

PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM
 BUREAU FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION Box 1026
 PA HISTORICAL & MUSEUM COMMISSION Harrisburg, PA 17120

7. Local survey organization

8. property owners name and address

Lisbeth R. Sklar
 628 S. Clifton Street
 Philadelphia, PA 19147

9. tax parcel number/other number

10. U.T.M.

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 Zone easting
 less than one acre
 4,4,2,1,1,2,0
 usgs sheet: Philadelphia
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11. status (other surveys, lists etc.)

12. classification
 site () structure () object ()
 building () district ()
 thematic

13. date(s) (how determined)

1865

14. period

15. style, design or folk type

Italianate

19. original use school

20. present use residence

16. architect or engineer
 Edward Fay
 (renovations)

17. contractor or builder

18. primary building mat./construc.

wood/brick

21. condition good

22. integrity good

23. site plan with north arrow

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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)

NPS counting purposes: one contributing building

(continue on back if necessary)

27. history, significance and/or background

(continue on back if necessary)

28. sources of information

see bibliography for nomination

(continue on back if necessary)

29. prepared by:

B. Mintz

Computer Coding (BHP Survey Grantees Must Complete)

30. date
 7/1986

revision(s)

31. county _____ 32. style _____; _____; _____; _____

32. construction material _____; _____; _____; _____ 34. roof _____; _____; _____

35. design type _____; _____; _____

36. historic function _____; _____; _____; _____; _____; _____; _____; _____

37. construction feature _____; _____; _____; 38. ext. walls _____; 39. plan _____

40. facade width _____ 41. roof material _____ 42. stories _____ 43. depth _____

44. ext. design _____; _____; _____; _____; _____

45. int. design _____; _____; _____; _____; _____

1. County PHILADELPHIA
 5. present name SAMUEL J. RANDALL SCHOOL
 2. municipality PHILADELPHIA
 6. other name (historic name if any) INSTITUTE FOR COLOURED YOUTH

3. street address or specific location 10th and BAINBRIDGE STREETS

4. survey code

Samuel J. Randall School - Physical Description

The Randall School rising three stories in height and three bays in width, is a brick structure designed in an Italianate mode with a pedimented front gable and cross gabling. The main facade is divided into three main sections by projecting pilasters which rise the full height of the building. At flanking ends are small, recessed stair towers. The entrance features double leaf doors with arched transom and projecting stone surround. The fenestration pattern varies with single segmented sash in the end bays flanking paired, segmented sash in the center, on the first and second floors. The third floor has smaller, segmented sash in each of the end bays with a tripartite configuration of smaller, segmented sash, at the third floor. All of the windows have replacement sash in varying patterns of single light, fixed sash with operable transoms and over lower panels. Brick labels with stone console stops enhance the first and second floor windows. A string course band rests below the third floor windows. The two front pilasters rise to paired brackets which support a corbelled brick overhanging cornice. Rising from the cornice line is a central pedimented gable, a motif repeated at the cross gabling. A wooden cupola with bracketed cornice rest in the center of the building.

Statement of Significance

The Samuel J. Randall School was originally used by the Institute for Coloured Youth. The Institute was chartered by the State of Pennsylvania in 1842 for the education of black boys and girls. The Institute was one of the first schools in the nation devoted solely to educating black youths. At first the Institute was located on Lombard Street in Philadelphia. In 1866 the Institute moved to facilities on Bainbridge Street, including this nominated building. The Institute for Coloured Youth was located in this school and nearby buildings until 1903, when the Institute moved to Cheney, Delaware County.

The Philadelphia School Board purchased the nominated building in 1903 and hired Edward Fay to renovate the building for public school use. However, it retained much of its previous appearance. Thus, at the time of its acquisition, the Randall School represented a throw-back to earlier school design. The school retained its Italianate styling, which was a style popular during the 1860s and 1870s. The school also had a double-loaded corridor plan based on the earlier Sloan Plan.

Thus the Randall School is significant as part of the facilities of one of the oldest schools in the country devoted to educating black youth. It is also important because, at the time of its purchase by the Philadelphia School Board, it represented a throw-back to earlier school architecture.

areas of significance: education, architecture

verbal boundary description

The nominated property consists of Philadelphia County lot 881003500 which contains the school and its contiguous grounds.

EVALUATION

EVALUATOR(S)

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Spring Garden School #2
12th & Melon St.
182786 6204421 640

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Spring Garden School #1
12th & Melon St.
182786 6204424 740

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Wm. Morris Orthopedic Sch.
182485 1004424 220

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Lydia Maffran School
182485 6204424 020

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



Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Delphi Walton School
182786 6204427 020

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
George Heade School
182786 6204425 140

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Westbrook High School
182786 6204423 540

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Shawmut Jr. High
182786 6204424 840

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
William S. Hanna School
182786 6204424 640

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
George L. Brooks School
182786 6204424 040

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Wm. Doolan
182786 6204423 640

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
St. Phil. High School
182786 6204422 520

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
St. R. Natanson School
182786 6204423 440

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
David Landrock School
182786 6204420 420

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Wm. Mitchell School
182786 6204420 520

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Henry Hanna School
182786 6204419 940

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
St. Tilden Jr. High
182786 6204418 840

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Daniel Boone School
182485 9204423 240

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Edison High School
182487 6004426 780

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
David Farragut School
182486 6204426 240

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
William S. Stokely
182486 6204423 900

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Paul Lawrence Dunbar
182486 6204430 640

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
William Penn School
182486 6204423 640

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Alexander Dallas Bache
182485 1404424 220

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Huffman School
182487 7604423 500

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Fletcher School
182486 3404423 640

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Dundee Stevens School
182486 3404423 380

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Frederick School
182487 1004420 620

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
J. Sylvester Ramsey
182486 3004421 420

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Samuel J. Randall School
182486 3404421 220

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Robert Malton School
182487 6004420 940

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Francis M. Drake School
182485 2204421 120

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Abigail Vere School
182487 1004421 220