

CAPSULE SUMMARY

FOR

ANDREW SMALL ACADEMY SITE

15030 TURKEY FOOT ROAD, DARNESTOWN

Montgomery County Survey Prefix & Site Number: M-24/18

Approximate Building Date: 1869, demolished 1955

Town or Vicinity in which Resource is Located: Darnestown

Access: Not applicable

The Andrew Small Academy building is no longer standing. The school was located directly behind (west of) the Darnestown Elementary School, on Turkey Foot Road, where a blacktop play area is now located. The Andrew Small Academy was an important early private educational institution that was constructed in 1869 and used as a private school until 1907, when it was converted into a public high school. The building was demolished in 1955.

Barn demolished - 1995

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. M: 24-18

Magi No.

DOE yes no

**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Andrew Small Academy Site

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 15030 Turkey Foot Road not for publication

city, town Darnestown vicinity of congressional district 8

state MD county Montgomery

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"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Montgomery County Board of Education

street & number 850 Hungerford Drive telephone no.:

city, town Rockville state and zip code MD 20850

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse liber 444

street & number 51 Monroe Street folio 208

city, town Rockville state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Montgomery County Locational Atlas of Historic Sites

date 1976 federal state county local

depository for survey records M-NCPPC

city, town Silver Spring state MD

7. Description

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Condition

- excellent
- good
- fair

Check one

- deteriorated
- ruins
- unexposed

- unaltered
- altered

Check one

- original site
- moved

date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Andrew Small Academy building is no longer standing. The school was located directly behind (west of) the Darnestown Elementary School, on Turkey Foot Road, where a blacktop play area is now located. A tree shown in front of the Academy in a historic photo still stands north of the blacktop.

The drive to the Academy came off Darnestown Road (Rt. 28) sharing the same entrance, to the northwest of the site, still in use by the Darnestown Presbyterian Church.

8. Significance

Survey No.

M:

24-18

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 checked="" 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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1869 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
 and/or
 Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G
 Level of Significance: national state local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Summary: The Andrew Small Academy was an important early private educational institution which was demolished in 1955.

The Andrew Small Academy was constructed in 1869 and used as a private educational institution until 1907 when it was converted into a public high school.¹ The school was demolished in 1955 when the present Darnestown Elementary School was built.²

Barn demolished - 1995

Continuation Sheet
M: 24-18 - Andrew Small Academy Site

Preservation Planning Data

- a. Geographic Organization: Piedmont
- b. Chronological/Developmental Period(s):
Agricultural-Industrial Transition - A.D. 1815-1870
Industrial/Urban Dominance - A.D. 1870-1930
- c. Historic Period Themes:
Social/Education/Cultural
- e. Resource Type:
Category: Sites
Historic Environment: Rural
Historic Function(s): School
Use(s): Academic

Endnotes

¹ Jane Chinn Sween, "Darnestown, As It Was," **Montgomery County Story**, 25:1 (February 1982), 5-6.

² A previous inventory form completed by Michael Dwyer in 1975 misidentifies the academy site on the east side of Turkey Foot Road. The confusion stems from a misreading of Hopkins' 1879 Atlas. A barn described in the 1975 form was part of the Miles Farm, now owned by the Mead family.

The site described in this form was confirmed by local historian Jane Sween, and local resident Russell Roberts.

Continuation Sheet
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Andrew Small Academy, 1890 view
(Now demolished)

Source: Margaret Marshall Coleman,
Montgomery County: A Pictorial History
(1984), 74.

Continuation Sheet
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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FORM
LOCATIONAL MAP

SURVEY NO.: M-24/18
 PROPERTY NAME: Andrew Small Academy Site
 TOWN: Darnestown
 COUNTY: MONTGOMERY
 QUADRANGLE: Seneca, MD-VA

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Site of Andrew Small Academy-Barn

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

14901 Turkey Foot Road

CITY, TOWN

Darnestown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Rollin P. Mead

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

14901 Turkey Foot Road

CITY, TOWN

Darnestown

STATE, zip code

Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

M:24-18

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This was the site of a large brick schoolhouse built in 1869. The school is no longer standing, but there are old photos of it at the Montgomery County Historical Society.

On the site is a handsome frame barn that sits on a stone foundation. There are several rows of louvered window/vents along the side and end walls.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

M:24-18

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input checked="" 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"/> 00-1499	<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 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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Academy was named for its benefactor, Andrew Small (a native of Scotland), who became attached to the neighborhood while working on the C & O Canal. A good account of the school is given in Scharf's HISTORY OF WESTERN MD.

The barn, still here today, is one of the best preserved buildings of its kind in the County.

Barn demolished - 1995

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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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

Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

2/26/75

STREET & NUMBER

8787 Georgia Ave.

TELEPHONE

589-1480

CITY OR TOWN

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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(301) 267-1438

Rose R. Offutt, died March 28, 1876, aged 19.

George H. Peter, born July 7, 1809, died May 23, 1880.

Ann, wife of M. F. Harris, born Dec. 30, 1810, died July 30, 1878.

John Israel, only son of J. P. and M. C. Phillips, died Feb. 19, 1862, aged 15.

An elegant monument and stone bears this inscription:

"Sacred to the memory of Andrew Small, born Aug. 28, 1794, in Lochee, Parish of Liff, Scotland, died in Washington City, D. C., April 6, 1847. In the year 1829, Mr. Small emigrated to America, and by industry and economy accumulated considerable wealth. Firmness of purpose, strictness of integrity, and sincerity were the leading traits of his character. Having purchased an estate in this county, he became much interested in the religious and educational interests of the Darnestown Presbyterian Church and community, and during his life made a liberal donation for the support of the gospel in this place. By his will he left to the trustees of the church means for the endowment of the Andrew Small Academy, and very liberally provided for the support of the Sunday-school and the widows and orphans of the church and community. He died a peaceful death. His last words were to the effect that he relied alone on the blood of Christ for salvation."

Andrew Small Male and Female Academy.—

This institution is near the Presbyterian church. It grew out of a parochial school established and maintained for some years by the church. Mr. Andrew Small, a native of Scotland, but then residing in Georgetown, D. C., becoming acquainted with the neighborhood while filling a contract for making that part of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal which passes near by, and admiring the commendable efforts of the people to improve their educational facilities, was induced to leave to the Presbyterian Church the large bequest of forty thousand dollars. The larger part of this munificent sum was directed to be devoted to the erection of a suitable building for a school and the partial endowment of an institution which would bring the advantages of a liberal education within the reach of the whole community. The academy building—the largest school building in the county, and built of brick—was finished and first occupied in 1869, two years after Mr. Small's death. The institution was named after its liberal founder. The first principal was Prof. M. L. Venable, of Southern Virginia. He continued in charge four years, and was succeeded by the present incumbent, Rev. C. N. Campbell, who has had the advantage of a thorough collegiate training, having graduated with distinction at Princeton College. He is a Presbyterian clergyman. The institution is a boarding-school for both boys and girls, and numbers some sixty pupils, about one-third of whom are boarders. It is managed by a self-perpetuating board of trustees, duly incorporated, of whom F. A. Tschiffely is president, and G. R.

Rice, secretary. The funds are, however, controlled by the trustees of the church, who are elected annually. The generous design of its establishment was to furnish to the people of Darnestown and the surrounding region a Christian school of high grade at moderate rates. Through Mr. Small's donation this effort has been accomplished. The course of instruction is full and thorough, preparing boys for college or for business, and affording to young ladies the means of a liberal education. Prof. Campbell is assisted by an able corps of teachers, and at the end of the scholastic year a public examination of a week is held in all the studies of the year. An annual public exhibition closes the school year, when certificates of proper deportment and of scholarship are given to those who deserve them. Prizes for the best compositions in the several classes are also awarded, and such other honors as are deemed proper.

Baptist Church.—This log edifice was built over a half-century ago by the Methodists, but for several years has been used by the Baptist congregation. Near it are the graves of the following persons:

Elizabeth Truman and her infant baby, wife and child of Josiah Truman, who died April 25, 1852, aged 22 years.

Elizabeth, wife of Samuel T. Magruder, died July 5, 1881, aged 65.

Mrs. Sarah Dorsey, born Feb. 9, 1809, died Dec. 20, 1879. Worthington, only son of S. T. and Elizabeth Magruder, born July 30, 1848, died Sept. 29, 1854.

James Hawkins, Jr., died Dec. 29, 1855, aged 58.

Ara, wife of James Hawkins, died May 2, 1848, aged 57.

Ellen Maria, wife of Nathaniel Claggett, died Oct. 10, 1848, aged 23; and Ann Elizabeth, wife of same, died Dec. 29, 1857, aged 27.

Joseph C. Hawkins, died May 3, 1849, aged 28.

Danes Norris, born May 28, 1786, died Jan. 18, 1867.

Elizabeth Padgett, died April 4, 1879, aged 60.

John H. Lewis, born Oct. 4, 1787, died Aug. 1, 1872; and his wife Lucinda, born Nov. 23, 1793, died Dec. 7, 1873; and their daughter, Catherine Cadwell, born Dec. 1, 1824, died May 24, 1846.

Susan Stewart, died June 30, 1853, aged 75.

Seneca Baptist church is at the mouth of Great Seneca Creek, and is a neat stone structure. Its pastor is Rev. Mr. Hatchey, of Virginia, who also preaches at the Baptist church between Darnestown and Germantown,—a new frame edifice.

The school trustees and teachers for 1881 and 1882 are as follows:

Trustees.—No. 1, M. B. Montgomery, Geo. R. Rice, Winfield Magruder; No. 2, J. F. Poole, Wm. H. Rice, Wm. H. Vincent; No. 3, H. A. Pumphrey, R. H. Bennett, Jacob Snider.

Teachers.—No. 1, J. F. Burn, Rockville P. O.; No. 2, Dr. T. E. Williams, Darnestown P. O.; No. 3, H. C. Hekerson, Germantown P. O.

There are two colored schools. The magistrates are Edward L. Hays, Samuel Higgins.

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Presbyterian Scotch-Irish settled in Darnestown. They marched with General Edward Braddock to fight the French and Indians in 1755. They fought in the Revolutionary War twenty years later, and put down the Whiskey Rebellion in 1794. Back home in Darnestown, they worshipped in a log chapel at Pleasant Hills and built a church in 1855, which enlarged over the years. Germantown Road stretched from Pleasant Hills to the Neelsville Presbyterian Church.

In 1867 Andrew Small, a leading church member, willed thirty-five thousand dollars to the Neelsville and Darnestown Presbyterian churches for a private academy at Darnestown. Classes began in the church basement, and the substantial, three-story school building was completed in 1872. The Andrew Small Academy is shown here circa 1890.

In 1907 the Montgomery County Board of School Commissioners obtained use of the building for a public high school, and they purchased the land in 1927. In 1954 an elementary school was constructed on the site. Courtesy of William Rice



These students at Andrew Small Academy, circa 1890, are, left to right in the first row: Mary Rice, Mattie Howard, Natalie Allnutt, and Lucille Rice; in the second row are: George Saverwein, Tootie Herter, Edward Athey, Reid Hammond, unknown, Worthington Tschiffley, and Tommy Stern. Courtesy of William Fawsett Rice