State of California — The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

PRIMARY RECORD

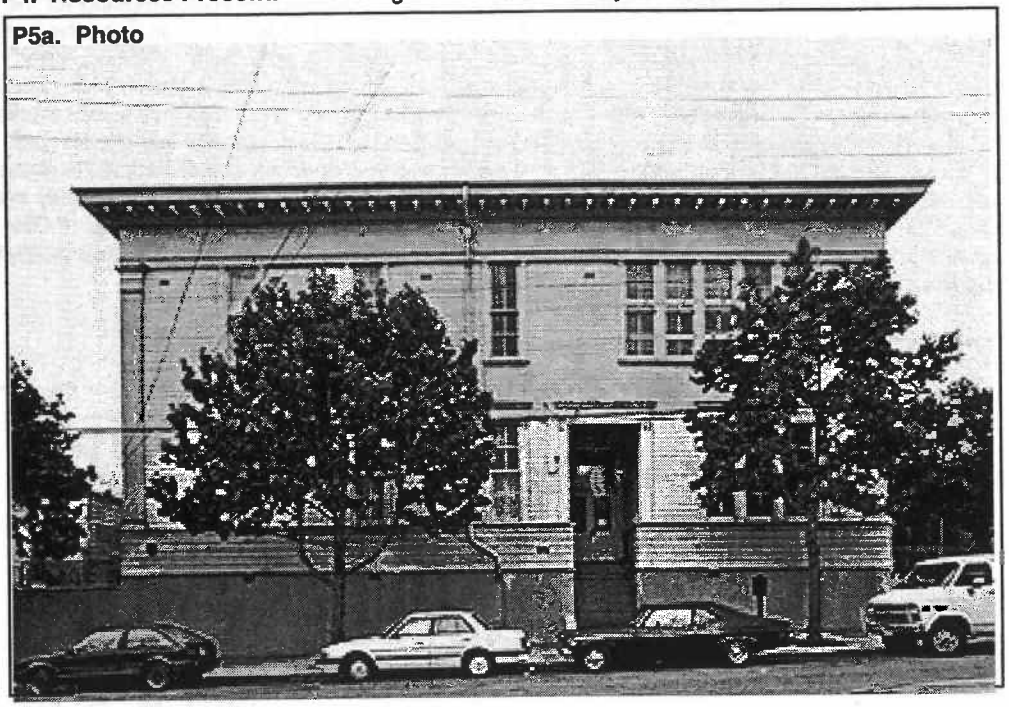
Primary #
HRI #
Trinomial
NRHP Status Code
Other Listings
Review Code Reviewer Date

P1. Resource name(s) or number: Irving M. Scott School
***P2. Location: *a. County** San Francisco
***b. USGS 7.5' Quad** San Francisco North, CA **Date** 1995
***c. Address** 1060 Tennessee Street **City** San Francisco **Zip** 94107
***e. Assessor's Parcel Number** 4107/006

***P3a. Description:** The Irving M. Scott School is located on a 150' x 200' lot on the west side of Tennessee Street, between 20th and 22nd Streets. The large paved site also has frontage on Minnesota Street. The Irving M. Scott School is a two-story-over-basement, wood-frame, Classical Revival style building with a concrete foundation and a hipped roof. The main building is rectangular in plan, measuring 75' across the front and 82' deep. In addition there are two one-story, wood-frame bathroom additions linked by canopies to the main building on the north and south sides. The Tennessee Street elevation is the primary façade, although all three other elevations are visible from public streets. The concrete foundation extends along the entire length of the Tennessee Street elevation, acting as a retaining wall for the school yard. The façade is articulated by an asymmetrical arrangement of openings. The large recessed entry contains two glazed panel doors with a large transom window above. The left side of the façade is largely symmetrical, consisting of a grid of six windows on the first and second floor. The asymmetrical articulation of the right side of the facade is largely determined by the presence of the entry. To the right of the entry alcove there is a band of three large double-hung windows on the first floor and a similar band of five windows on the second floor. All openings on the first floor feature classically detailed hoods supported by small brackets. The façade is bracketed by two full-height, fluted Doric pilasters. The facade terminates in a bold, projecting cornice supported by modillions. The other three elevations are detailed similarly. All four sides are clad in rustic channel siding. The façade is one of the most elaborate and best examples of the Classical Revival style in Dogpatch. The Irving Scott School Tennessee is in fair condition.

***P3b. Resource Attributes:** HP15: Educational Building
***P4. Resources Present:** ☒Building ☐Structure ☐Object ☐Site ☐District ☒Element of District ☐Other

P5a. Photo



P5b. Photo date:
July 1999, view toward west

***P6. Date Constructed/Sources:**
1895: *San Francisco Municipal Reports: 1896-97*; Sanborn Fire Insurance maps: 1877, 1899, 1913 and 1950

***P7. Owner and Address:**
City and County of San Francisco
Real Estate Department
25 Van Ness Avenue
Room 400
San Francisco, California 94103

***P8. Recorded by:**
Christopher VerPlanck
San Francisco Heritage
2007 Franklin Street
San Francisco, California 94109

***P9. Date Recorded:**
October 20, 2000

***P10. Survey Type:**
Intensive Survey
National Register

***P11. Report Citation:**

***Attachments:** NONE ☐Location Map ☐Sketch Map ☐Continuation Sheet ☒Building, Structure, and Object Record
☐Archaeological Record ☐District Record ☐Linear Feature Record ☐Milling Station Record ☐Rock Art Record
☐Artifact Record ☐Photograph Record ☐ Other

***Required information**

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BUILDING, STRUCTURE, AND OBJECT RECORD

***Resource Name or #** Irving M. Scott School **NRHP Status Code:** 1S

B1. Historic name: Irving Murray Scott School
B2. Common name: Same
B3. Original Use: School **B4. Present use:** Vacant
***B5. Architectural Style:** Classical Revival
***B6. Construction History:** The Irving M. Scott School was designed by architect Thomas J. Welsh and constructed in 1895 by the City and County of San Francisco for $22,893.

***B7. Moved?** ☒No ☐Yes ☐Unknown **Date:** **Original Location:**
***B8. Related Features:** None

B9a. Architect: Thomas J. Welsh **b. Builder:** L. J. Dwyer
***B10. Significance: Theme:** Residential Development **Area:** Dogpatch
Period of Significance: 1867-1945 **Property Type:** School **Applicable Criteria:** A, B and C

The Irving M. Scott School is significant on the local level under Criteria A, B and C. It fulfills Criterion A on the basis of its role as a historic school within Dogpatch and as the oldest surviving public school building in San Francisco. The first public school in Dogpatch was founded in 1865 as the Potrero School, at the corner of Napa (20th) and Kentucky (now 3rd), one block from the current location. In 1867 several parcels of land throughout the city were set aside for school purposes by the Outside Lands Committee under Order No. 800, including the current location of the Irving M. Scott School. By 1877, the old school at Napa and Kentucky was no longer adequate due to the influx of industrial workers into the neighborhood. In response to the overcrowding a new Potrero School an eight-room, $12,834 school building was built on the current parcel facing Minnesota Street . As the residential population of Irish Hill and Dogpatch grew, thought was given to expanding the school. In 1895 the City and County of San Francisco hired architect Thomas J. Welsh to design an addition to the school. The old school was moved closer to the rear of the lot and the new building constructed by contractor L. J. Dwyer at a cost of $22,893. As a school serving a primarily working-class population, the Irving M. Scott School emphasized practical trades and skills, such as cooking and homemaking for the girls and wood-working and machine operation for the boys. The Irving M. Scott School is significant under Criterion B on the basis of its association with Irving M. Scott, the president of Union Iron Works. The new building was named in honor of Scott, who attended the opening and served as a benefactor to the school throughout his tenure as president of Union Iron Works. The Irving M. Scott School is also significant under Criterion C. The school is the work of architect Thomas J. Welsh, a promiment architect in Victorian San Francisco whose main work consisted of designing residential tracts in San Francisco, as well as schools and Catholic churches throughout California. The Irving M. Scott School is a very well-preserved example of a Classical Revival style public building in Dogpatch and the City as a whole. It is a registered San Francisco City Landmark and listed individually in the *National Register of Historic Places.* The Irving Scott School received a rating of "1" in the San Francisco Department of City Planning's 1976 Architectural Quality Survey. The building retains a high degree of architectural integrity and is a contributor to a potential locally designated Dogpatch Historic District.

B11. Additional Resource Attributes: HP15: Educational Building

***B12. References:** San Francisco City Directories; San Francisco Block Books: 1906, 1923, 1930 and 1947; *California Architect & Building News* (May 1895), *San Francisco Municipal Reports: 1896-97;* Sanborn Fire Insurance maps: 1887, 1899, 1905, 1913, 1948, 1951

B13. Remarks: Zoning: P; Neglect and vandalism

***B14. Evaluator:** Christopher VerPlanck: San Francisco Heritage

***Date of Evaluation:** October 20, 2000

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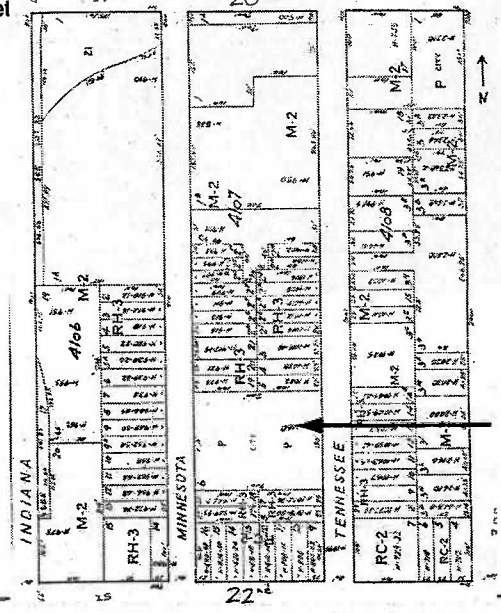

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