

Public Schools of Memphis 1902-1915 Thematic Resources

IDENTIFICATION	STATUS
Historic name: <u>Peabody Elementary School</u> Common name: <u>Same</u> Address: <u>2086 Young Ave</u> Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee Owner's name: <u>Board of Education</u> Owner's address: <u>2597 Avery</u> Memphis, Tennessee 38112 Classification: <u>Thematic</u> Tax map reference: <u>See attached site map</u> Acreage: <u>2.42 acres</u> UTM reference: <u>Southeast Memphis Quadrangle</u> <u>16/227280/3890240</u>	Open to public: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Visible from road: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Occupied: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Present use: <u>public school</u> Current condition: <u>good</u> Alterations: <u>1920 classroom additions to east and west, undated rear addition, see site map</u> Site features: <u>site gently slopes up from Young Avenue, large asphalt parking lot northwest, mature trees and foundation shrubs</u>
HISTORY	SOURCES
Date of construction: <u>1909</u> Architect/builder: <u>Jones and Furbringer</u> Original or previous owners: <u>N/A</u> Original use: <u>N/A</u> Theme/s: Primary <u>architecture</u> Secondary <u>education</u> Other <u>N/A</u>	Bibliographical data: <u>See NR nomination</u> Form prepared by: <u>Lloyd Ostby</u> Title: <u>Preservation Planner</u> Organization: <u>Memphis Landmarks</u> Commission _____ Date: <u>May, 1982</u>
DESCRIPTION	<p>The three-story brick building (1908) with terra cotta details in Beaux Arts in style with corner pavilions on the front (south) facade, a slightly projecting central bay with the second-story entrance reached by a flight of concrete steps, and a flat roof with a simple cornice and low parapet. The banks of 9/1 windows are framed with a wide terra cotta molding. There is an elaborate door surround at the front entrance composed of squares with high-relief rosettes and a bayleaf garland. The school is somewhat T-shape in plan with a ca. 1930 addition to the northeast corner of the building. The exterior and simple interior are relatively unaltered and retain their architectural integrity.</p>
SIGNIFICANCE	<p>The school is an excellent local example of the Beaux Arts style with an emphasis on a variety of textures and materials as well as on a monumental classicism. The building is one of eight public schools designed by Walk Jones and Max Furbringer between 1902 and 1915. The architectural office of Jones and Furbringer produced some of Memphis' most important buildings during the early twentieth century, including many notable residences such as Beverly Hall (1904, NR 7-9-79) as well as the Masonic Temple (1912) and the Shrine Building (1923, NR 3-29-79). Along with the other eleven nominated public schools in Memphis built between 1902 and 1915 the building reflects the tremendous population growth in Memphis during this period and the great pride and importance the city and the nation placed in public education at that time.</p>

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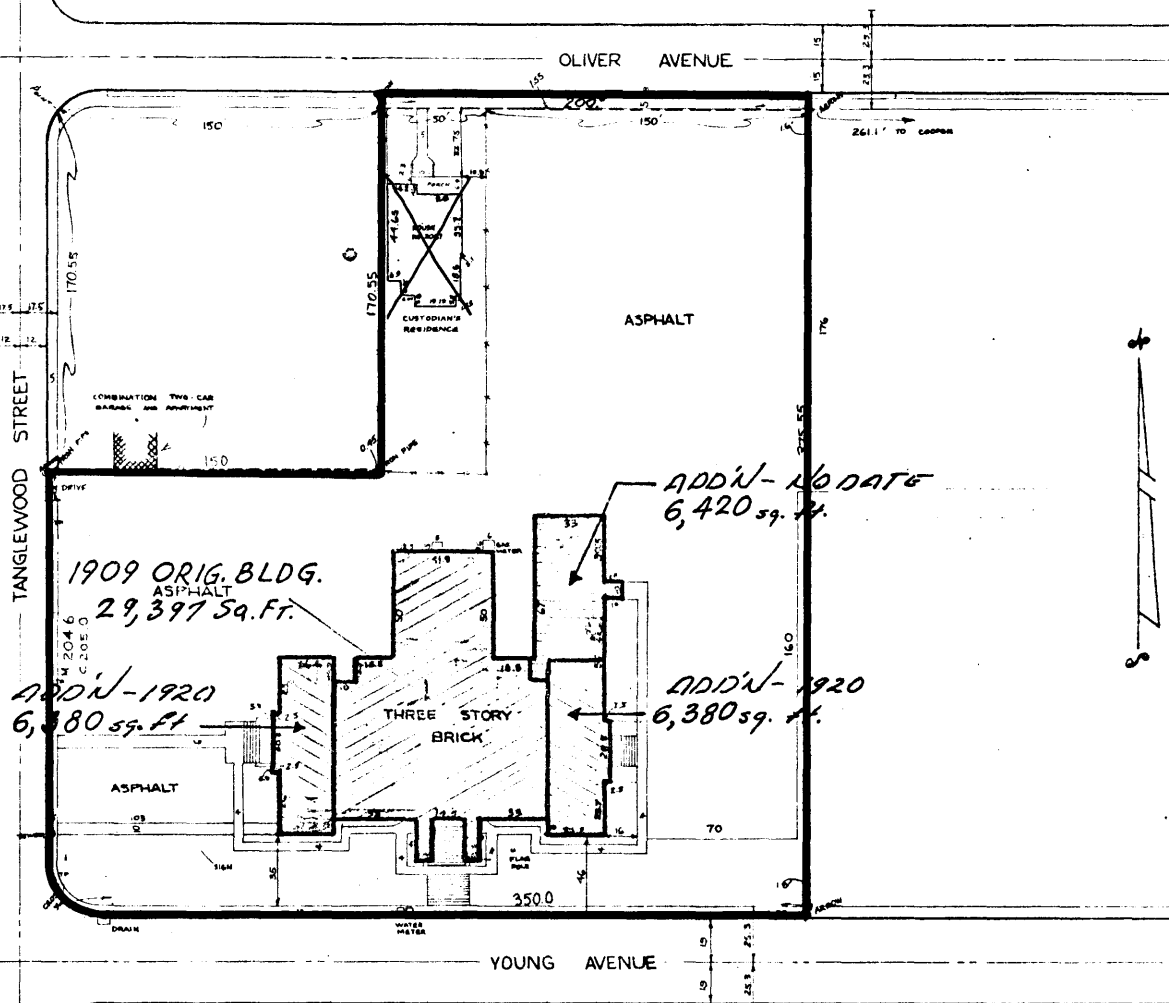
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CONTINUATION

SITE PLAN - Include North Arrow



BLDG'S 48,577 TOTAL Sq. Ft.

SCH. PROP. 2.42 AC.

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2557 AVERY AVENUE MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE		
PEABODY		
2086 YOUNG		
SCALE 1" = 40'	L.W. MURPHY, JR. PE	CODE 07801046
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