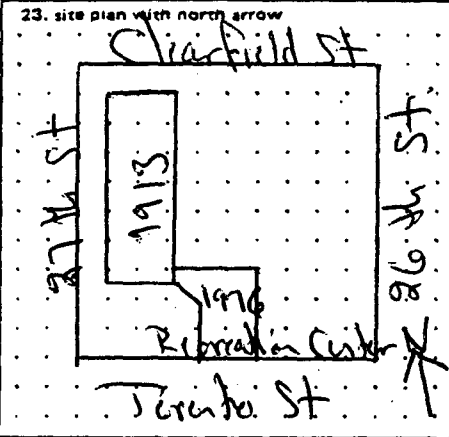


PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION Box 1026 PA HISTORICAL & MUSEUM COMMISSION Harrisburg, PA 17120		7. Local survey organization Philadelphia Historical Commission		5. present name John Greenleaf Whittier Philadelphia
8. property owners name and address School District of Philadelphia 21st and Winter Streets Philadelphia, PA 19103		9. tax parcel number / other number 886229000	10. U.T.M. zone easting 1.8 acres 414127181010 northing usgs sheet: Germantown	
12. classification site () structure () object () building () Thematic in N.R. district yes () no ()	13. date(s) (how determined) 1913	14. period 1913	15. style, design or folk type Classical Revival	19. original use School
16. architect or engineer Henry deCourcy Richards	17. contractor or builder Cramp and Co	18. primary building mat./construction Brick with terra cotta trim	20. present use School	21. condition Good
22. integrity Good		23. site plan with north arrow 		
24. photo notation		25. file/location		
26. brief description (note unusual features, integrity, environment, threats and associated buildings) A 3-story, 5-register brick-faced reinforced concrete school with terra cotta trim. Basement windows pierce the watertable which is capped by a dripcourse. The basement level consists of plain brick. A Classical Revival center entrance surround is topped by an entablature. The five registers of the front elevation step back from the center to the ends. Each register contains four double-hung windows with a common lintel. Decorative panels appear between the first and second floors and between the third floor and the cornice. A beltcourse separates the second and third floors. The side elevation features a projecting entrance with a large arched opening above the entrance and an entrance surround that matches that of the front. Two registers extend to the rear of the side entrance. Thin beltcourses ornament the piers that define the registers in the third floor.				
27. history, significance and/or background During his thirt een years with the School District, 1906-1918, Henry deCourcy Richards bore the primary responsibility for the design of forty-nine schools. For his several high schools, e.g., Kensington High School for Girls, he sought to impart some architectural originality and distinctiveness. For his many elementary schools, however, he worked with a limited number of basic buildings, structural systems				
28. sources of information Edmunds, School Buildings of Philadelphia, 1908-1918 School District, New Buildings Under Contract		29. prepared by: J. M. Moak		
(continue on back if necessary)		30. date 5-27-87		
3. street address or specific location 2600 Clearfield Street				
4. survey code				

27. HISTORY/SIGNIFICANCE (continued)

and plans. He introduced some variety to these basic forms through ornamentation. In 1912-1914, for example, eight schools were built on the same model, type 128, of reinforced concrete with brick walls and limestone or terra cotta trim decorated in the Jacobethan or Classical Revival styles. One of the eight, the Edgar Allen Poe School, was entered on the National Register in 1986. Four others, including John Greenleaf Whittier School, follow the same pattern and possess a degree of integrity that warrants inclusion on the National Register.

John Greenleaf Whittier School, along with the three others in this group and the Poe School, represent the developmental and architectural response to the demands of the building program implemented by the School Board from its reorganization in 1905 to World War I. This expansion, which resulted in the construction of 70 schools, in itself was a response to the continuing increase in the population of the city which grew from 1.3 million in 1900 to over 1.8 million in 1920. It also reflects Richards's talent in giving some design variety to a single, basic, expandable form and plan.

The addition of a recreation facility to the rear in 1976 does not seriously compromise the design integrity of the Whittier School.

National Register Criteria: C, Architecture

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

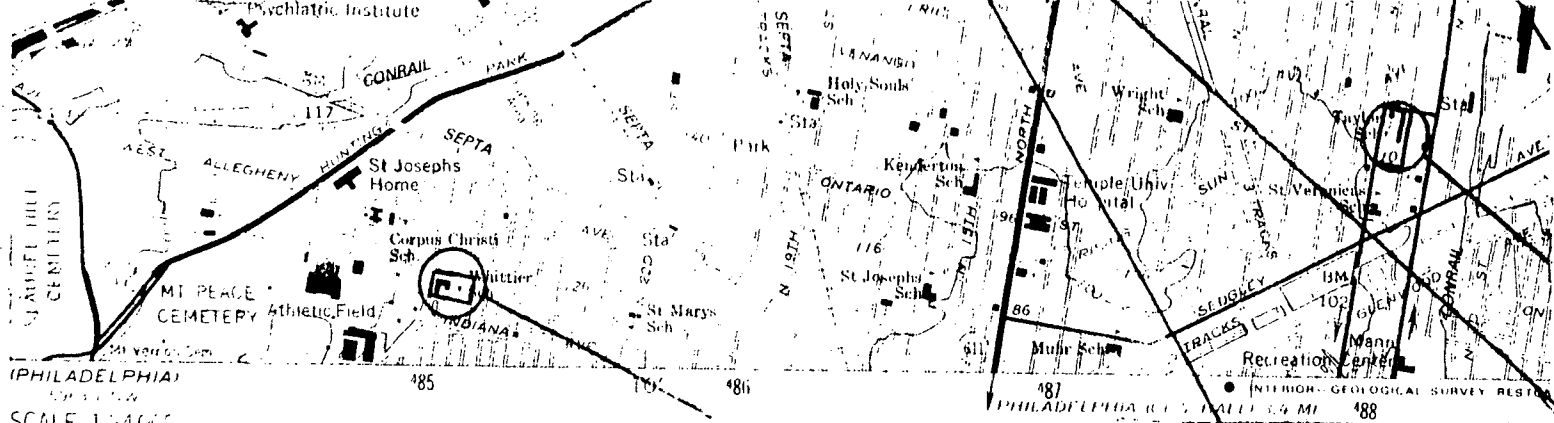
There is one contributing building on the nominated property.

Verbal boundary: the nominated property is tax parcel #886229000.

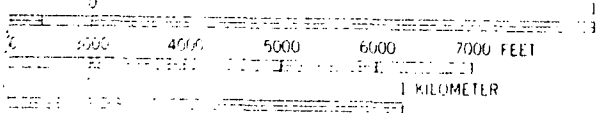
EVALUATION

For its place in the history of education and of school architecture in Philadelphia, the Whittier School warrants entry on the National Register.

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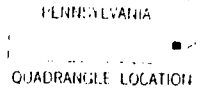


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