

Poletown Historic District
Hervey Park Elementary School
3010 E. Milwaukee Ave
Detroit
Wayne
MI

HABS No. MI-275-14

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PHOTOGRAPHS

WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
WASHINGTON DC, 20240

STATE Michigan	COUNTY Wayne	TOWN OR VICINITY Detroit
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Poletown Historic District Hervey Parke Elementary School (Building's lintel stone)		HABS NO. MI-275-14 XXXA.
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE None		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 3010 East Milwaukee, Detroit, Michigan		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1901 (Detroit Board of Education)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Malcomson and Higgenbotham, Inc. (Poss. Architect) (Environmental Impact Stud	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Parke School is primarily significant for its Neo-classical architectural style. The building also significant for its lengthy service in education. Parke School was named honoring the first treasurer and President of Detroit's Parke-Davis Company. In 1921 it was one of the first Detroit schools to switch to the platoon system. For nearly 80 years it (Cont'd on Pg.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) The original section of the building is Neo-classical. The rear addition is Romanesque Revival.		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Masonry bearing wall construction with a wood frame structural system.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTA Refer to floor plans on page 3.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE The building's Neo-Classical design is expressed in its symmetrical plan and its many details such as its limestone belt coursings, brick quoins, doric pilasters and vertically attenuated windows. The Romanesque Revival style of the building's rear addition is indicated by its large rounded arches.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) The interior is not distinctive.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES In 1923, a combined gymnasium-auditorium was added to the rear of the original structure In 1951, extensive interior and exterior renovation was completed. In 1961, the building underwent some interior space reorganization and firesafety renovation.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE In 1981, the Detroit Board of Education vacated, and terminated the building's elementary school program. The main section was subsequently severely damaged by fire. The building is scheduled for demolition in 1981.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) (SEE ATTACHED SHEET)		
COMPILER, AFFILIATION Theron Francis, William Kessler and Associates, Inc.		DATE July 20, 1981

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SIGNIFICANCE (Cont'd)

has served its local community as an elementary school. Until June, 1980 it was the last operating public school in this area.

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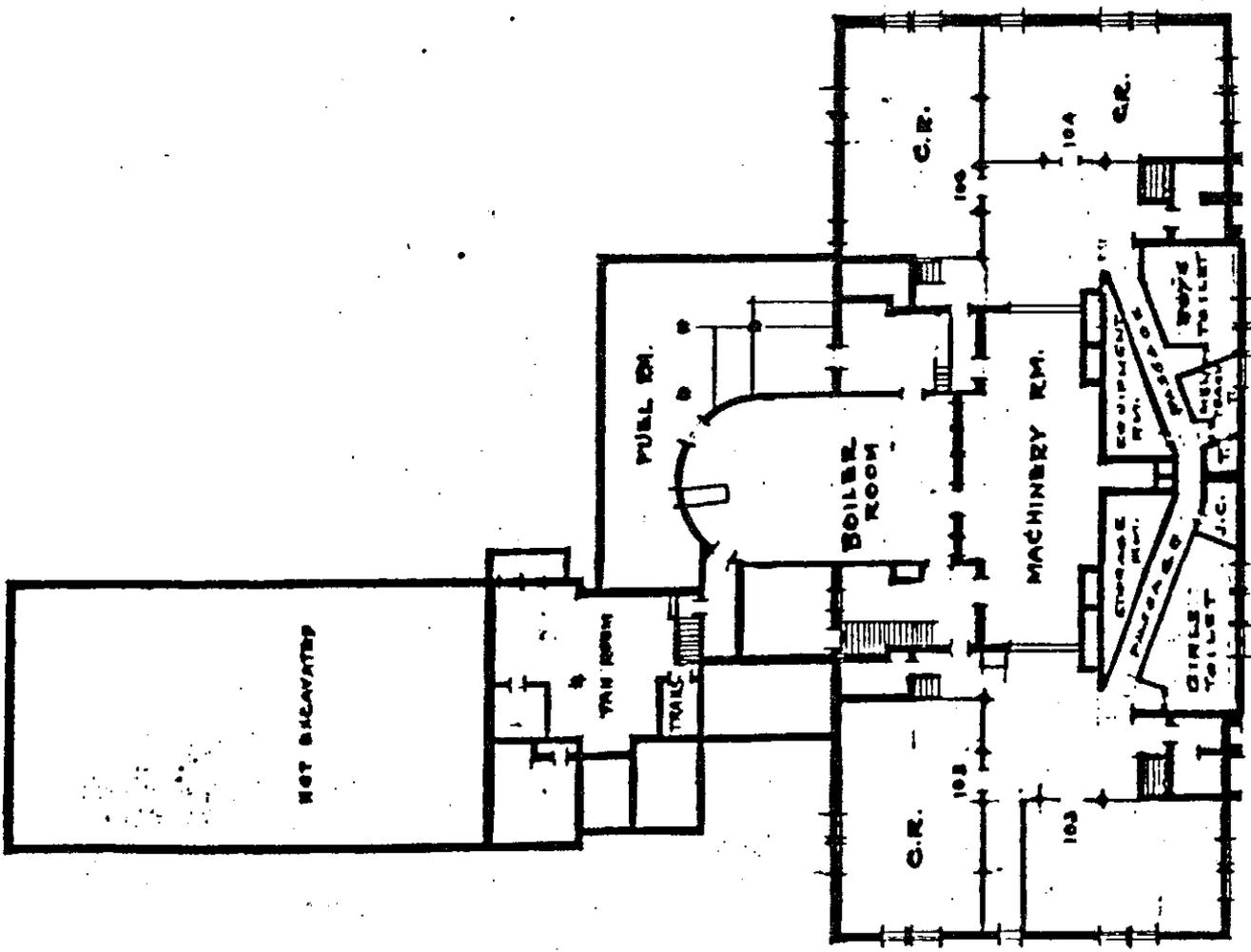
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BASEMENT FLOOR PLAN

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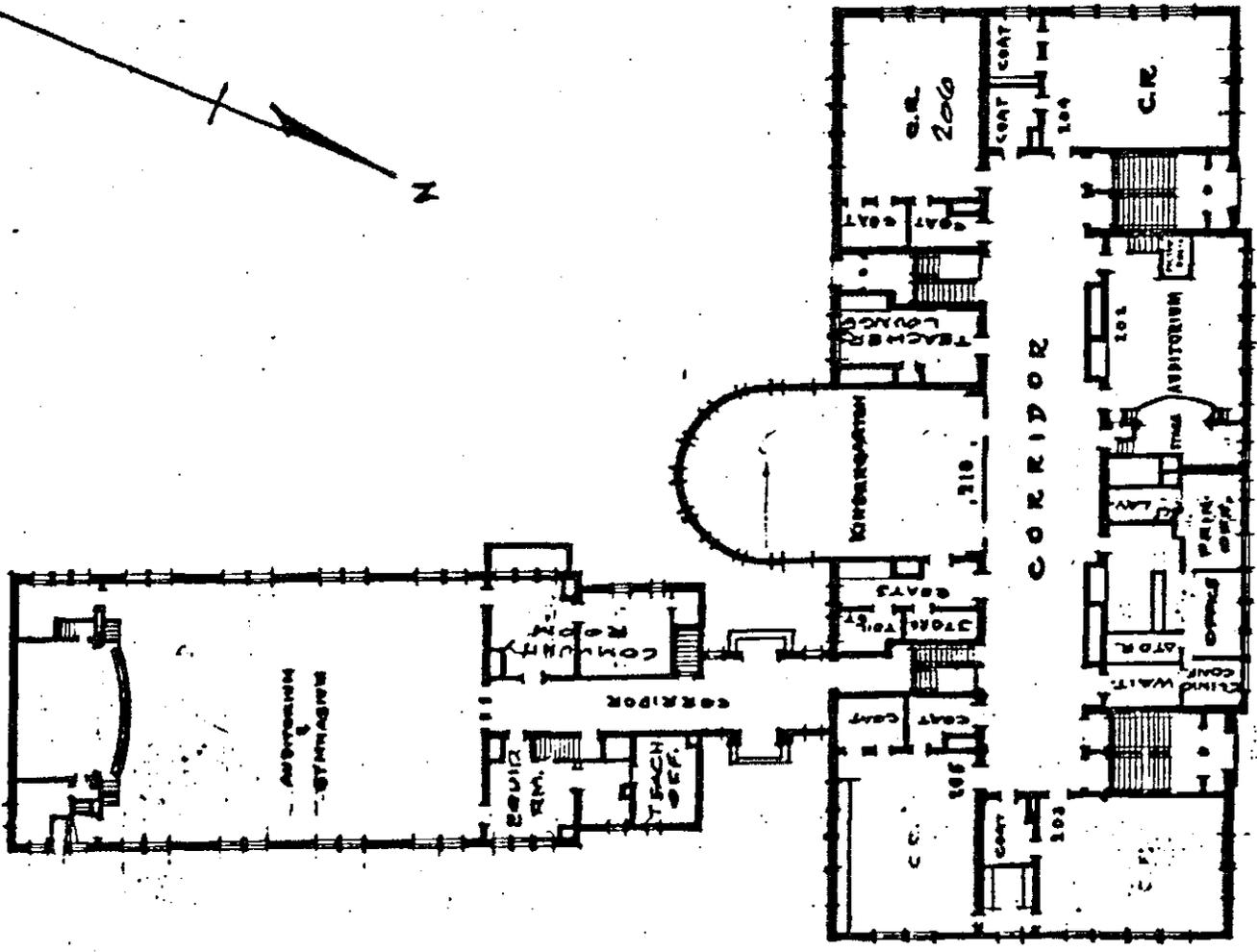
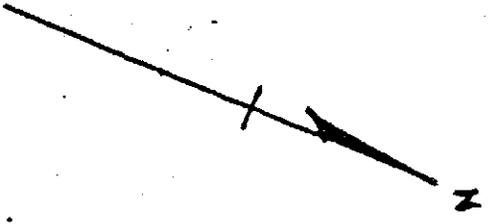
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ADDITION 1919

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FIRST FLOOR PLAN

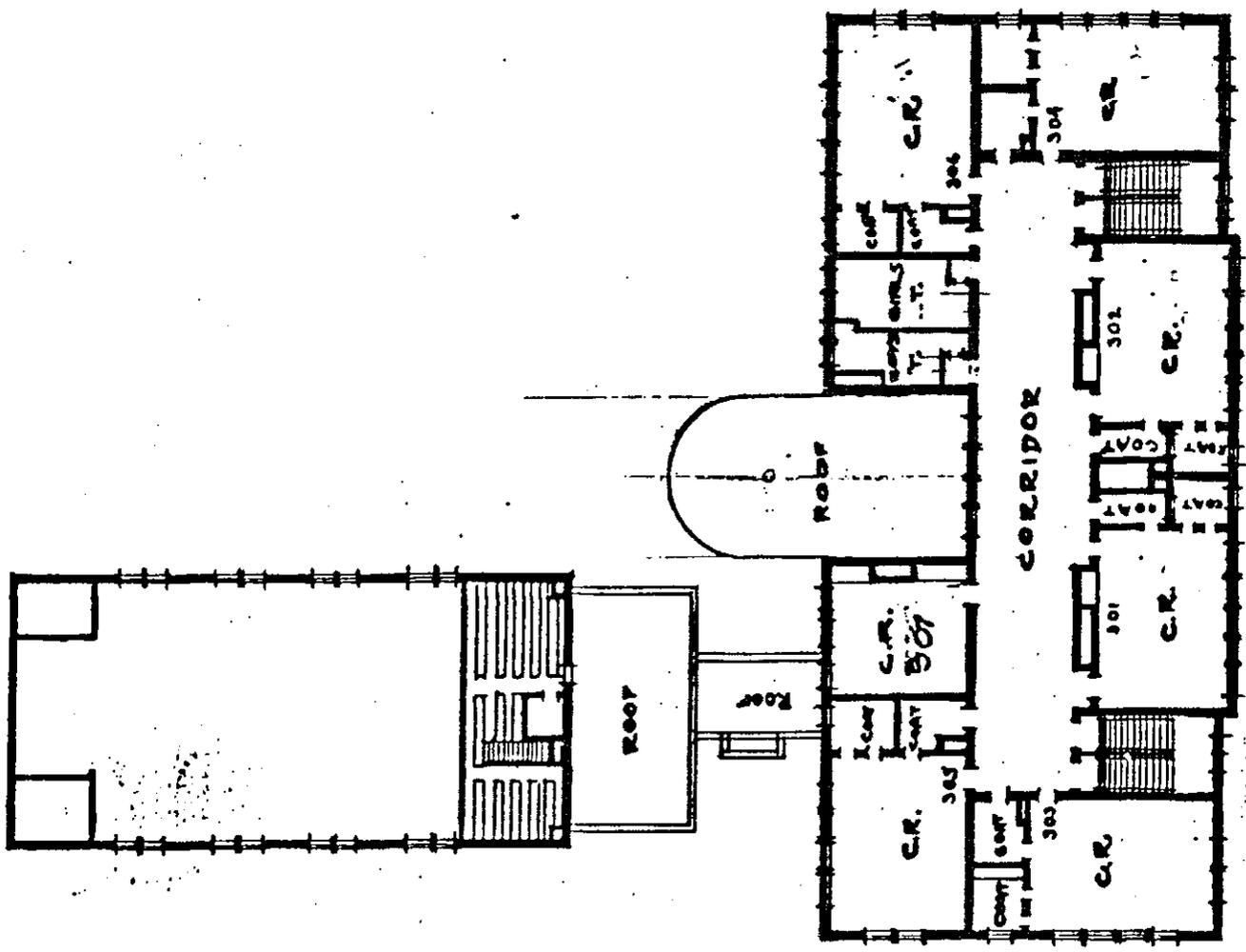
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SECOND FLOOR PLAN

1. Property Name

Parke School

2. Location

Street Address: 3010 E. Milwaukee, Detroit, Michigan

Parke School is located on the south side of E. Milwaukee Avenue between East Grand Boulevard and Mitchell Avenue. It is situated north of the Ford Freeway (I94) and south of Detroit's Central Industrial Park.

3. Classification

Building

4. Ownership

City of Detroit, Community and Economic Development Department

5. Representation in Existing Surveys

None

6. Description

The Parke School is Neo-classical in architectural style. In plan, it is L-shaped. It is constructed of red brick, and has an asphalt, hipped roof.

The building faces north on east Milwaukee Avenue with a small lawn before it. To the east Parke School is adjacent to East Grand Boulevard. To the south are single family residences. Enclosed within the two branches of the L-configuration is a playground and a parking lot. To the west of the structure is Mitchell Avenue. The facade presents an entrance at the west side of the building. Pilasters support a cornice that reads, "Hervey C. Parke School." Above the cornice and extending to the roofline is a tall, thin window. Central to the facade is a dormer window. Across the building are three rows of rectangular windows. The row at the base of the building has smaller windows. Circling the medium of the building is a thick string-course. A pattern of quoins emphasizes each corner of the building. The gymnasium addition shows a Romanesque Revival quality with its rounded-arches encircling the windows.

The main portion of the building was erected in 1901, but the present form was not completed until five additions were made. In 1901 the building comprised nine classrooms. By 1923 the building had expanded to twenty-four rooms, including an auditorium and a gymnasium. All of the additions conform to the design of the principal section, except for the gymnasium and auditorium which have glazed tile decorations on each facing.

7. Significance

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