

PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM BUREAU FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION Box 1026 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 & Winter Streets Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103		9. tax parcel number / other number 886226000		
12. classification site () structure () object () building () Thematic in N.R. district yes () no ()		10. U.T.M. zone easting 18 4853810 1.8 acres 442 1320 Northing		5. present name Norris S. Barratt Junior High School
13. date(s) (how determined) 1908 / 1926-1927 14. period 1908 / 1926-1927		11. status (other surveys, lists etc.) PHRS (6-1981)		
16. architect or engineer H. deCourcy Richards (1908) Irwin T. Catharine (1926)		15. style, design or folk type Late Gothic Revival / Art Deco		3. street address or specific location 1235 S. 16th Street
17. contractor or builder (1908)		18. primary building mat./construction Brick with stone trimmings		
23. site plan with north arrow 		19. original use School 20. present use School 21. condition Good 22. integrity Good		2. municipality Philadelphia
24. photo notation		25. file/location		
26. brief description (note unusual features, integrity, environment, threats and associated buildings) See reverse side				6. other name (historic name if any) Jeremiah Nichols School
27. history, significance and/or background See reverse side				
28. sources of information See reverse side				
29. prepared by: Jefferson M. Moak		30. date 5-21-87		4. survey code
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3. ADDRESS: 16th Street, 1235 S.

5. NAME: Barratt, Norris S., Jr. High

6. FORMER NAME: Nichols, Jeremiah, School

13. DATES: 1926-1927

ADDITIONS:

DESCRIPTION: Two buildings comprise this complex. The earlier building, on the north end of the lot, was erected in 1908 and stands 3 stories high and three registers wide on a raised brick basement. Each register contains five windows on the first and second floors and four arched openings on the third floor. Each of the lower floors project slightly within the register. The name of the school appears overhead. The southern building, erected in 1926-1927, stands four stories high and measures seven registers along its western facade. It too stands on a raised brick basement. Each of the registers is defined by a four-story arched opening with three windows on each floor separated by terra cotta panels. The main entrance is in the left register of this building which contains an arched opening on the first floor, three arched openings on the second floor and three openings on each of the upper floors. A battlement tops the entrance register.

HISTORY/SIGN.: The Jeremiah Nichols School was designed in 1908 by H. deCourcy Richards as an addition to the original Jeremiah Nichols School on the corner on 16th & Wharton Streets, which was built in the 1860s. In 1926, the original Nichols School was demolished and the addition was hooked onto the new Norris Barratt Junior High School, thus creating the odd situation of having the addition older than the main building. The new building wrapped around the older structure and incorporated it into the overall design. The School Board Type Number, JHS-7, was employed solely for the Barrett School. The 1908 Nichols School employed School Board Type Number 116, the same as the Feltonville School. This building warrants listing as a well preserved example of styles commonly used among Phila. schools in the early 20th century, the Collegiate Gothic & Art Deco.
National Register Criteria: C, Architecture

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

28. SOURCES: Edmunds, Public School Buildings of Philadelphia, 1908-1918
Edmunds, Chronological List of Public School Buildings, 1818-1934
School Board, "New School Buildings Under Contract"

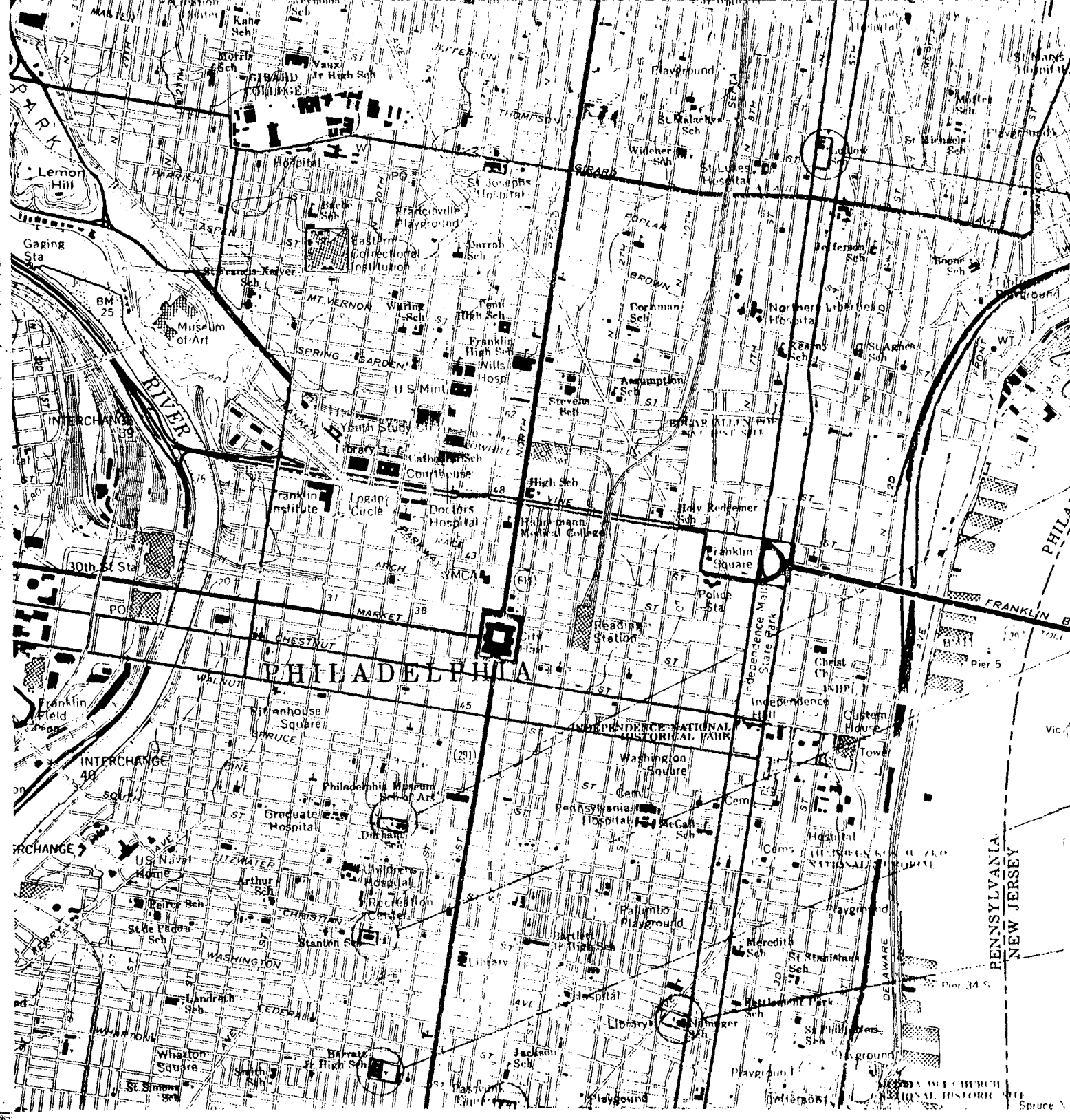
EVALUATION: This building(s) warrants inclusion onto the National Register as part of the Philadelphia Public Schools Thematic District.

There is one contributing building on the nominated property.

Verbal boundary: the nominated property is tax parcel # 88622600.

EVALUATION

EVALUATOR(S)



Penn Treaty Jr. High School
 Philadelphia County
 Zone 18
 UTM 18/489100/4424500

Philadelphia Public Schools
 Thematic Nomination
 James Ludlow School
 Philadelphia County
 Zone 18
 UTM 18/487500/4424480

Philadelphia Quad
 Philadelphia Public School
 Thematic Nomination
 Thomas Durham School
 Philadelphia County
 Zone 18
 UTM 18/485520/4421420

Philadelphia Public Schools
 Thematic Nomination
 Edwin Stanton School
 Philadelphia County
 Zone 18
 UTM 18/485380/4420920

Philadelphia Public Schools
 Thematic Nomination
 Norris S. Barrat School
 Philadelphia County
 Zone 18 *Jeremiah Nichols*
 UTM 18/485380/4421320

Philadelphia Public Schools
 Thematic Nomination
 George Nebinger School
 Philadelphia County
 Zone 18
 UTM 18/486820/4420520

Philadelphia Public Schools
 Thematic Nomination
 James Wilson School
 Philadelphia County