

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Pennsylvania
COUNTY: Washington
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
Trinity Hall

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
One mile south of Washington, Route 18, Park Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Washington

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
26th

STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 42 COUNTY: Washington CODE: 125

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> not In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <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 (Specify) _____ _____
Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No			

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Trinity Area School District

STREET AND NUMBER:
Park Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Washington

STATE:
Pennsylvania

CODE:
42

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Office of Recorder of Deeds Washington County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
South Main Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Washington

STATE:
Pennsylvania

CODE:
42

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered Unaltered

(Check One)

Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Trinity Hall is a large Tuscan villa, Italianate house. While the plan and massing is irregular, the disposition of architectural elements within each spatial unit is symmetrical. The red brick building is situated on sloping site. Each wing of the building is fundamentally a low-pitched Greek Revival unit which has been decorated with dentils and coupled brackets. The segmental arch windows are tall and narrow, with corresponding hood molds with brackets. The transoms reiterate the segmental arches. Palladian windows with coupled brackets occupy the second-story gable ends on all the wings. Above these are two pointed Gothic-arch windows. A small, rectangular, blind arcade follows the cornice line on all the facades. This feature, and the cushion capital, are Lombard Romanesque characteristics. The ground story is dominated by loggia that surrounds three elevations of one of the wings. Each bay consists of a Tuscan column, a cushion capital, a stilted arch with solid spandrels. The balustrade consists of slender, delicate balusters which is repeated above on the gable porch. The other second story porch consists of a series of splats. In addition to the Italianate brackets and hooded windows, the dominant feature is the tower which echoes the square campanile of the Italian Renaissance. The square wood cupola rises above the intersection of the projecting center gable and the wings. It has a concrete block base and a bracketed sill. Each elevation consists of tripartite stilted arch scheme, the center arch being the tallest. The flat roof has wide eaves with coupled brackets. A large addition designed by McKim, Mead and White was added to the back of the original house in the late 1870's. It is a two-story, red brick, simple Classical structure.

Trinity High School has been in continual use since it was built, first as a residence and later as a school. It is therefore in excellent condition. Today it is used primarily as the administration building for the Trinity School District.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

1857

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 type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | losophy | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input checked="" 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

The Trinity High School was formerly a private residence. It was built in 1857 by the Joseph McKnight, who occupied the house until 1879, when William W. Smith, a Washington merchant and banker, purchased it. Mr. Smith later funded the transformation of the property into the Trinity Military Academy, which was under the auspices of Trinity Episcopal Church in Washington. The Academy opened in 1879 and continued through 1907. It was bought in 1925 by the four townships surrounding Washington, and reopened as a public Junior and Senior High School.

A large addition designed by McKim, Mead, and White was added to the rear of the original house. The noted Boston landscape architect, T.V. Copeland designed the grounds.

In one of the main offices is a large marble fireplace with inscriptions designating the dates of the three visits of General Grant, who stayed at the institution while in Washington.

The Trinity High School Building is an excellent "Tuscan Villa" Italianate building with well articulated details. Because the Italianate Villa form is rare to Washington County, it must be counted among the most interesting and most valuable architectural remains in the district.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Crumrine, Boyd, History of Washington County, Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, 1882, pp. 458-460 illustration.

McFarland, Joseph F., 20th Century History of the City of Washington and Washington County, Pennsylvania, Chicago: 1910, p. 337.

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		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	° ' "	° ' "		40 °	09'	53"
NE	° ' "	° ' "		80 °	14'	56"
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1 acre

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: James D. Van Trump, Landmarks Planning, Inc.

ORGANIZATION: Washington County Overall Economic Development Program DATE: Summer, 1972

STREET AND NUMBER: One South College Street

CITY OR TOWN: Washington STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 42

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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 William J. Wewer
William J. Wewer
 Title Executive Director,

PA. Hist. and Museum Comm.

Date 7/1/74

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

 Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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