

PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM
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 PA HISTORICAL & MUSEUM COMMISSION Harrisburg, PA 17120

7. Local survey organization
 Philadelphia Historical Commission

8. property owners name and address
 School District of Philadelphia
 21st & Winter Streets
 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103

9. tax parcel number / other number
 421045500

10. U.T.M. Zone
 18 48 91 75 10
 easting

2 acres
 414121981010
 northing

11. status (other surveys, lists etc.)

usgs sheet: Frankford

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

13. date(s) / how determined
 1924-1925

15. style, design or folk type

19. original use
 School

14. period
 1924-1925

Art Deco

20. present use
 School

16. architect or engineer
 Irwin T. Catharine

17. contractor or builder

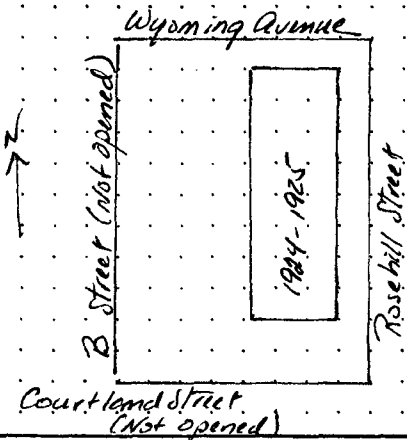
Unknown
 Unknown

18. primary building mat./construction
 Brick with terra
 cotta trimmings

21. condition
 Excellent

22. integrity
 Excellent

23. site plan with north arrow



BLACK AND WHITE PRINT(S)
 3 1/2" x 5" enlargement or medium format contact
 note location of negative in block 24.

24. photo notation

25. file/location

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
 5-31-87

revision(s)

(continue on back if necessary)

1. County
 Philadelphia

2. municipality
 Philadelphia

3. street address or specific location
 300 E. Wyoming Avenue

4. survey code

5. present name
 Clara Barton School

6. other name (historic name if any)
 N/A

3. ADDRESS: Wyoming Avenue, 300 E.

5. NAME: Barton, Clara, School

6. FORMER NAME:

13. DATES: 1924-1925

ADDITIONS:

DESCRIPTION: A 3-story, 8-register, yellow brick school set upon a raised basement. The outside registers have no openings. A diapered brick panel occupies the full height of this space. The second openings from the outside are the projecting stairtowers. A colorful arched entryway with terra cotta trim and clustered pilasters forms the focus of this register. Above the entrance appear bands of three windows each on each of the landings. Small rectangular openings appear on either side of this register at the floor level. A terra cotta cornice is set above the entrance. The central four registers each contain five windows in a 1-3-1 pattern. A brick dripcourse appears above the basement level. A terra cornice is set above the third floor openings. The name of the school appears in the center of the parapet.

HISTORY/SIGN.: The Clara Barton School is actually several years ahead of its time. Because of Catharine's experiment with this design, it was given School Board Type Number 144. Catharine's use of terra cotta tiles, which he employed so tastefully in many of his designs of the late 1920s and early 1930s, started with the Clara Barton School. Five other buildings were built from Type Number 144 with an increased use of terra cotta and carved stonework, beginning with the Hopkinson School in 1926-1927. The other four were erected between 1928 and 1930. Catharine also used the same floorplan for a variant design using Gothic details rather than the Art Deco of this building. Three buildings were erected from the variant design, dubbed 144-E.

One of a group of six constructed on the same model by Catharine between 1924 and 1930, the Clara Barton School possesses a very high degree of integrity. It is an excellent example of his 1920s and 1930s Art Deco school designs.

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

EVALUATION: This building should be included on the National Register 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.

There is one contributing building on the nominated property.

EVALUATION

Verbal boundary: the nominated property is tax parcel #421045500.

EVALUATOR(S)

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

Frankford Quad

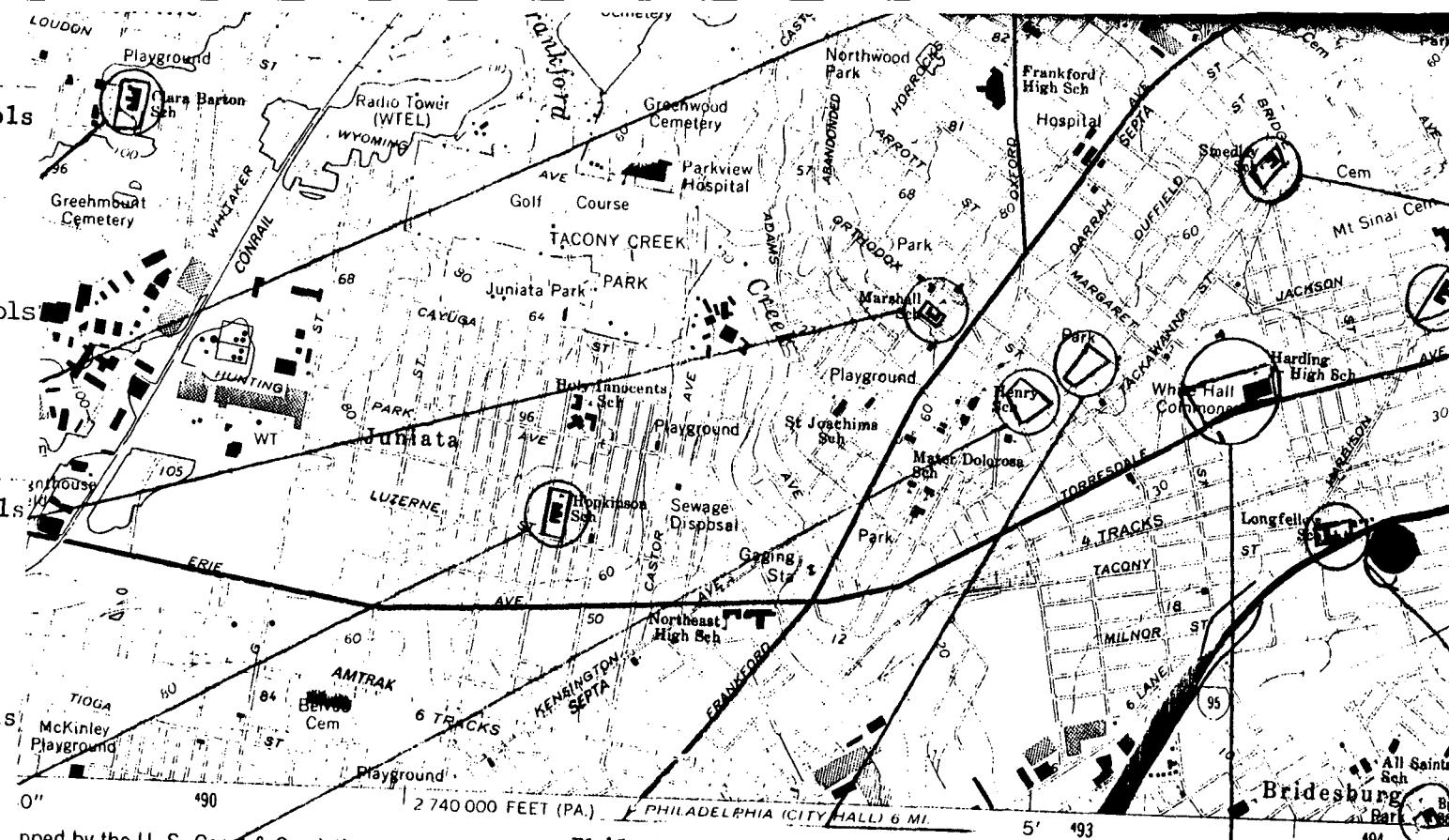
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and checked 1967
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coordinate system, south zone, and New Jersey coordinate system
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 18, shown in blue. 1927 North American Datum
To place on 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

Revisions shown in purple and woodland compiled from
aerial photographs taken 1981 and other sources
This information not field checked. Map edited 1981
Purple tint indicates extension of urban areas

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



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