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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

WASHINGTON (Georgetown) <sup>41P</sup>

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Georgetown University, Healy Building (DC-248)

Structure

Campus of Georgetown University, 250' W. of main entrance at 37th and O Sts., NW. (Georgetown). Hammer-faced Potomac gneiss ashlar on three elevations, brick on W. elevation, roughly rectangular with projecting pavilion blocks at N. and S., older structures adjoin rear to form U-shaped courtyard, 310' (29-bay front) x 74' (at S. end), four-and-a-half stories with raised basement, gable roof on central portion, steep hipped roofs on N. and S. pavilions, 200'-tall central clock spire, secondary spire

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above stair tower at SW.  corner, square towers for fire stairs at corners of pavilions, main entrance with stone porch in N. pavilion; elaborate interiors feature paneled ceilings, wainscoting, and painted ceiling and wall trim; major interior spaces are Gaston Hall with paneled hammer beam ceiling and elaborately painted wall and Riggs Library stack area with four levels of cast-iron stacks. Built 1877-1879; interiors not finished until 1909; Smithmeyer and Pelz, architects. Strikingly sited on bluff above Potomac River. Named for Rev. Patrick Healy, President of University, 1874-1882. 8 ext. photos (1968, 1969), 23 int. photos (1969), 1 photocopy of old int. photo (c. 1910), 9 photocopies of original plans, elevations, and details (c. 1875-c. 1889); 41 data pages (1969).

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