

OREGON INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTY
ELLIS LAWRENCE BUILDING INVENTORY
COUNTY: Multnomah

HISTORIC NAME: FERNWOOD SCHOOL AND ADDITION

COMMON NAME: Fernwood Middle School
OTHER NAMES:

RESOURCE TYPE: Building
STATUS: built & survives
LAWRENCE

CITY: Portland Oregon
STREET: 3255 NE Hancock St.
OWNER: School District #1
1915 NE 33rd Ave. 97212

TOWNSHIP: 01N RANGE: 01E SECTION: 25
MAP#: 2833

TAX LOT: 01-01-25-

ADDITION: Broadway

ORIGINAL USE: school

BLOCK: 010 LOT: 1 QUAD: Portland

PRESENT USE: school

ASSESSOR #: R-10550-1340

SITE: 0.5 acres, approx.

THEMES: 20C Architecture, Education

DATA BELOW IS ON LAWRENCE FIRM'S DESIGN AS-BUILT:

ARCHITECT: Ellis F. Lawrence, Architect
ENGINEERS & CONSULTANTS:

CHIEF DESIGNER: E F Lawrence

CONTRACTORS:

G. Isacson (General)(1911), Washington Brick, Lime and Sewer Pipe Company
(Terra Cotta)(1911); Settergren Bros./Robertson, Hay, Wallace (General)(1924),
Williams & Gibson (Plumbing)(1924), Kendall Heating (1924)

ARTISTS & CRAFTSMEN:

STYLE: American Renaissance

PLAN TYPE/SHAPE: "U"-shaped

FOUNDATION MATERIAL: concrete

STORIES: 2

BASEMENT: yes

ROOF/MATERIAL: essentially flat /Bitum. builtup

WALL CONSTR: concrete

STRUC.FRAME: steel frame

PRIME WINDOW TYPE: wood group. multi-pane db-hung

EXTERIOR SURFACE MATERIAL: brick, terra cotta

DECORATIVE FEATURES/MATERIALS:

terra cotta roof cap, cornice, water table, coursing, medallions; incised brick
and plaster patterns - chevrons, diamonds; terra cotta door surrounds

OTHER:

ornate front portico with cast stone columns w/basket weave capitals, round
arched frontispiece with incised foliate pattern, octagonal pattern in tympanum

CONDITION: fair

MOVED: not moved

ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS (dated):

east wing added E. Lawrence(1924-25); retaining wall(1931);major non-structural
remodel(1977);large addition to east end(1978);replace windows,add ducts (1986)

LANDSCAPE FEATURES:

none

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ASSOCIATED STRUCTURES:

major addition to east end

SETTING:

urban residential; faces south on the corner of Hancock and 33rd, new entrance is on the east end

SIGNIFICANCE OF LAWRENCE FIRM'S DESIGN:

EXTER.DETAILS/CRAFTSMANSHIP: High-quality skilled work: some fine materials.

INTER.DETAILS/CRAFTSMANSHIP: no longer survives

EXTERIOR INTEGRITY: Moderate changes; some original character remains.

INTERIOR INTEGRITY: Major changes; original character lost.

SITE INTEGRITY: Moderate changes; some original character remains.

SETTING INTEGRITY: Minor changes to character and relationship of surroundings.

SIGNIFICANCE STATEMENT:

The elaborate terra cotta and brick work on this building makes this a significant Ellis Lawrence design. Unfortunately, there have been many alterations to this building, the worst being the loss of original windows which are now tinted fixed pane bronze metal framed. Large exposed white heating ducts also detract from the original design. The building looks as if it may have been sandblasted. The addition to the east end is large and incompatible with Lawrence's design, however it is separated visually by the use of a set back section of new building. If the heating ducts were removed and the windows replaced, the building would then retain much of its original character on the exterior.

SOURCES/DOCUMENTS: Description (Location)

Exhibit Quality photos, Ellis F. Lawrence Collectio/U of O

Multnomah County Tax Assessor Records; Polk's Portland City Directory;
Portland Building Permits; and

Portland Historic Resource Inventory

Interview with Amos Lawrence by M. Shellenbarger 9/13/87.

Ellis F. Lawrence Collection/U of O Library

PUBLICATIONs:

PACIFIC BUILDER AND ENGINEER. 1911, 1913, 1923, 1924. PACIFIC COAST
ARCHITECT. 1911, 1913. AMERICAN ARCHITECT 7/3/1918.

SLIDE NO.:

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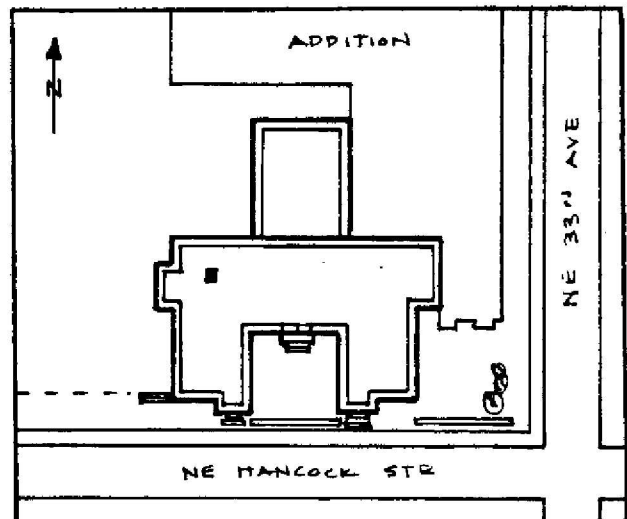
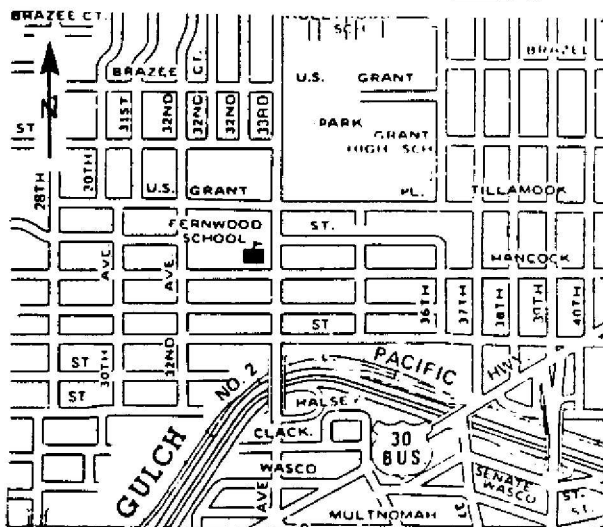
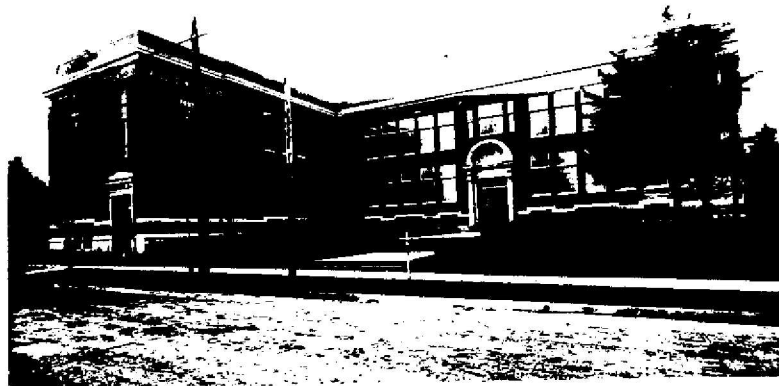
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ELLIS LAWRENCE BUILDING SURVEY
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RECENT PHOTO
NEGATIVE #s:
KLR18, #23a

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HISTORIC PHOTO/OTHER GRAPHIC SOURCE: K. Lakin and S. Donovan
Lawrence Col. photos (UO Library)

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<u>INTEGRITY OF:</u>	<u>NUMERICAL</u>
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2. INTERIOR: Major changes; original character lost.	0
3. SITE: Moderate changes; some original character remains.	3
4. SETTING: Minor changes to character and relationship of surroundings.	3

INTEGRITY TOTAL 9

<u>DISTINCTION OF:</u>	
1. EXTERIOR DETAILS & CRAFTSMANSHIP: High-quality skilled work: some fine materials.	7
2. INTERIOR DETAILS & CRAFTSMANSHIP: no longer survives	0
3. STYLE: (American Renaissance) It has distinctive features of its identified style. Compared to Lawrence's other surviving Oregon buildings, this style is one of few (5 or less) in its city/town or rural area.	2 2
4. ORIGINAL USE: (school) Compared to Lawrence's other surviving Oregon buildings, this use is unique in its city/town or rural area.	5
5. ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN: Compared to Lawrence's other surviving Oregon buildings, this design is above average quality and significance. Is it part of an ensemble of surviving buildings by Lawrence? No other Lawrence buildings are nearby. Are structural or technical aspects of the design significant? Of moderate significance.	5 0 0 5
6. LAWRENCE'S PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT IN THE DESIGN PROCESS: Lawrence is known to have been the chief designer.	9
DISTINCTION TOTAL	30

EDUCATIVE OR ASSOCIATIVE VALUE:

1. HISTORIC EVENTS OR ACTIVITIES: No known association with historic events or activities.	0
2. HISTORIC PERSONS: No known association with a significant historic person.	0
3. SYMBOLIC ASSOCIATION WITH AN IDEAL, INSTITUTION, OR POLITICAL ENTITY: Some significant symbolic association.	2

EDUCATIVE OR ASSOCIATIVE TOTAL 2

GRAND TOTAL 41

RANK: SECONDARY

NOTE: Only the built, surviving buildings in Oregon were evaluated.