

Rumford Academy  
Rumford  
King William County  
Virginia

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WRITTEN HISTORIC AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA  
District of Virginia

Historic American Buildings Survey

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RUMFORD ACADEMY  
Rumford, King William County, Virginia

Owner: Mr. Campbell

Date of Erection: Apparently c.1775

Architect: Unknown

Builder: Unknown

Present Condition: Poor

Number of Stories: Two

Materials of Construction: Brick, Flemish Bond.

Other Existing Records:

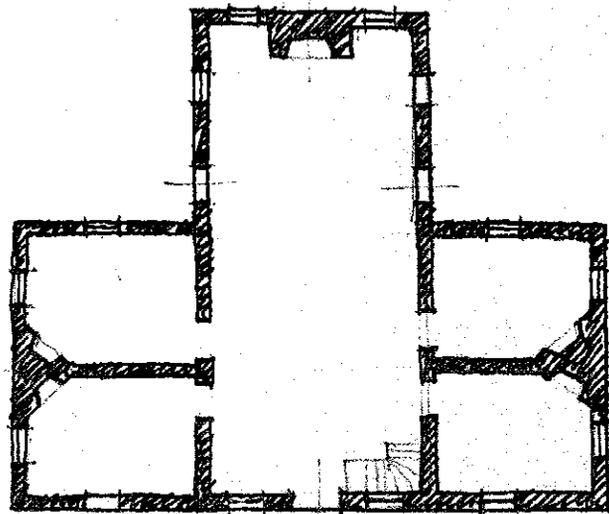
Additional Data: T-shaped plan, (see sketch below), gable roof, end chimneys. Curious one-inch set back on all exterior walls except in chimney ends. No gauged brickwork; window arches formed in brickwork and filled with plaster, horizontal at top, segmental at soffit. On first floor there was large school room, now divided; two above. There are two small bedrooms in each wing on each floor giving eight in all. Sash has wide muntins and is three lights wide, six high downstairs and five upstairs. There is almost no interior trim, mantels being planted on the plaster chimney breast and being merely a moulded shelf. Doors are six panel with bead-and-bevel mould. On lower floor they have paneled transoms, like top panels of door. These transoms are hinged at top, and have no transom bar, but are rebated to fit top of door. All woodwork is defaced with boys' initials and dates, as is brickwork. Brickwork is badly cracked, but interior is in good condition, though uncared for and dirty.

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According to a statement by the owner, "this is one of the oldest places of education in the State. It dates its usefulness from the beginning of the eighteenth century. It was built and formerly endowed by the proceeds of a lottery as was customary in those days. Spencer Poane was one of the commissioners. It was originally intended as a preparatory school for William and Mary College and many of the Alumni of the latter received their early training in this old building."

Author Thomas T. Waterman

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about 50'

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