

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Philadelphia Public Schools
Thematic Nomination
James Martin School
Philadelphia County
Zone 18
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Thematic Nomination
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Philadelphia County
Zone 18
UTM 18/490240/4427500

Philadelphia Public Schools
Thematic Nomination
Russell Conwell School
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Zone 18
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Thematic Nomination
John Paul Jones Jr. High
Philadelphia County
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