

ALLEQUIPPA TERRACE, ALLEQUIPPA HALL
280 Burrows Street
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Location: 280 Burrows Street, Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania

USGS Pittsburgh East Quadrangle
UTM Coordinates: 17.058735.4477097

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

Description: Allequippa Hall is a one- to two-story brick masonry building with a flat roof. The building is roughly T-shaped, with one- and two-story sections on the front elevation or top of the "T," and one- and 1-1/2 story sections as the leg of the "T." The front elevation is organized according to five main bays, with a large two-story central section of three bays with is flanked by two one-story "wings." Each bay consists of two one-over-one, double-hung windows; the central bay consists of an entrance on the first story and two windows on the second story. The central section, front elevation is highlighted with brick pilasters at the corners. Original door openings on the south, east (central section), and west elevations have been filled with brick masonry. The 1-1/2 story section of the leg of the "T" features larger windows that have vinyl tilt sash. All of the windows have limestone lintels. There are limestone coping units on the parapets.

The first floor has a wide central hallway. The manager's office is to the left, and a hallway and waiting room are to the right. The rear portion of the building has been divided into a lobby and payment office. The second floor has one large open space and a small enclosed office to the south. The walls and ceilings are painted off white and the trim is beige. The floors have been covered with vinyl tile squares. The ceiling in the first floor hallway appears to have been lowered and covered with acoustical tiles.

History: Allequippa Terrace was designed by the architectural team of Raymond Marlier, William Boyd, Edward B. Lee, and Bernard H. Prack in 1939-41 as low-income public housing. Originally the community's recreation building, the first floor of Allequippa Hall housed the rental office, an aide's room, storage, and a kitchen in addition to a large social room, and pre-school and meeting room. The second floor was divided into three crafts rooms. Currently the building houses the management offices on the first floor. Some of the partitions on the second floor have been removed creating one large open space at the north end.

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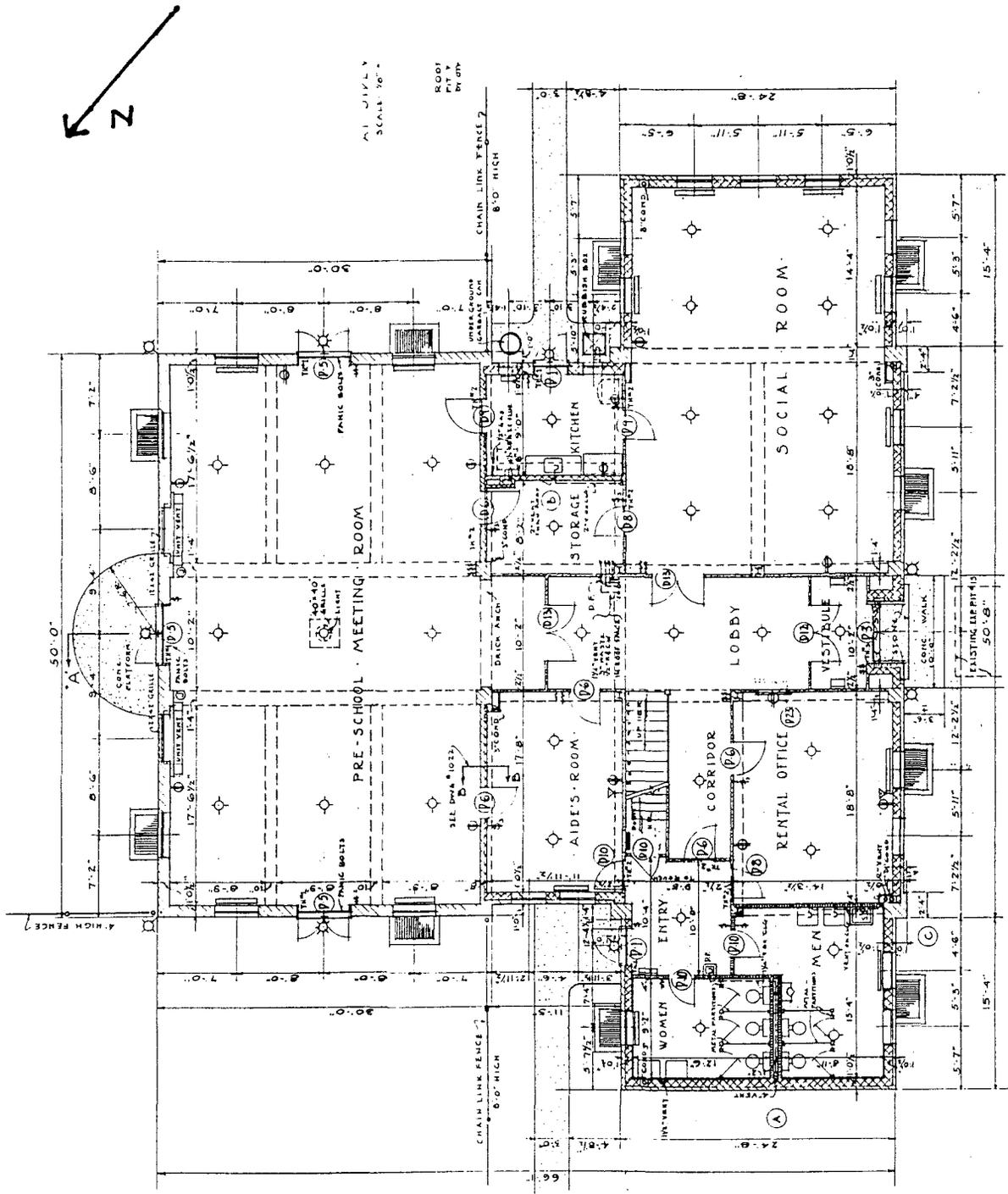
The room at the south end is occupied by Bohlin Cywinski Jackson, the architects for the redevelopment project which will replace Allequippa Terrace.

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.

Plans and drawings located at the Housing Authority offices.

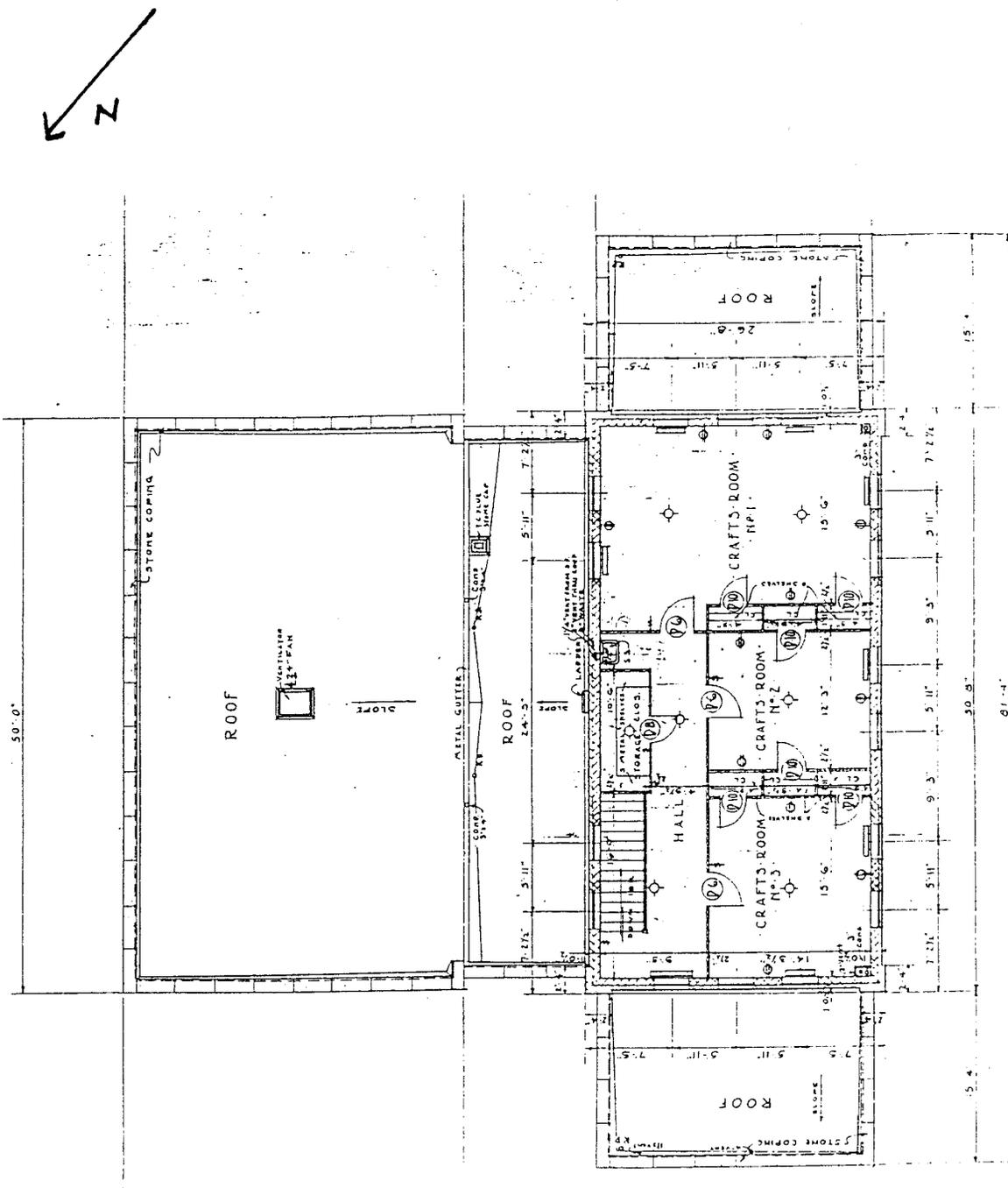
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