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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: North Carolina	
COUNTY: Hertford	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME
COMMON:
Freeman House

ALTERNATE HISTORIC:
Hertford Academy

2. LOCATION

STREET OR RAILROAD NUMBER:
200 East Broad Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Murfreesboro

STATE: North Carolina COUNTY: Hertford

3. CLASSIFICATION

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

4. 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"/> Commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify): Civic/Social Club	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

5. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Murfreesboro Woman's Club

ADDRESS AND TOWN:
200 East Broad Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Murfreesboro

STATE:
North Carolina

COUNTY:
Hertford

6. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

CONTROLLING INSTRUMENT, DEED, ETC.
Hertford County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
Winton

CITY OR TOWN:
Winton

STATE:
North Carolina

COUNTY:
Hertford

7. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1970

DEPARTMENT FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:
West Capitol and Independence Avenue, S.W.

CITY OR TOWN:
Washington

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CONDITION	(Check One)					
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	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Use		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE.

The Hartford Academy is a rectangular two-story, hip-roof structure built of brick laid in Flemish bond. It is surrounded by a low soldier brick water table with slightly projecting headers on the north facade. The south (front) facade is five bays wide with a central entrance. The original doorway has been replaced by a six-panel door with decorative sidelights connected by a broken pediment. The east and west ends each have two bays separated by a partially crossed chimney. A narrow gable roof wing constructed of brick laid in mechanical bond has been added to the west side. The north facade, which faces Broad Street, retains the original entrance with a double door below a simple four-light transom. All openings are topped by jack arches. Those on the ground floor have decorative keys. All windows have six-over-six sash framed by solid architraves. The cornice features brackets with a scroll modification profile, a row of pierced dentils, and an intricate band of wrought-iron.

The interior has a corner-passage plan. There are two rooms to the west of the hall with corner fireplaces, and a large parlor to the east. The house has been remodeled several times and little of the original interior fabric has been preserved.

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Period (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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Multiple Dates (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

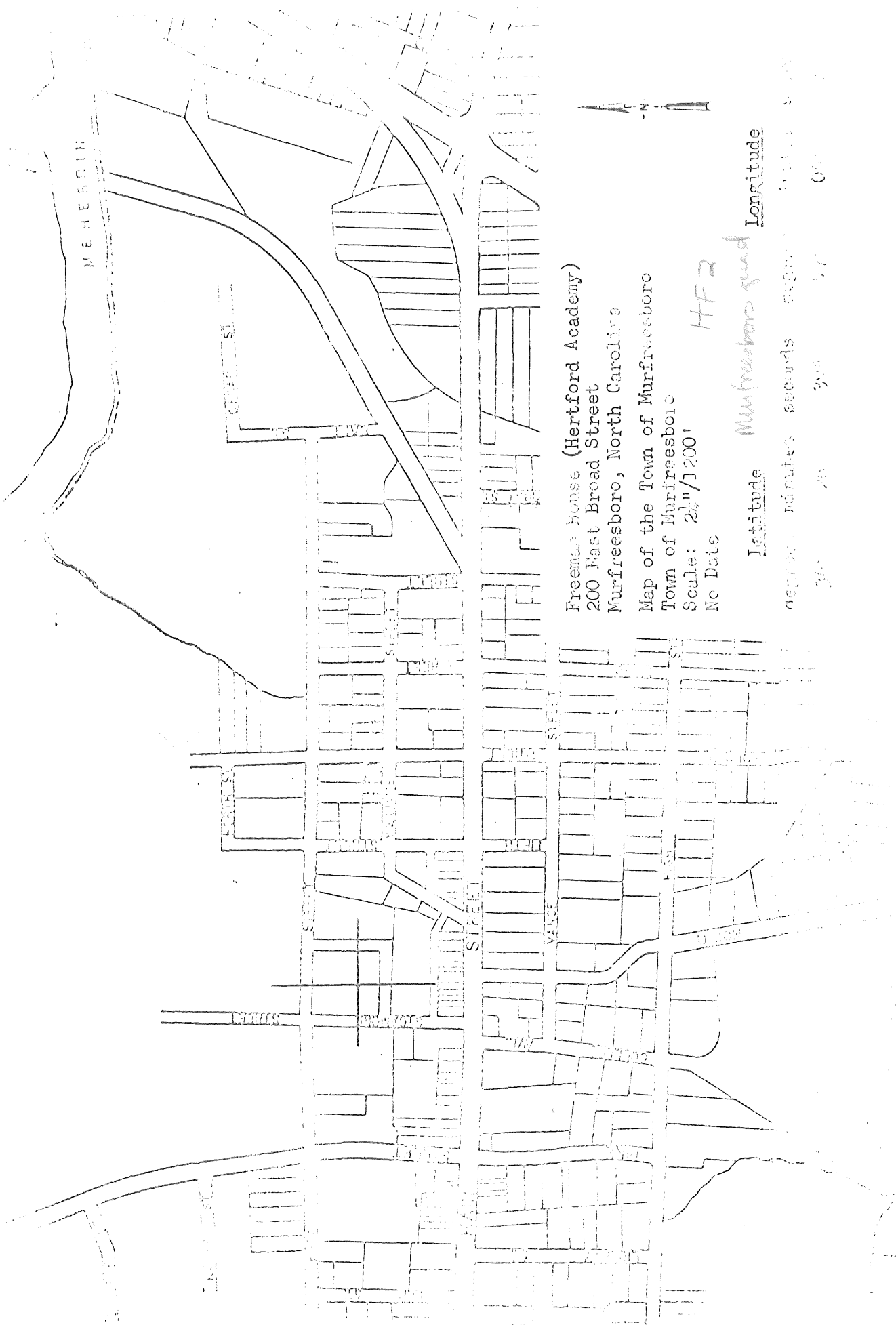
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Hertford Academy was incorporated by the General Assembly in 1790. John Whedder and William Hardy Marlowe were prominent trustees and Jonathan Freeman the principal. Marlowe was a wealthy local merchant and a member of the family that founded both Hurdresboro, North Carolina, and Hurdresboro, Tennessee. The rectangular brick school building was completed late in 1810 and the academy's first classes were held in the spring of 1811. The school's female department was taken over by married and Martha Blanche in 1811 and the name was changed to the Banks School. In 1848 the newly formed Baptist Female Institute occupied the building. In 1852 this school moved to a new building, The Columns, and eventually became Chowan College. The old Hertford Academy building was purchased by the Hurdresboro Woman's Club in 1947 and is now in the process of being restored for use as a club house and reception center.

The Hertford Academy is not only important as an example of early nineteenth century educational architecture in North Carolina, but also as the birthplace of Chowan College. As such, it has played a major role in the advancement of education in eastern North Carolina.

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Freeman House (Hertford Academy)
 200 East Broad Street
 Murfreesboro, North Carolina

Map of the Town of Murfreesboro
 Town of Murfreesboro
 Scale: 2 1/4" = 1200'
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