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Name Historic Logan School
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Location 815 Elmwood Avenue

Classification Building

Owner Richland County
c/o Richland County School District 1
1616 Richland Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Representation in Existing Surveys

Description : A three-story brick building, Logan School was originally built in 1913 and was enlarged in 1915 according to plans prepared by architect Charles C. Wilson. The building is 200 feet wide and 150 feet deep. In plan, classrooms surround two open court yards with an auditorium between the two.

Facade material is red brick ornamented with colored tile. Belt-course, cornice, and copings are of limestone. A centrally located main entrance is flanked by limestone three quarter round columns and surmounted by a limestone arch containing the seal of the city in white marble. Entrance is approached by broad granite steps. Other features of front facade include brick corbeling, parapet with "Logan School" engraved on a stone plaque, and 1/1 light rectangular windows.

Side facades feature two projecting stairwells of brick with stone trim and two round-headed windows and an oculus set in an arch. (Continued on back.)

Significance

Named for Charles Mercer Logan who in 1904 gave four acres of land and \$40,000 to the City of Columbia to be used for a school, Logan School was erected in 1913 and enlarged according to the architect's original plans in 1915. In 1918 Logan had 925 students, the largest student body of the six Columbia schools.

Designed by Wilson and Sompayrac, a Columbia architectural firm, the building was described as "Italian Renaissance" in a contemporary account by the architect, Charles C. Wilson. The school represents a good example of a well-built early 20th Century institutional building. The symmetrical facade features design motifs from earlier architectural periods.

The site of the school is also significant, having been part of a larger tract
Acreage: 4.0 acres (Continued on back.)

Verbal Boundary Description TMS 43-07-14; extending 421.5' along Lincoln Street, 815' along Elmwood Avenue, 423' along Gadsden Street, and a northern property line of 412'

UTM Reference Point Columbia North 17/495840/3763300

Other Information

Description continued:

Located on Elmwood Avenue between Lincoln and Gadsden Streets, Logan School is on the boundary of the Elmwood Park area, a neighborhood of early 20th Century houses chosen by the City of Columbia as a target area for rehabilitation grants and neighborhood revitalization.

Significance continued:

used for the State Fair Grounds from 1859 until 1903.