

ALLEQUIPPA TERRACE, WADSWORTH HALL
Burrows Street and Wadsworth Street
Pittsburgh
Allegheny County
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Location: Burrows Street and Wadsworth Street, Pittsburgh, Allegheny County,
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USGS Pittsburgh East Quadrangle
UTM Coordinates: 17.058743.4477416

Significance: Constructed in 1939-41, Allequippa Terrace is among Pittsburgh's earliest low-income public housing projects. Wadsworth Hall originally served as the community's management building.

Description: Wadsworth Hall is a one- and two-story red brick building with a flat roof. The building is roughly H-shaped. The front elevation has three bays. The central entrance bay has two flush steel doors flanked by paired double hung sash windows. The sole decorative elements on the building are the rows of raised bricks around the entrance. Each of the projecting bays contains rows of double hung sash windows covered with protective metal screens. The central two-story gymnasium has columns of windows between bas-relief pilasters.

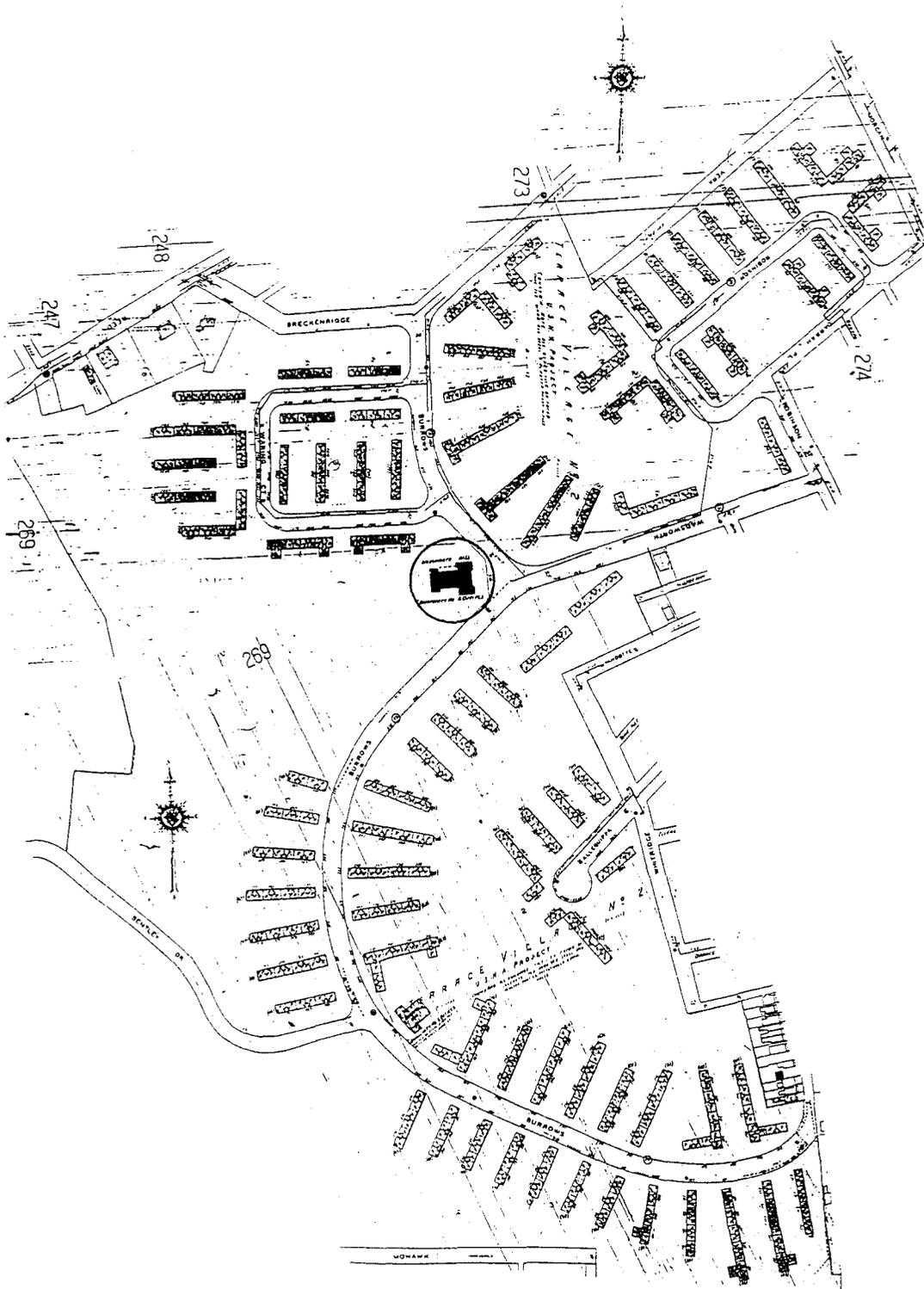
The entrance hall is flanked by two offices on either side. The left, or south side also contains two lavatories. The walls and ceilings in the hall and offices are painted pale pink with darker pink trim. The central two-story portion of the building contains a gymnasium with a raised stage at the rear. The gym has wood floors. The walls are covered with beige tiles to a height of about five feet. Above this the walls are plaster painted white.

History: Allequippa Terrace was designed by Raymond Marlier, William Boyd, Edward B. Lee, and Bernard H. Prack in 1939-41 as low-income public housing. Initially the community's management building, Wadsworth Hall now serves as the local recreation center and houses the office of the tenant council. No original floor plans of Wadsworth Hall were found in the Housing Authority's collection.

Sources: "History and Significance of Housing Authority of Pittsburgh Projects: PA-1-2 and PA-1-8 (Bedford Dwellings and Bedford Dwellings Addition; PA-1-3- (Allequippa Terrace); and PA-1-6 (Broadhead Manor)" prepared by John F. Bauman for the Housing Authority City of Pittsburgh, 1997.

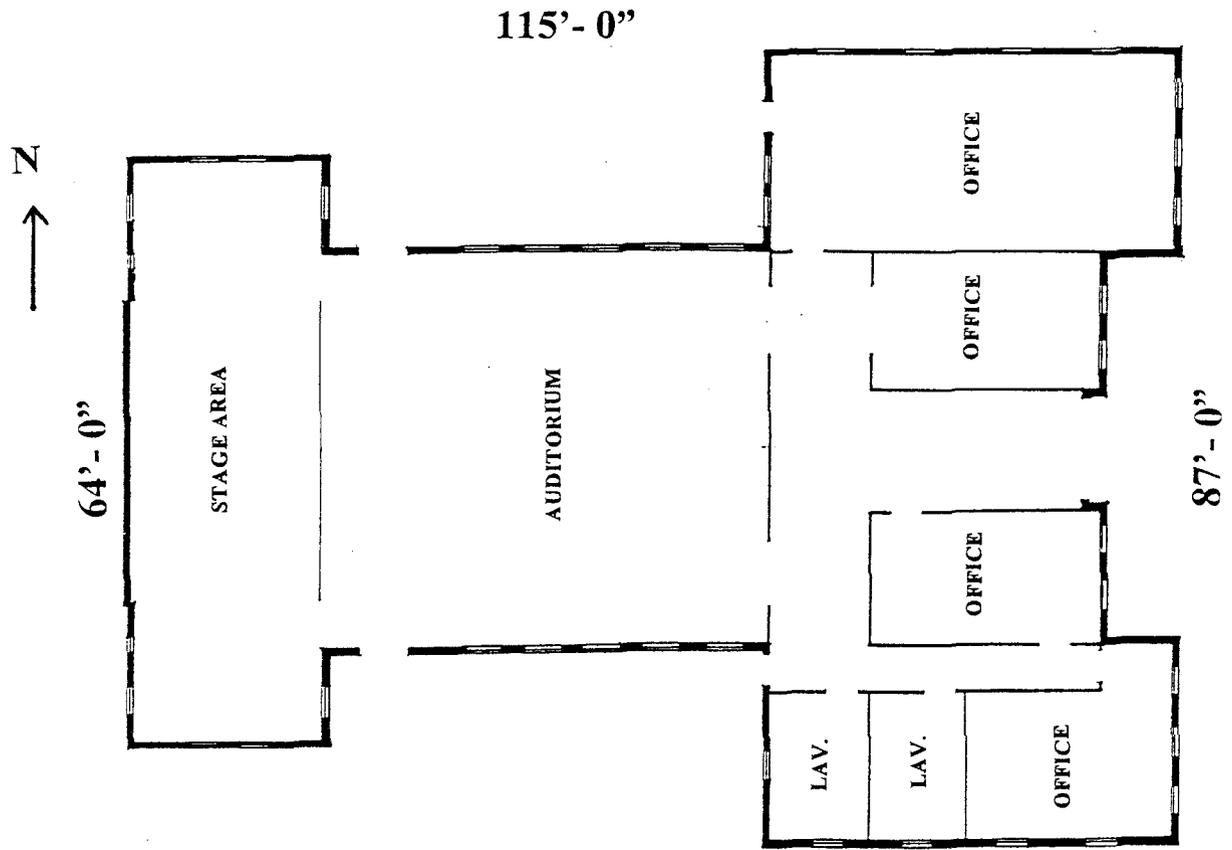
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Location of Wadsworth Hall, 1997

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Floor Plan for Wadsworth Hall, 1997
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