

K-4 Reid Hall, Washington College

1896;1929

Chestertown

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Reid Hall was built in 1896 to house the Normal Department of Washington College when the state approved a normal program for women at the college. It was called "Normal Hall." In its original form it was a late Victorian building with a Mansard roof,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  stories high, 5 bays long and 3 deep. There was a high single story verandah across the entire front elevation and large porticos at both ends. In 1910, the ~~Normal~~ <sup>Normal</sup> Department was abolished and Normal Hall became a woman's dormitory, the use it serves today. In 1922, it was renamed Reid Hall after the college's president at the turn of the century. In 1929, a 3-bay addition was made to the south end of the building, the verandah was removed and replaced by the present 2-story imitation Mt. Vernon portico, and both porticos were removed; the entire remodeling has largely mitigated the building's interest to architectural historians.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

MHT# 500041602

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC "Normal Hall" (name it bore from 1896 until 1922)

AND/OR COMMON Weid Hall

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**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Washington College campus

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Kent

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

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

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Washington College

Telephone #: 778-2800

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Md. 21520

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Office of the County Clerk, Kent County

Liber #: SB 4

Folio #: 224

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

STATE Md.

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE "Washington College Lands" Marion deK. Smith, surveyor

DATE October 9, 1882

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE  COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Plot included with description of lands in Liber SB 4, Folio 224

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STATE Md.



**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

<b>PERIOD</b>		<b>AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW</b>			
<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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	history of the college
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

<b>SPECIFIC DATES</b>	Built: 1896 Altered: 1929	<b>BUILDER/ARCHITECT</b>	Original: unknown Renovation: Henry Powell Hopkins
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**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Normal

The building was built in 1896 to house the ~~Normal~~ Department when the state approved a normal program for women at the college. It was called "Normal Hall". In its original form it was an attractive example of late Victorian architecture, but its transformation in 1929 into a tribute to the home of the college's founder, has much mitigated its architectural interest.

In 1910, the Normal Department was abolished and "Normal Hall" became a woman's dormitory, the use it serves today. In 1922, it was re-named Reid Hall after President Charles W. Reid (1889-1903).

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Archives of Washington College, Miller Library  
Unpublished papers of F.W. Dunschott, who is preparing a history of the college.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

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  
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ORGANIZATION  
Town of Chestertown/Maryland Historical Trust

DATE  
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CITY OR TOWN  
Chestertown

STATE  
Md.

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FOODS (NEW) FARM

KENT COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD

KENT

LYNCHBURG

STREET

POPLAR RD

PROSPECT ST

WASHINGTON COLLEGE

AVENUE

AVENUE

MORNEC

STREET

ELM STREET

GREENWOOD

VALLEY

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PINE

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MT VERNON

WASHINGTON

U.S. 213

BROWN VIEW RD

RIVER

SCHOOL

STREET

MILL

KENT

CALVERT

STREET

PHILOSOPHERS

TERRACE

BYFORD DRIVE

WALDO DRIVE

DAVID DRIVE

SCHOOL

STREET

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AVENUE

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