

7. Local survey organization

8. property owners name and address
 School District of Philadelphia
 21st Street & the Parkway
 Philadelphia, Pa. 19103

9. tax parcel number/other number
 11. status (other surveys, lists etc.)
 SPHSS

10. U.T.M. Zone 8 Easting 48711010
 one acre
 Northing 4419440
 usgs sheet: Philadelphia

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

13. date(s) (how determined)
 1903-1904
 14. period

15. style, design or folk type
 Victorian

19. original use
 School
 20. present use
 School

16. architect or engineer
 James Gaw

17. contractor or builder
 Samuel Garley Jr.

18. primary building mat./construc.
 Wood/ Stone

21. condition
 Excel.
 22. integrity
 Excel.

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)
 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
 30. date 7/1986
 revision(s)

31. county _____ 32. style _____
 33. 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
 2. municipality PHILADELPHIA
 3. street address or specific location MORRIS STREET & MOYAMENING AVENUE
 4. survey code
 5. present name ABIGAIL VARE SCHOOL
 6. other name (historic name if any) SAME

Abigail Vare School

Physical Description

This three story, square plan, stone is designed in the Colonial Revival style and features a projecting, pedimented frontispiece. A matching cross gable rests along the building's Morris Street elevation. The main entrance has an arched surround with a band course incised with the name of the building. Four smooth dressed Ionic Columns support the entablature. Above the sign band is a balustraded balcony. The building fenestration is regular with single, and paired, double hung sash. Straight limestone lintels and sills enhance the openings. The building ends of the front elevation project from the main facade. A decorative, Palladian style window rests in the gable wall of the front pediment. A smaller, ocular light pierces the side elevation pediment. An oversized molded cornice with decorative brackets rests below the hipped roofline.

Statement of Significance

Designed by one of Supervisor Cook's assistants, James Gaw, the Abigail Vare School displays the stylistic transition in school design occurring at the turn of the century. Built in 1904, the school remains remarkably intact, a prototypical example of the growing influence of the Colonial Revival.

The floor plan of 1904 is I-shaped with a single loaded corridor, six classrooms on each level. Stairs are centered at the front and paired in the rear. This floor plan shows the lingering influence of the Sloan plan at the turn of the century.

Thus the Abigail Vare School is important as a prototypical example of Colonial Revival public schools, and as one of the last schools with a floor plan influenced by the Sloan plan.

area of significance: architecture

verbal boundary description

The nominated property consists of Philadelphia County lot 8862580 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 & Wilson St.
18486 420423 640

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Spring Garden School #1
12th & Logan St.
18486 420424 640

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
448 Morris Orthopedic Sch.
18485 1004424 220

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Lyle's Annex School
18485 1004424 020

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



Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Madison Wilson School
18486 9204423 700

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
George Wade School
18485 9084425 140

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Verbrook High School
18481 4404422 540

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
W. Shepley Jr. High
18481 4204424 840

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
William S. Hanna School
18479 8004424 690

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
George L. Brooks School
18481 0204424 040

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Wash. Doolittle
18481 0404423 440

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Lat. Phil. High School
18481 6404422 520

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Wm. K. Hartsman School
18481 0404423 440

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
David Landreth School
18484 4204420 620

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Wm. Mitchell School
18481 8004420 520

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Anne Wayne School
18481 4404419 940

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
T. Tillem Jr. High
18481 0404418 840

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Daniel Boone School
18486 9204423 700

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Edison High School
18487 0004426 740

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
David Farragut School
18486 9204426 140

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
William S. Stokely
18486 0404423 900

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Paul Lawrence Dunbar
18486 0004410 800

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
William Penn School
18486 0404423 640

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Alexander Dallas Roche
18485 1404424 220

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
William School
18486 7404423 900

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Platactor School
18486 3404423 440

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Theodore Scovena School
18486 3404423 300

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Herbert School
18487 1004420 420

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
J. Sylvester Kennedy
18486 3004421 420

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Samuel J. Randall Sch.
18486 3404421 120

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Robert Keaton School
18487 4004420 900

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Francis H. Unkel Sch.
18485 2204421 140

Philadelphia Public Schools
Philadelphia County
Abigail Vero School
18487 1004421 140