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Form 10-300
(July 1969)UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICENATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Maryland	
COUNTY: Baltimore City	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
McKim's School

AND/OR HISTORIC:
McKim Free School

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
1120 East Baltimore Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Baltimore

STATE Maryland	CODE 24	COUNTY: Baltimore City	CODE 510
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	Community recreation	
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
The Trustees of McKim's School

STREET AND NUMBER:
1120 East Baltimore Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Baltimore

STATE: Maryland	CODE: 24
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Liber: TK 293 Folio: 108
Land Record Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court

STREET AND NUMBER:
Room 610, Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN:
Baltimore

STATE: Maryland	CODE: 24
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Maryland Register of Historic Sites and Landmarks

DATE OF SURVEY: 1970 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Maryland Historical Trust

STREET AND NUMBER:
2525 Riva Road

CITY OR TOWN:
Annapolis

STATE: Maryland	CODE: 24
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)				
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins
	(Check One)		(Check One)		
	Interior	Exterior			
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE					
<p>The McKim's School is located on the north side of East Baltimore Street in Baltimore City.</p> <p>William Howard, the designer of the Barnum's City Hotel in Baltimore (built between 1825 and 1827 and demolished in 1889), and William Small who designed extant Archbishop's Residence on North Charles Street, Baltimore, were the architects for this archaeologically accurate Greek-style building. The designers copied the Temple of Athena and Hephaestus, better known as the Thesium, in Athens, for the granite facade of the school. The sides were derived from the north wing of the Propylaea on the Athenian Acropolis. Six freestone columns, seventeen feet tall, support the entablature and pediment. This popular Doric style was noticeable in the design of Small's several buildings, including Male School #1 at Greene and Fayette Streets in 1830; Male School #3 on Aisquith Street, 1831-1832; and Male and Female School #2 at Broadway and Bank Street in 1834.</p> <p>The interior was originally a single large room with a brick floor. Subsequently, two small rooms were created and the brick floor was covered with hardwood and a wooden ceiling was hung beneath the pitched roof. In 1945, when the building was adapted for use as a neighborhood recreation center, a mezzanine floor and a double staircase leading to two classrooms and a storeroom were installed. Beneath the stairs is an alcove which can be used as a stage, and in the rear (north) of the building are two offices, lavatories, and a furnace room.</p>					

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3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian! 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1833

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | losophy | Community recreation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | itarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

McKim's School is the most (archaeologically) correct Greek-style building in Baltimore according to Richard H. Howland and Eleanor P. Spencer.¹

In the early nineteenth century, John McKim (1742-1819), a Quaker merchant, "animated by the noble desire of promoting the education and thereby increasing the future happiness and comfort of a portion of poor youths in the city," conceived the idea of a "School for the education of indigent youth without respect or preference to any religious sect or denomination." He conveyed annuities from his estate "to Trustees . . . persons usually attending divine worship at Friends Meeting House" The Trustees were "declared to be one body politic and corporate, with perpetual succession in deed and in law to all intents and purposes whatever . . .," and were to administer the ground rents or annuities provided and to maintain the building.²

John McKim never lived to see his school erected, but his sons, William D. and Isaac, undertook to carry out their father's plans. The school, from Kindergarten level upward, opened soon after the building was completed in 1833. Despite the growth of the public school system, established in Baltimore in 1826, McKim's continued in operation until the period of the Civil War. At that time, there was a pressing need for day care and the school became a facility for younger children only. This project was conducted until 1945, when a youth program was added along with athletic training and a Bible School.

In 1924, the Friends offered the building as a place of worship to an Italian Presbyterian congregation. This led to an alliance of Friends and Presbyterians which is today the McKim Community Association. The Association was formed to ensure continuation of objectives set forth in the charter for use of the building for educational purposes. In 1955, the Association was incorporated to oversee all aspects of the McKim projects, which by now had expanded beyond the building itself. the Association uses the building for some of its programs and McKim's School is still serving the community's present-day requirements, as John McKim intended it should.

¹The Architecture of Baltimore (Baltimore, 1953), p. 59.

²Charter of McKim's School, incorporated by the General Assembly of Maryland, December Seesion, 1810: with the By-Laws of the Trustees of that Institution. Baltimore, 1821.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Recorder: Mrs. John Howard Eager III, Volunteer, Maryland Historical Trust, 2525 Riva Road, Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Sources:
see continuation sheet

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE				
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	39°	17'	27"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	76°	36'	06"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"			
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 19 acres

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

Arthur Townsend, Associate Director for Field Services, and staff

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

June 29, 1972

STREET AND NUMBER:

2525 Riva Road

CITY OR TOWN:

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

CODE

24

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name

Orlando Ridout IV
Orlando Ridout IV

Title

State Liaison Officer for Maryland

Date

June 29, 1972

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS, continued

Landmark List

1965

Local x ~~3~~

Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation
402 City Hall
Baltimore, Maryland

State code 24

9. BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES, continued

Alexander, Robert. "William F. Small, Architect of the City." Journal of the Society of Architectural Historians, vol. 20, no. 2 (May 1961).

Charter of McKim's School, incorporated by the General Assembly of Maryland, December session, 1810: with the By-Laws of the Trustees of that Institution. (Baltimore: T. Murphy, Printer, 1821).

Howland, Richard H. and Spencer, Eleanor P. The Architecture of Baltimore. (Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins Press, 1953, p. 59).

Personal interviews with Philip Myers, Trustee of McKim's School.

Form 10-301
(Dec. 1968)UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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PROPERTY MAP FORM*(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)*

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Baltimore			
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Maryland	24	Baltimore City	510
3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE:			
U.S.G.S. 7 1/2' quadrangle Baltimore East			
SCALE: 1:24,000			
DATE: 1953 photorevised 1966			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			

McKIM'S SCHOO
1120 EAST BALTIMORE ST.
LONGITUDE 76°36'06"
LATITUDE 39°17'27"

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520 000 FEET

39°15'

76°37'30"

910 000 FEET

(RELAY)
 5602 II NW

Mapped by the Army Map Service
 Edited and published by the Geological Survey
 Control by USGS, USC&GS, USCE, and City of Baltimore

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COUNTY Baltimore City	
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)

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STATE: Maryland	CODE 24	COUNTY: Baltimore City	CODE 510
3. PHOTO REFERENCE			
PHOTO CREDIT: Romaine Somerville			
DATE OF PHOTO: 1968			
NEGATIVE FILED AT: Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation Room 402, City Hall, Baltimore, Maryland			
4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. McKim's School from the southeast			



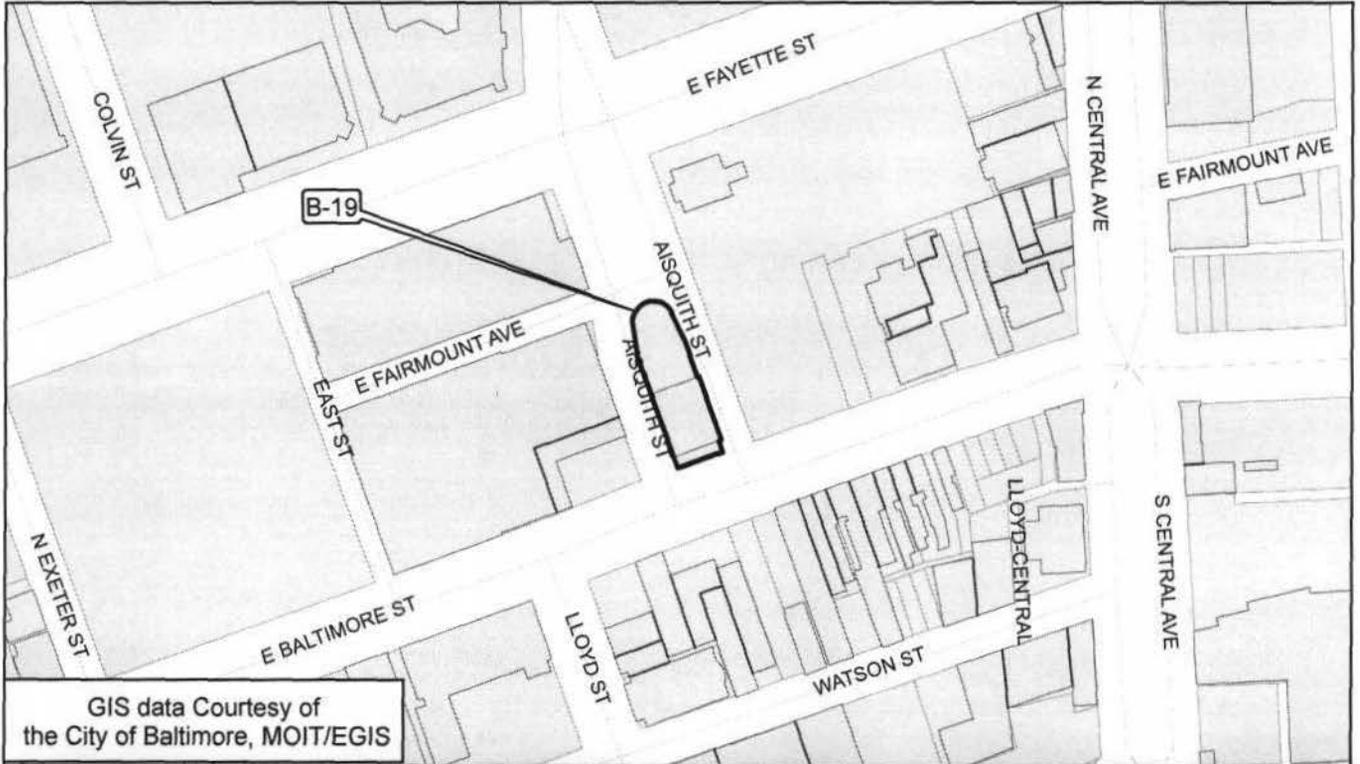
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Kitty Black

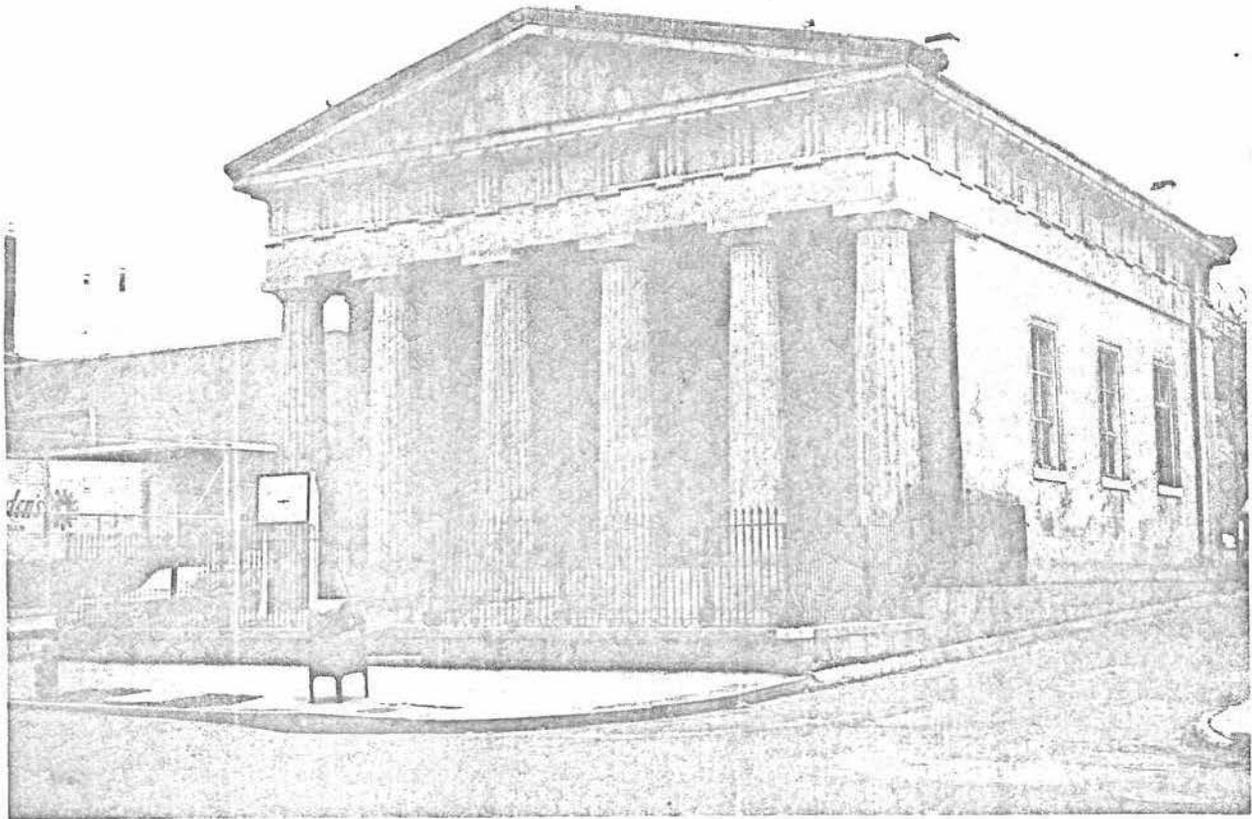
August 18, 1971

What makes this special? ① your title as advisor of CHAP? ② Is there an amendment to the city landmark approved list or what? Is there any Trustees minutes except from the school?

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McKim Free School
1120 E. Baltimore Street
Block 1338, Lot 004
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.



McKIM FREE SCHOOL



1120 E. Baltimore Street

1833

Architects: William Howard &
William F. Small

The McKim School was an innovation in education when it was built in 1833. Long a dream of John McKim, a successful Quaker merchant, it became a reality through his bequest of \$600 annually for the support of a free school to be administered by the Society of Friends. The school flourished as a charitable institution until the spread and gradual improvement of public education at the turn of the century. Since then, it has functioned as a church and as headquarters for the McKim Community Center.

The building, designed by William Howard and William F. Small, reflects the popular interest in Greece during the 1820's, and it served as a model for other school architecture in the city. It is the most archaeologically accurate building in Baltimore, being a copy of the Theseum and north wing of the Propylaea, in Athens.

Deed ref: TK 293/108

Wd: 5 Sec: 7

Blk: 1338 Lot: 4

Lot size: 48' x 169'

Owner: McKim School Trustees



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McKim's School

(McKim Free School)

1120 E. Baltimore Street

Baltimore



McKim Free School

13. 19

Baltimore + Aisquith Sts

Baltimore, Md.

1833

Howard + Small

FROM CHAP



McKIM'S SCHOOL

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1100 E. Park Hillmore Street

Negative belongs to Chap.

FROM CHAP

Gretchen Redden . 1970

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