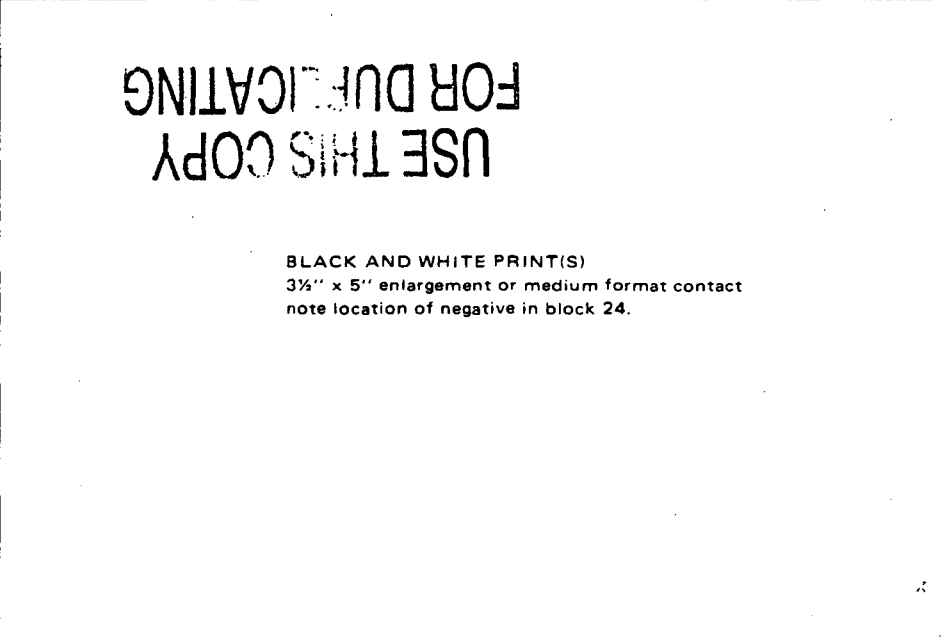


PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM BUREAU FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION Box 1026 PA HISTORICAL & MUSEUM COMMISSION Harrisburg, PA 17120		7. Local survey organization Philadelphia Historical Commission		1. County Philadelphia 5. present name William H. Harrison School
8. property owners name and address School District of Philadelphia 21st & Winter Streets Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103		9. tax parcel number / other number 886148500		
12. classification site ( ) structure ( ) object ( ) building ( ) Thematic in N.R. district yes ( ) no ( )		10. U.T.M. zone 18 4 8 6 8 6 0 2 acres easting 4 4 2 4 4 5 0 northing usgs sheet: Philadelphia		2. municipality Philadelphia 6. other name (historic name if any) N/A
13. date(s) (how determined) 1928-1929 14. period 1928-1929		11. status (other surveys, lists etc.) 15. style, design or folk type Late Gothic Revival		
16. architect or engineer Irwin T. Catharine		17. contractor or builder Unknown		3. street address or specific location 1012-1020 W. Thompson Street 4. survey code
18. primary building mat./construction brick with stone trimmings		19. original use School 20. present use School 21. condition Excellent 22. integrity Excellent		
23. site plan with north arrow 				
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 See reverse side (continue on back if necessary)				
28. sources of information see reverse side		29. prepared by: Jefferson M. Moak		
		30. date 5-29-87		revision(s)

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3. ADDRESS: Thompson Street, 1012-1020 W.

5. NAME: Harrison, William Henry, School

6. FORMER NAME:

13. DATES: 1928-1929

ADDITIONS:

DESCRIPTION: A 3-story, 9-register brick building set upon a raised basement, with each register containing three windows within a stone opening on each floor, a stone dripcourse, small stone beltcourse/cornice above the first and third floors, and a stone coping atop the crenellated parapet. The central register contains a projecting stone entryway with a Tudor-arched opening and the name of the school carved over this opening. A pair of small openings with stone surrounds pierces the parapet above the third floor in the central register. The side elevation stretches seven registers with a blank wall filling the register closest to the front, a slightly projecting second register with 1-2-1 openings highlighted by stone surrounds and stone panels beneath the openings, triple sash within the third to sixth registers and a single opening within the far register.

HISTORY/SIGN.: The William Henry Harrison School is one of five erected from the plans of School Board Type Number 153. It is not as flamboyant as some of Catharine's other designs of this period. The other schools of this type, and their dates of construction, are the Henry H. Houston School (1926-1927), the Avery D. Harrington School (1926-1927), the Franklin Smedley School (1927-1928) and the Richmond School (1928-1929). The integrity of the original designs of the second mentioned school has been seriously compromised by later additions. Thus the Harrison School stands as a well preserved example of one of Catharine's principal design types designed in a style, the Late Gothic Revival that he adopted during the 1920s. The William H. Harrison School was one of the very few buildings which survived the complete replacement of this neighborhood by the Redevelopment Authority in the 1950s and 1960s.

There is one contributing building on the nominated property.

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

EVALUATION: Despite its pedestrian appearance, this building is a good example of its style and type and should be included as part of the Philadelphia Public Schools Thematic District.

National Register Criteria: C, Architecture

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

Verbal boundary: the nominated property is tax parcel #886148500.

EVALUATION

EVALUATOR(S)

Philadelphia Public Schools  
Thematic Nomination  
Murrell Dobbins School  
Philadelphia County  
Zone 18  
UTM 18/485720/4427040

Philadelphia Public Schools  
Thematic Nomination  
William Harrison School  
Philadelphia County  
Zone 18  
UTM 18/486860/4424450

PHILADELPHIA QUADRANGLE  
PENNSYLVANIA-NEW JERSEY  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

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(FRANKFORD)

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Philadelphia Public Schools  
Thematic Nomination  
William Adamson School  
Philadelphia County  
Zone 18  
UTM 18/488180/4426550

Philadelphia Public School  
Thematic Nomination  
James Elverson School  
Philadelphia County  
Zone 18  
UTM 18/486780/4425970

Philadelphia Public Schools  
Thematic Nomination  
Kensington High School for  
Girls  
Philadelphia County  
Zone 18  
UTM 18/489200/4425840

Philadelphia Public Schools  
Thematic Nomination  
George Chandler School  
Philadelphia County