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1870-1873

Old Main Building Site
242 South Market Street
Frederick
Public

The Old Main Building, the first planned building for the Maryland School for the Deaf, was an imposing five-part brick structure constructed between 1870-1873. This commodious structure housed both the male and female dormitories, offices for the school officials, living accommodations for the superintendent, classrooms, the kitchens, dining room, chapel and an infirmary. In 1967, the Old Main Building was razed to be replaced by the Ely Building.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Old Main Building Site

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

242 South Market Street

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

VICINITY OF

COUNTY

Frederick

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

State of Maryland

Contact: David M. Denton, Superintendent
Maryland School for the Deaf
Telephone #: 301/662-4159

STREET & NUMBER

101 Clarke Place

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 21701

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

STATE
Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

Razed summer 1967

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Old Main Building, which faced west onto South Market Street and located on the site of what is now the Ely Building, was a handsome, commodious three-story, brick building, with its stone basement elevated almost a full story above street level. The structure was composed of a mansard-roofed central block with a projecting gable-roofed pavillion and terminal towers, all crowned with open-octagonal cupolas. Flanking the core section and connected to it by two-story brick hyphens were three-story, mansard-roofed wings. They too had projecting gable-roofed central pavillions. The wings were of equal height to the main block. The roof areas of both the main section and the wings were, punctuated by evenly-spaced, gable-roofed dormers and outlined by a continuous modillioned cornice. Continuous stone belt courses separated the basement level from the first story and the first story from the second.

A one story multi-sectioned portico, surmounted by a balustraded deck on its flat roof, projected from the central pavillion of the main block. Balconies were located at the second story level of the wings, the end towers of the main section, and in the gable area of the projecting bay of the central pavillion. Windows were highlighted by arched, hood-molded lintels.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES Circa BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Old Main Building, the first planned building for the Maryland School for the Deaf, was begun in August of 1870 following the appropriation of \$100,000 by the Maryland Legislature. After four years of financial insecurities, the school received \$125,000 from the legislature to complete the building and landscape the grounds. The building was occupied September 8, 1975.¹

"For over 100 years the Old Main Building provided living accommodations as well as classroom facilities for deaf students in Maryland.... The wing (on the north) housed the boys while the wing (on the south) provided facilities for the girls. The center section provided offices for the school officials, living accommodations for the superintendent, and some staff members as well as the kitchens, dining room and chapel. Classrooms occupied some of the rooms in the basement and first floor and an infirmary was housed on the first floor, girls' wing."²

The school expanded in the 20th century, particularly in the 1950s and 1960s. This prompted the building of additional facilities on the campus. The completion of the primary building (1960), the two dormitories (1964), and the new administration building (1967) to accommodate the growing need of the school ironically became the demise of the Old Main Building. "When the administrative offices moved, the Old Main Building ceased to serve any campus function. Since the building was in need of extensive repair, it was demolished during the summer of 1967."³

1. The Maryland Bulletin, the Centennial Issue, Vol. C, No. 3, February-March 1980, p. 11.
2. Ibid, p. 4.
3. Ibid, p. 12.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY N/A

Razed summer 1967

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Bridget Deale Hartman, MHT Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

April 1980

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

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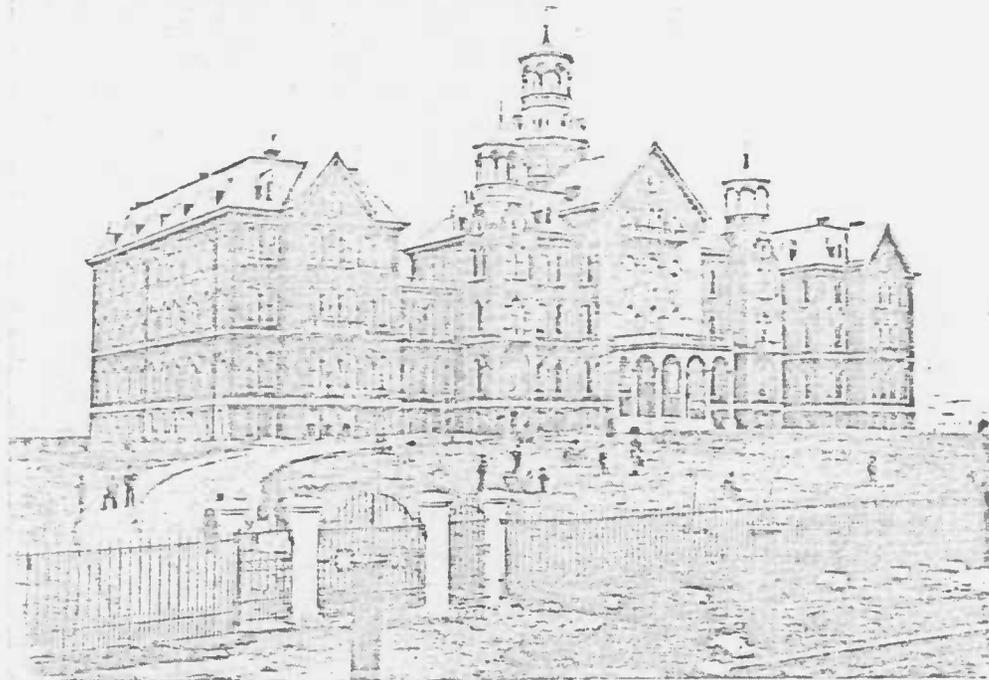
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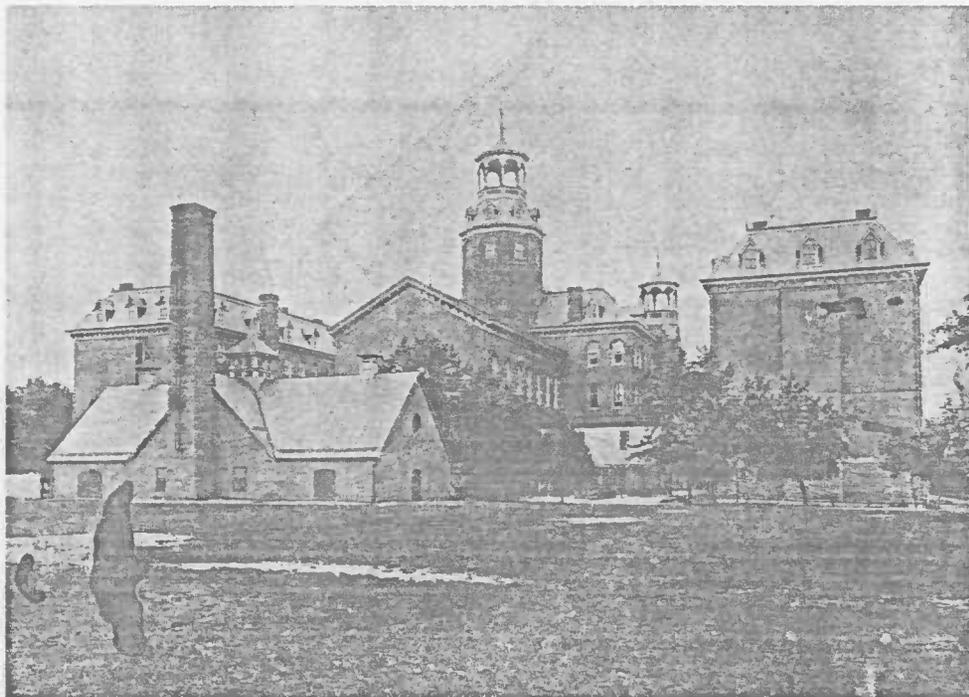
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Frederick, Maryland

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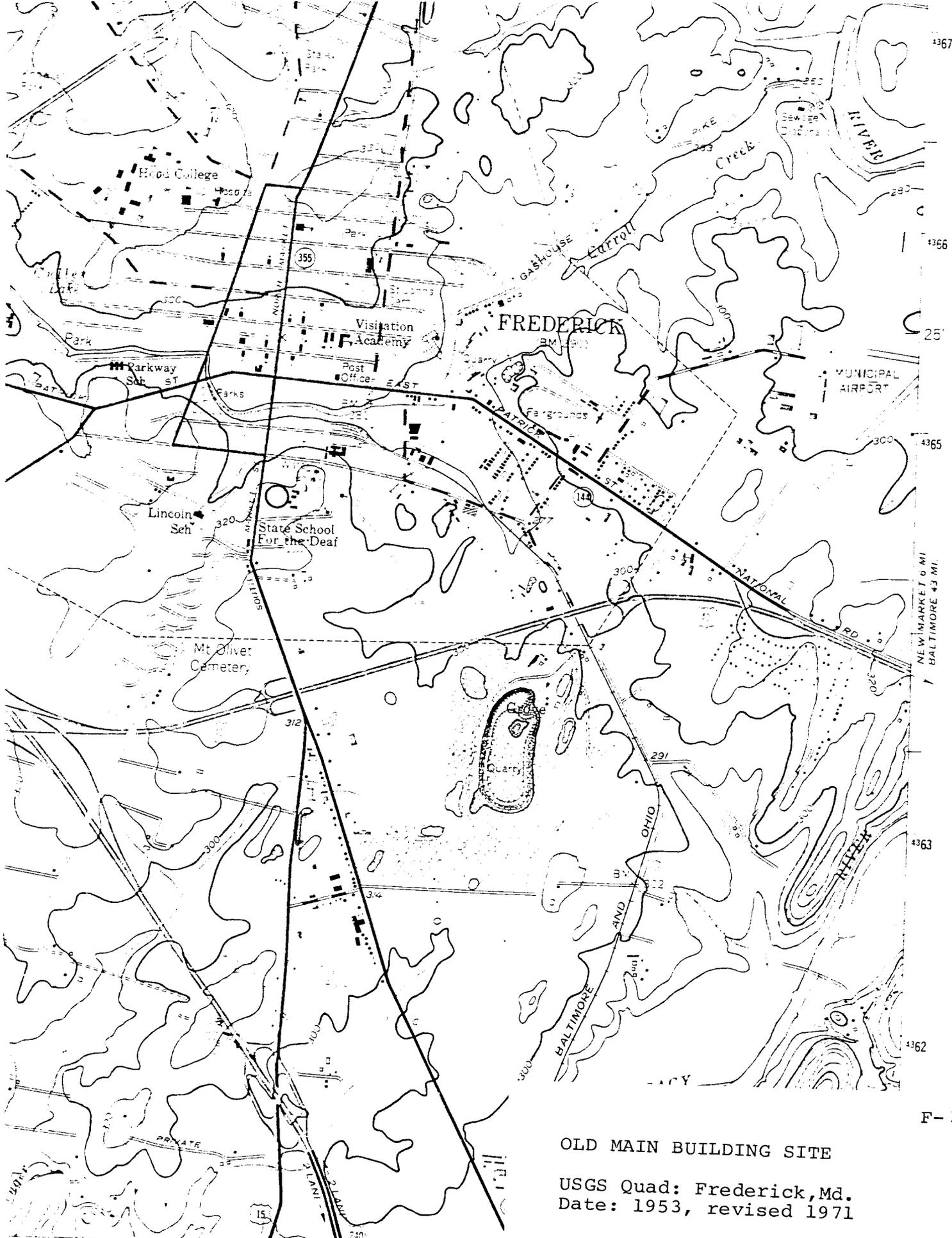


This is a rear view of the old Main Building with the old heating plant in the foreground (now the site of the Mall). The Hessian Barracks are located to the right, out of the picture.

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4367
4366
25'
4365
NEW MARKET 6 MI
BALTIMORE 43 MI
4363
4362

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OLD MAIN BUILDING SITE
USGS Quad: Frederick, Md.
Date: 1953, revised 1971

25' 392
BUCKEYSTOWN 31 MI
URBANA 46 MI
WASHINGTON D C 46 MI
INTERIOR GEOLOGICAL SURVEY WASHINGTON D C 1972 295000 E 77-22'30"

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

URBAN 5000 FT



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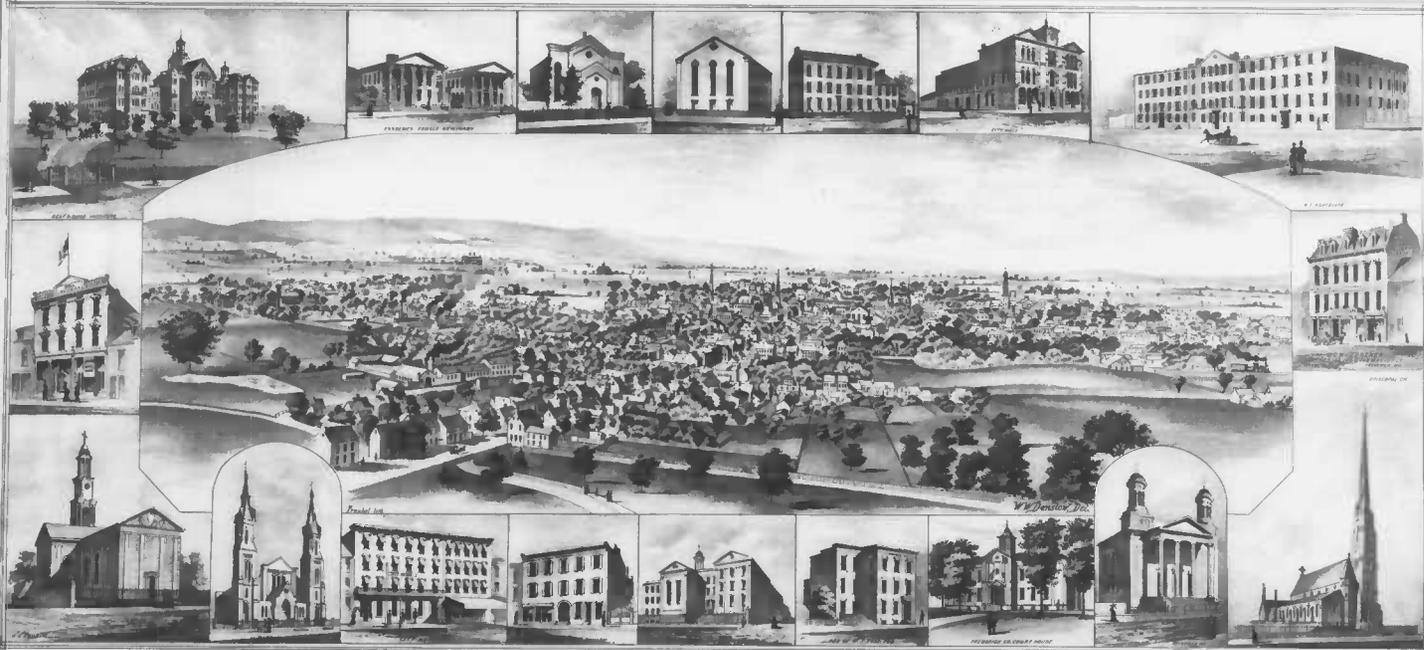
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Old Man Site

Maryland School for the Deaf
Frederick, Maryland

circa 1890



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Old MAIN SITE
MARYLAND SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF
FREDERICK, MARYLAND
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Interior - classroom

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CABINET SETUP (DEMOLISHED)
MARYLAND SECTION FOR THE DEAF
Frederick, Maryland
circa 1890



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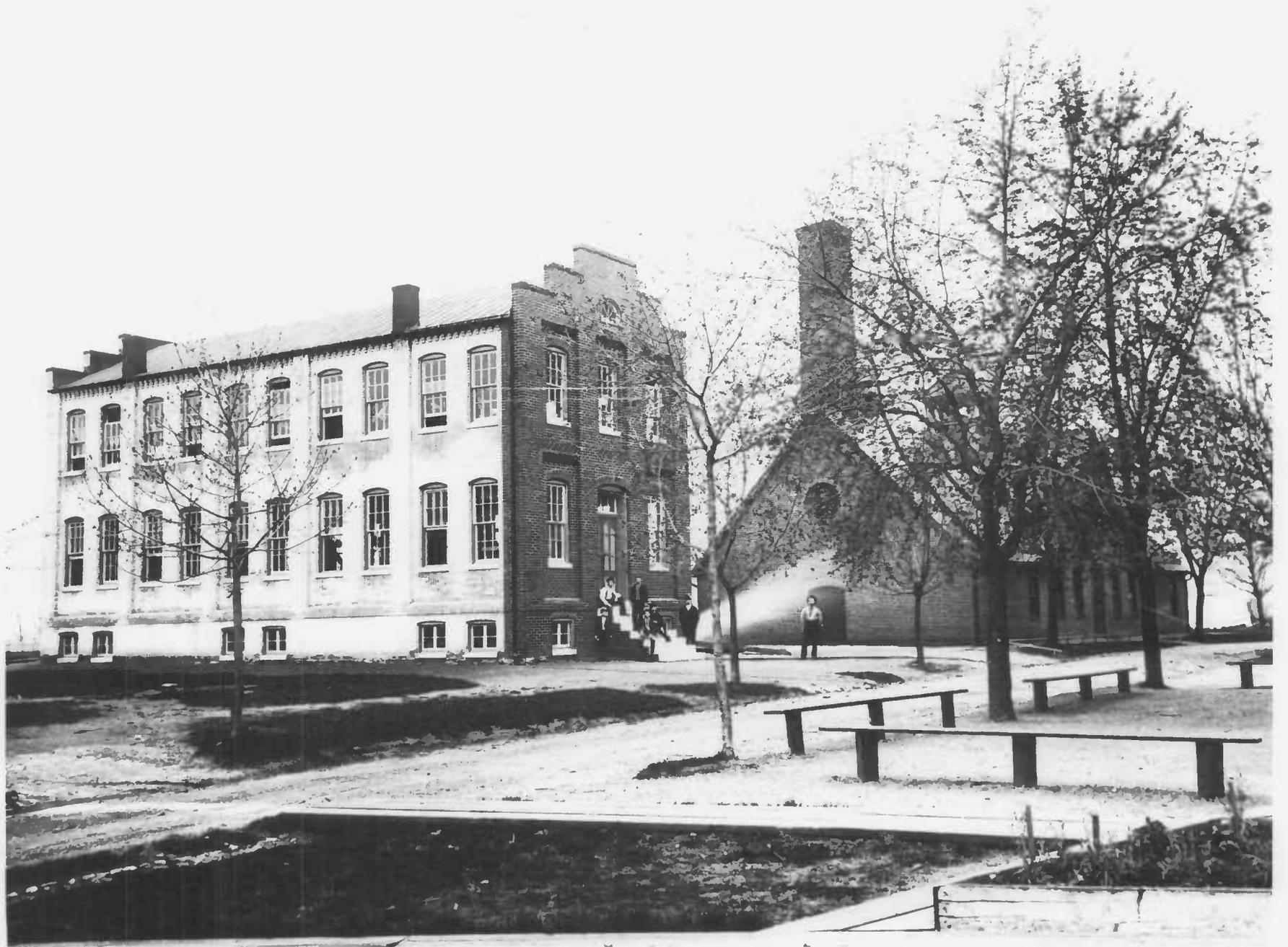
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INDUSTRIAL BUILDING (DEMOLISHED)

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CIRCA 1890

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